

Meeting of:	Cabinet
Date of Meeting:	Monday, 09 March 2020
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Environment and Regeneration
Report Title:	Objection Report: Bassett Road, Sully – Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at any Time Order
Purpose of Report:	To advise Cabinet of objections received and to propose an appropriate way forward.
Report Owner:	Report of the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport
Responsible Officer:	Miles Punter - Director of Environment and Housing Services
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	<p>Accountant Environment and Housing Services</p> <p>Legal Services (Committee Reports)</p> <p>Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport</p> <p>Ward Members: Councillors Mahoney and Penrose.</p>
Policy Framework:	This report is a matter for Executive Decision by Cabinet.
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bassett Road is the only available vehicular access for over 100 residential properties, these properties forming a section of a large housing development. On a number of occasions local residents have expressed their concerns about safe entry and exit to their section of the housing estate due to the presence of vehicle parking on the south-western side of the section of Bassett Road from its junction with Cog Road to its junction with Despenser Road. • Site observations have confirmed that not only do the parked vehicles render the aforementioned section of Bassett Road a one way only operation, vehicle manoeuvres at the junction of Cog Road/Bassett Road can prove problematical with vehicles having to wait on Cog Road prior to entering Bassett Road at a time when vehicles are attempting to exit. • Consequently, in order to address the access issue, the Council is promoting a scheme to provide No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on both sides of the aforementioned section of Bassett Road. • Statutory consultation began on the 22nd August 2019 and concluded on the 13th September 2019, during that period of time four formal objections to the proposal were received. Cabinet is required to consider the objections and in light of the objections whether to implement the parking restrictions. • The Report recommends that having considered the objections that the prohibition of Waiting at any Time Order progresses as advertised. 	

Recommendations

1. The objections received to the proposed prohibition of waiting time order at Bassett Road be considered and rejected for the reasons contained in this Report and the proposal is implemented.
2. That the objectors are advised of this decision.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. To enable the Order to be made.
2. To confirm the Councils position.

1. Background

- 1.1 Bassett Road is the only available vehicular access for over 100 residential properties, forming a section of a large housing development. On a number of occasions local residents have expressed their concerns about safe entry and exit to their section of the housing estate. This is due to the presence of vehicle parking right up to its junction with Cog Road and on the south-western side of the aforementioned section of Bassett Road from its junction with Cog Road to its junction with Despenser Road, a distance of approximately 70 metres.
- 1.2 Officers from our traffic management team have visited the above locations on a number of occasions in order to assess parking levels and on each of the visits the south-western side of the section of Bassett Road from its junction with Cog Road to its junction with Despenser Road was fully occupied with parked vehicles.
- 1.3 Site observations have confirmed that not only do the parked vehicles make the aforementioned 70 metre section of Bassett Road a one way only operation, vehicle manoeuvres at the junction of Cog Road/Bassett Road can prove problematical with vehicles having to wait on Cog Road prior to entering Bassett Road at a time when vehicles are attempting to exit. On a number of occasions exiting vehicles are required to reverse the entire 70 metres to accommodate an oncoming vehicle.
- 1.4 Consequently, in order to address the safety issues at the junction of Cog Road and Bassett Road a scheme is promoted comprising the introduction of No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on both the south western and the north eastern side of the section of Bassett Road from its junction with Cog Road to its junction with Despenser Road.

- 1.5** On the 28th June 2019, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport and the Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport gave approval to give public notice of a proposal to introduce a Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time in Bassett Road Sully. A copy of the report is reproduced in full in Appendix '1'.
- 1.6** Public notice of the proposal was given on the 22nd August 2019, inviting objections in writing, by the 13th September 2019, containing the grounds upon which any objection was being made.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1** During the consultation period four objections were received, culminating in three main concerns. Copies of the objections are attached in Appendix '2' and the concerns summarised with responses below.

Concern 1:

- 2.2** It has been suggested that the Cog Road/Bassett Road junction will become more dangerous as the presence of vehicles parked along the south-western side of Bassett Road in close proximity to Cog Road acts as a traffic calming feature, reducing vehicle approach speeds.

