

**DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED POWERS
SUBJECT TO CALL IN – 23 FEBRUARY 2021**

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED TOUCAN CROSSING ON THE B4254 NEAR ITS
JUNCTION WITH GWAUN-FRO, PENPEDAIRHEOL**

REPORT BY: INTERIM DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIES

1. Declarations of Interest

1.1 None.

2. Issues

2.1 The proposal is to install a permanent Toucan Crossing facility on the B4254 near its junction with Gwaun-Fro, Penpedairheol.

3. Background

3.1 Caerphilly County Council has gained support from the Welsh Government Active Travel Fund programme to bring about walking and cycling infrastructure improvements for INMC 24 in order to increase levels of Active Travel along the corridor of the improvement.

3.2 The route will improve community access to public transport interchanges, shops, facilities and services. It will also improve access to both Hengoed and Ystrad Mynach Rail Stations and to the national cycle network via NCN 47. As a result, the route will offer accessible sustainable active travel opportunities to local employment, education and services and for onward travel to these opportunities elsewhere. Locally, the route will also serve the Glyn Gaer Primary school, a recent development site of 600 homes to the north of Cwm Calon and the Penallta Industrial Estate.

3.3 One of the infrastructure improvements proposed along the route is for the provision of a permanent toucan crossing facility on the B4254 near its junction with Gwaun-Fro, Penpedairheol.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 The new toucan crossing facility is to be funded as part of the £511,000 Welsh Government's Active Travel grant funding allocation for Ystrad Mynach to Penpedairheol and Cefn Hengoed Active Travel route (INMC24) 2020/21.

5. Policy Implications

- 5.1 The proposal was consulted upon in accordance with the Councils approved procedure and Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
- 5.2 A full Equality Impact Assessment has not been undertaken on this report however, the implementation of a new crossing facility is undertaken following the publication of the proper notices, allowing for objections to be made by local residents. Any negative impact on individuals or groups raised at that point would be considered in the final decision.

6. Consultation and Responses

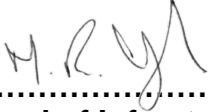
- 6.1 The proposals were consulted upon in accordance with the Councils approved procedure.
- Cllr Carmen Bezzina, Cllr Wynne David and Cllr Ann Gair Councillor (ward members for St Cattwg) and Councillor John Ridgewell (Cabinet Member for Environment and Infrastructure) were contacted by email on the 4th November 2020. No objections were received.
 - Gelligaer Community Council was contacted by email on the 4th November 2020. No objections were received.
 - Statutory Consultees including the Chief Constable of Gwent Police, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust, the Road Haulage Association and Freight Transport Association were contacted by email on the 4th November 2020. No objections were received.
- 6.2 A copy of the following drawing was sent to each of the Councillors, Statutory Consultees and Community Council listed in 6.1 above:
- TM/2020/49 – Proposed Provision of Double Yellow Lines and Toucan Crossing Gwaun-Fro, Penpedairheol
- 6.3 The Notice detailing the above proposals was advertised for public comment on the 25th January 2021.
- Notice was advertised on the Council's website.
 - Notices were erected on lighting columns in prominent locations on the B4254 and Gwaun Fro, Penpedairheol
 - Residents of 3-6 Dyffryn Cottages, Gwaun Fro were hand delivered a copy of the notice.
- 6.4 As a result of the legal public advertisement exercise, no objections were received.

7 Options Considered

7.1 No other options were considered.

8. Decision

8.1 Under the Council's Scheme of Delegation of Powers to Officers and as there were no objections to the proposal, the Head of Infrastructure has decided to proceed with the installation of the crossing.

Approved by 
Head of Infrastructure

Dated 24 February 2021

9. Issues Relevant to this Decision

9.1 Statutory power: Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

10. Consultation with Cabinet Member: 4th November 2020

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