Officer response 1:

- 2.3** Whilst it is correct that a number of vehicles parked on the highway can be deemed to constitute traffic calming features and successfully reduce and maintain reduced vehicle speeds, it is very much dependent on the width and general arrangement of the road and there only being short sections of vehicle parking. This is not the case in Bassett Road where on many occasions there is a continuous line of parked vehicles on an approach to a T junction. Such an arrangement tends to encourage increase speed in order to reach the junction prior to the arrival of oncoming vehicles entering from Cog Road. Conversely when several vehicles are exiting Bassett Road it can block vehicle flows in Cog Road. On occasions vehicles are having to reverse 70 metres along Bassett Road to allow vehicle entry. The removal of the parked vehicles would therefore result in reduced approach speeds thereby improving junction safety.

Concern 2:

- 2.4** The vehicles that currently park on the south-western side of the section of Bassett Road from its junction with Cog Road to its junction with Dispenser Rd are either carers etc. or employees/visitors to the Young Persons Institute on Cog Road located opposite the entrance to Bassett Road. This will result in vehicles parking further along Bassett Road and in the side roads of the estate causing

parking problems for the residents in front of their own homes blocking the driveways and windows of their houses.

Officer response 2:

- 2.5** Whilst the Council accepts that a number of the vehicles may park further along Bassett Road and in the side roads of the estate, the presence of residential vehicular accesses would not enable excessive lengths of vehicle parking. Short lengths of vehicle parking would act as natural traffic calming and will not hinder two-way vehicle flows within the estate. It should be noted that if any vehicles were parked irresponsibly blocking residential driveways then this would be an obstruction for which the Police have the necessary powers to deal.

Concern 3:

- 2.6** Those currently parking at the entrance to Bassett Road are staff at the Beechwood College premises who are causing problems for other road users. Not sure how this establishment got planning permission in the first place as parking must have been of consideration at the consent stage.

Officer response 3:

Planning permission was granted for a pair of semi-detached houses and this was a replacement of a previous pair of semi-detached houses (Planning application No 2017/00738/Ful). Subsequently, the houses have been occupied as small care homes. Care homes that are within certain size parameters (6 No occupants) remain within the same planning class as a residential family property. Consequently, there was no requirement for an application for a change of use.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

- 3.1** The proposals in this report will enable the Council to continue to work towards the Well-being Outcome, An Environmentally Responsible and Prosperous Vale and contribute towards the Council's objective 4. The introduction of No Waiting at Any Time parking restrictions in Bassett Road will assist in protecting the local environment by mitigating localised congestion and assisting to reduce emissions from stationary vehicles which are detrimental to air quality.
- 3.2** The effective management of the Council's local highway network contributes towards the prevention agenda by assisting in improving accessibility, road safety and air quality thereby preventing or reducing risk of harm to residents in the local community and providing a wider beneficial impact to the environment. It also balances short-term needs to maintain good highway infrastructure whilst contributing to the longer-term policy of reducing future impact on local communities by ensuring efficient use of the local highway network unnecessary road reduce noise and pollution.

- 3.3** The proposals outlined in this report are evidence of the Well-being of Future Generations Act and its Five Ways of Working by ensuring that through good highway management, life in the Vale is improved over the longer term for residents and local communities. The measures taken to manage the local highway network should also assist in preventing unnecessary environmental harm and highway safety issues from escalating due to poor inappropriate road usage.
- 3.4** The process of developing this scheme has involved communication with the local community and other stakeholders via public notice and press advert thereby contributing and delivering on the involvement agenda by addressing community and other stakeholder priorities to ensure that the Council can successfully continue to work towards the delivery of its identified Well-being Objectives. It also demonstrates collaboration in ensuring that there is a unified and majority interest in delivering the scheme benefits described within the report.

The Well-being objectives identified above are fully compatible with the Council's corporate well-being goals and objectives contributing towards health and well-being of all members of society and playing a fundamental role protecting and enhancing the natural and built environment.

4. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 4.1** The cost of the Order and implementing the scheme is estimated to be in the region of £2500 which will be funded from the traffic management revenue budget 2019/20.
- 4.2** The Council's own administrative resources will be used to progress the legal Order, should approval be given to overrule the objections.

Employment

- 4.3** Progression of the Traffic Regulation Order will be carried out by the Traffic Management team within Neighbourhood Services and Transport and the Legal department.
- 4.4** The implementation of road marking works on site will be managed by the Council's own in-house resource and undertaken by the Council's appointed framework contractor.

Legal (Including Equalities)

- 4.5 There are no Human Rights implications with regard to this report.
- 4.6 The Council, as Highway Authority has a responsibility to ensure the safety of the highway user and may be found negligent if it does not meet its statutory obligations under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Road Traffic Act 1988.

5. Background Papers

Traffic Management Information File 883.

Appendix I

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND TRANSPORT.

PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER REPORT

BASSETT ROAD, SULLY - PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME.

Purpose of Report

1. To seek approval of the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport and the Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport, to give public notice of a proposal to introduce a prohibition of waiting at any time Order on the section of Bassett Road from its junction with Cog Road to its junction with Despenser Road, Sully.

Background

2. The aforementioned section of Bassett Road is the only available vehicular access for over 100 residential properties, these properties forming a section of a large housing development. On a number of occasions local residents have expressed their concerns about safe entry and exit to their section of the housing estate due to the presence of vehicle parking on the south-western side of the aforementioned section of Bassett Road.
3. The Council has visited the above locations on a number of occasions in order to assess parking levels and on each of the visits the south-western side of the section of Bassett Road from its junction with Cog Road to its junction with Despenser Road was fully occupied with parked vehicles.

Relevant Issues and Options

4. Site observations have confirmed that not only do the parked vehicles render the aforementioned section of Bassett Road one way only operation, vehicles manoeuvres at the junction of Gog Road/Bassett Road can prove problematical with vehicles having to wait on Cog Road prior to entering Bassett Road at a time when vehicles are attempting to exit.
5. Details of the proposal are shown on the attached drawing (T/19/52) contained within Appendix 'A' and detailed in Appendix 'B' of this report.

Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)

6. The design and project management of the scheme will be undertaken by the Council's traffic management section.

7. The cost of the Order and implementing the scheme is estimated to be in the region of £2,000 which will be funded from the traffic management revenue budget. 2019/20.

Legal Implications (to include Human Rights Implications)

8. The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 allows Highway Authorities to make and vary Traffic Regulation Orders to regulate the movement of vehicular traffic, restrict or prohibit certain classes of vehicle and to improve the amenities of a an area.
9. The Council as Highway Authority has a responsibility under section 39 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 to improve road safety and to take such measures to be appropriated to prevent such accidents.
10. The Council is responsible for enforcing parking restrictions under powers provided by the Traffic Management Act 2004.
11. There are no human rights implications.

Crime and Disorder Implications

12. The proposal will formalise on-street parking, reduce the instances of indiscriminate parking as well as crime and disorder.
13. Improve visibility and reduce the potential for road traffic collisions involving personal injury.

Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language Issues)

14. There are no equal opportunities implications.
15. Public notices advertising the proposed Order will be published bilingually in accordance with the Council's Welsh Language Scheme.

Corporate/Service Objectives

16. To manage and maintain a safe highway network.

Consultations (including Ward Member Consultation)

17. The Local Members have been advised of the proposals. The initial consultation period has now expired with no adverse comments having been received.
18. Stakeholder consultations will take place in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 when appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- (1) That, subject to the views of the statutory consultees, approval is given to give public notice of the Vale of Glamorgan Council's intention to make a Traffic Regulation Order, the effect of which will be shown in Appendices 'A' and 'B'.
- (2) That, in the event of no objections being received, the Order be made.

Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)

- (1) To comply with the requirements of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Road Traffic Act 1988 and the Traffic Management Act 2004.
- (2) To allow the necessary works to be undertaken.

Background Papers

Traffic File IF 883

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Officers Consulted:

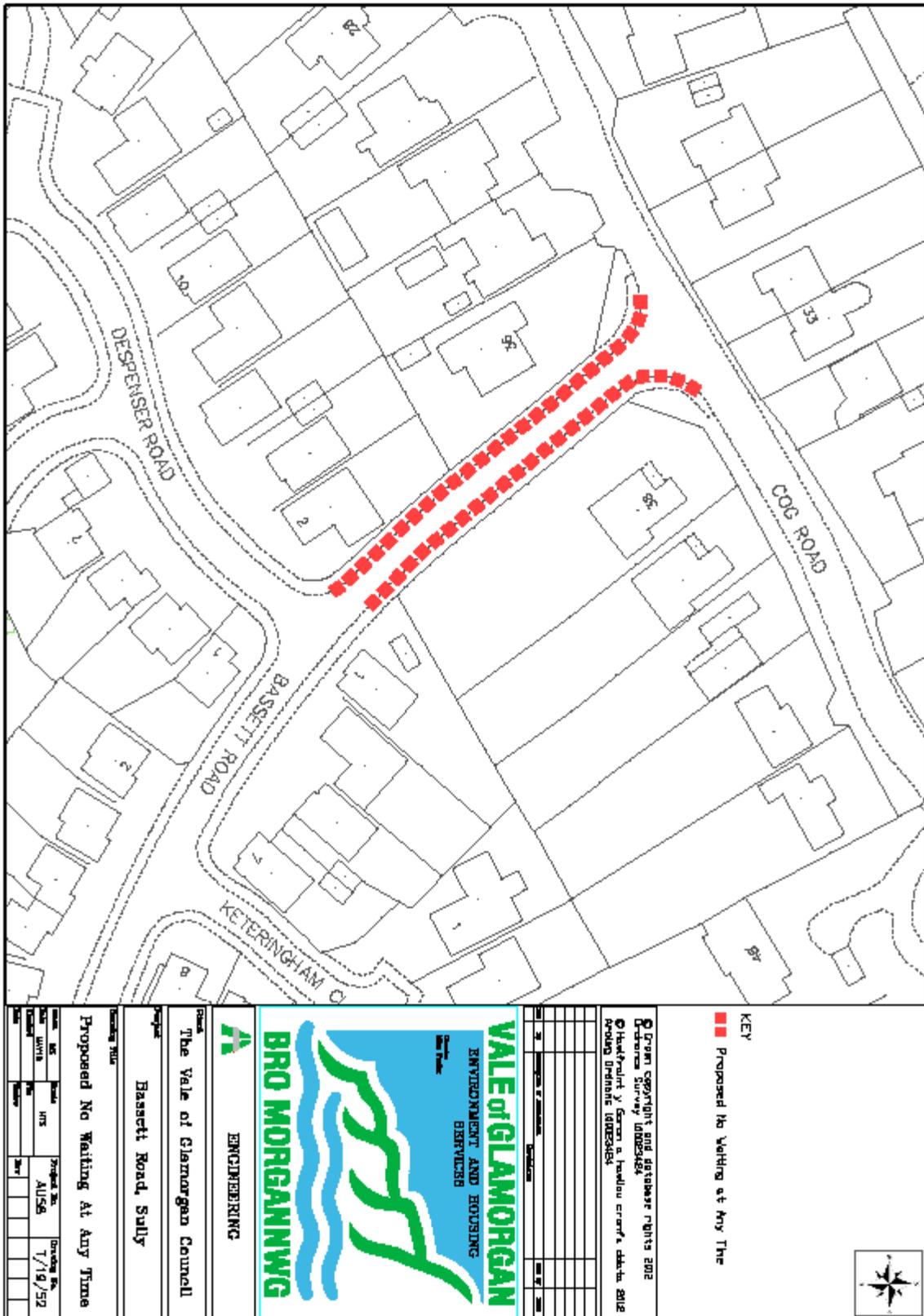
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Accountant, Building and Visible Services.

APPROVED	DATE
Head Of Neighbourhood Services and Transport	
Cabinet Member Neighbourhood Services and Transport	

APPENDIX A

Bassett Road, Sully - Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time.



APPENDIX B

SCHEDULE

Insert into map schedules AU58

Proposed No Waiting at Any Time.

Bassett Road.

On the south-western side from the junction of Cog Road for a distance of 73 metres in a south-easterly direction.

On the north-eastern side from the junction of Cog Road for a distance of 69 metres in a south-easterly direction.

Appendix II

I am writing to raise my concerns regarding the proposals for double yellow lines on Bassett Road in Sully.

I have been aware for some time that there was a plan for double yellow lines and I have been regularly checking the Council's website for details of the consultation to enable me to voice my concerns. Yesterday I walked on Bassett Road for the first time in a while and noticed that the consultation had been posted on the lampposts. The closing date of 13 September has now passed.

My concerns are not that there should not be double yellow lines, as I understand the safety issue, but rather that the lines should be restricted to the end of the road at a length of 10 metres, rather than the 70+ metres proposed. There is much precedent for this, as most of the roads in Sully that lead onto South Road have double yellow lines a length of 10 metres. The unintended consequences of putting 70+ length metres on Bassett Road will be that the cars will park on Cog Road. Bassett Road is constantly full of cars used by the staff of Beach House, and if they are unable to park on Bassett, the next obvious place to park will be Cog Road. Cog Road is already an extremely dangerous road as it has no pavements and I fear that the proposals will only serve to make an already unacceptable situation much worse.

I still cannot find the consultation on the Council website, not even on the closed consultation area, and I am extremely surprised that no consultation notices were posted around the lampposts on Cog Road, particularly those which are in close proximity to Bassett Road.

I am also surprised that those houses on Cog Road which will be most affected by the proposals did not receive a letter in the post. I would expect the Council to adhere to best practice and in this instance it has fallen well short.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I respond to the public notice erected at the entrance to Bassett Road indicating the Council's intention to introduce double yellow lines.

I wish to object strongly to this proposal on the grounds that the outcome will be parking further up the road outside residential properties through out the estate. Those currently parking at the entrance to Bassett Road are staff at the Beechwood College premises who are causing problems for other road users but to move them further along will create worse issues. Not sure how this establishment got planning permission in the first place as parking must have been of consideration at the consent stage.

I support Care in the Community but would expect Care for the Community in return from the proprietors. I am sure that the management involved could assist by requesting its employees park responsibly and even consider amending its contracts of employment to require staff to park at its dedicated car park at the College establishment on Hayes Road.

FAO Director of Environment and housing the Alps Vale of Glamorgan Ref IF883-90 I understand that the Vale of Glamorgan is proposing to implement Double Yellow Lines on Bassett Road Sully from the junction of Cog road to the entrance of Despenser road Sully Whilst I understand the frustration of some drivers exiting Bassett road onto Cog road I do believe that this can also be seen as a Traffic Calming measure. Traffic at present entering or exiting Bassett road slow down considerably. I do believe if you go ahead with this scheme the junction will become more dangerous. On our estate one or two motor cars and a motorbike zip thru the estate but slow down on approaching the last 100 mtrs or so of Bassett road. Paint Yellow lines and these motorists will have no reason to slow down and will prob speed right up to the junction. Also I do believe some of the vehicles that currently park on that section of Bassett road are either carers etc or employees/visitors to the Young Persons Institution on Cog road opposite entrance to Bassett road. Where will these people go?..... The answer is further into the estate there by moving the problem on but not solving it!!!. If you insist on going ahead with the above Ref IF883-90 instruction Please Please Please only place the yellow lines around the corner and not all the way to Despenser road We the residents live here We know. Please come and talk to us. Fingers crossed common sense will prevail. Yours Faithfully Barrie Mortimer

I am writing to oppose the proposal of double yellow lines at the entrance of Bassett Road in Sully.

Since the opening on 27 Cog road Ludlow street healthcare -- (which I do not understand how this got planning permission for a business development of this size in a quiet residential area. The business is a nuisance- the workers have no care for blocking the road, they throw their cigarette ends on the pavement and make a noise.) I agree there is a problem with the parking at the entrance but by putting double yellow lined where you propose this is just going to push the parking to outside the houses in Bassett road, this is a lovely, family orientated street- my parents are elderly and need to park outside their property- if you put yellow lines down the bottom then they won't be able to do this- this is not acceptable. The only way this would work is if POLICE ENFORCEMENT CONES were then to be put outside the houses. The Beechwood workers could quite easily park in the Beechwood college car park (which is massive) and walk the 5 minutes to the house on Cog road.

I hope you understand my concerns with this.