

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT PORTAL ROAD AND LINK ROAD MONMOUTH**

**MEETING: Cabinet Member for County Operations**

**DATE: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: Central, Overmonnow**

**1. PURPOSE:**

To consider the proposed Order subsequent to representations received following advertisement in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1994.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Not to hold an inquiry into the proposal

To approve the proposed Order as consulted and advertised upon to implement the Order.

**3. KEY ISSUES:**

Monmouthshire County Council has previously granted planning consent for a new hotel complex on Portal Road. Portal Road in the extents under consideration is currently subject to a derestricted speed limit (60 mph). Portal Road had no direct frontage development prior to the construction of the new hotel complex. The adjacent Link Road is currently subject to a 40 mph speed limit and this is proposed to be retained.

#### **4. REASONS:**

The characteristics of Portal Road have changed following the construction of the new hotel and a highway which was previously rural in character has now changed to being semi urban. Previously the level of pedestrian usage along Portal Road could have reasonably being considered to be low however the pedestrian usage is now anticipated to increase due to the proximity of the new hotel to the town centre and the good footway links available. In order to increase the level of road safety for vulnerable road users e.g. pedestrians and cyclists, a reduction in the mandatory speed limit is being supported. The proposed 40 mph speed limit has been assessed in accordance with Welsh Government Setting Local Speed Limits guidance and has been found to comply with such guidance.

Regulation 9 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 enables the Council to hold a public inquiry into the proposal if there are unresolved objections. The purpose of such an inquiry would be for the proposal to be explained and subjected to examination; and for the public to be given the opportunity to make their views known. Should a public inquiry be held then it would not be possible for it to be implemented for at least six months.

Officers consider that in view of the fact that no objections have been received as set out in the report, that the Council's proposals do not warrant the holding of any inquiry.

#### **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The costs of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, road markings and signage are being funded by the developer of the new hotel complex and this proposed traffic regulation order is included in the current road safety and traffic management programme.

#### **6. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no sustainability issues regarding installing a lower speed limit on Portal Road and retaining the existing speed limit on Link Road.

#### **7. CONSULTEES:**

Senior Leadership Team  
County Councillor B Jones, Cabinet Member for County Operations  
County Councillor Susan White.

**8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

Notice of Intention, Schedule of Objections/Comments, Proposed 40 mph speed limit location plan, Schedule of Order, Statement of Reasons.

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## Schedule of Objections/Comments

<b>Name/Address</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1.Heddlu Gwent Police	Has confirmed its support in writing.	Noted.
<b>Name/Address</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Councillor Susan White	Has confirmed her support in writing by email.	Noted.
<b>Name/Address</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Monmouth Town Council	Has confirmed its support in writing.	Noted.
<b>Name/Address</b>	<b>Objection</b>	<b>Comments</b>



## Future Generations Evaluation ( includes Equalities and Sustainability Impact

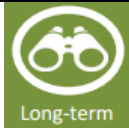
<p><b>Name of the Officer</b> completing the evaluation Paul Keeble</p> <p><b>Phone no:</b> <b>E-mail:</b></p>	<p><b>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal</b> To improve the level of all highway users especially vulnerable highway users.</p>
<p><b>Name of Service</b> Highways</p>	<p><b>Date Future Generations Evaluation</b> form completed 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.</p>





1. **Does your proposal deliver any of the well-being goals below?** Please explain the impact (positive and negative) you expect, together with suggestions of how to mitigate negative impacts or better contribute to the goal.

Well Being Goal	How does the proposal contribute to this goal? (positive and negative)	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
<p><b>A prosperous Wales</b> Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	Neutral	N/A
<p><b>A resilient Wales</b> Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)</p>	Neutral	N/A
<p><b>A healthier Wales</b> People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>	Neutral	N/A

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<b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b> Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	Positive	N/A
<b>A globally responsible Wales</b> Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	Neutral	N/A
<b>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</b> Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation	Neutral	N/A
<b>A more equal Wales</b> People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	Neutral	N/A

**2. How has your proposal embedded and prioritised the sustainable governance principles in its development?**

<b>Sustainable Development Principle</b>	<b>How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?</b>	<b>What has been done to better to meet this principle?</b>
 <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	N/A	

Sustainable Development Principle	How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?	What has been done to better to meet this principle?
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	N/A	
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	N/A	
 <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	N/A	
 <p>Integration</p> <p>Positively impacting on people, economy and environment and trying to benefit all three</p>	N/A	

**3. Are your proposals going to affect any people or groups of people with protected characteristics?** Please explain the impact, the evidence you have used and any action you are taking below.

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Age	N/A		N/A
Disability	A lower speed limit will improve the level of highway safety for pedestrians including disabled highway users and encourage higher pedestrian usage.		N/A
Gender reassignment	N/A		
Marriage or civil partnership	N/A		
Race	N/A		
Religion or Belief	N/A		
Sex	N/A		
Sexual Orientation	N/A		
Welsh Language	N/A		



**4. Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on important responsibilities of Corporate Parenting and safeguarding. Are your proposals going to affect either of these responsibilities?** For more information please see the guidance note <http://hub/corporatedocs/Democratic%20Services/Equality%20impact%20assessment%20and%20safeguarding.docx> and for more on Monmouthshire's Corporate Parenting Strategy see <http://hub/corporatedocs/SitePages/Corporate%20Parenting%20Strategy.aspx>

	<b>Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting</b>	<b>Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting</b>	<b>What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?</b>
Safeguarding	N/A		
Corporate Parenting	N/A		

**5. What evidence and data has informed the development of your proposal?**

The proposed lower speed limit has been assessed in accordance with Welsh Governments Setting Local Speed Limits guidance.

Statutory consultation has been completed and no objections have been received.

**6. SUMMARY: As a result of completing this form, what are the main positive and negative impacts of your proposal, how have they informed/changed the development of the proposal so far and what will you be doing in future?**

The proposed traffic order aims to restrict vehicular mean speeds along Portal Road and continue the current level of road safety along Link Road. The lower speed limit will assist in the use of Portal Road by vulnerable road users as the perception of danger will be reduced due to the lower proposed mandatory speed limit.

**7. Actions. As a result of completing this form are there any further actions you will be undertaking? Please detail them below, if applicable.**

What are you going to do	When are you going to do it?	Who is responsible	Progress
Implement order and appropriate works	Following publication of notice of making.	Traffic & Network Team	On-going

**8. Monitoring: The impacts of this proposal will need to be monitored and reviewed. Please specify the date at which you will evaluate the impact, and where you will report the results of the review.**

The impacts of this proposal will be evaluated on:	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
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**SECTION 84 - ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE A PERMANENT ORDER**

**MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
CYNGOR SIR FYNWY  
(40MPH B4293 PORTAL ROAD /LINK ROAD MONMOUTH)  
TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2016  
GORCHYMYN RHEOLAETH TRAFFIG 2016**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Monmouthshire County Council of County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA ("the Council") propose to make a Road Traffic Regulation Order as follows:

**EFFECT OF THE ORDER:** to lower the current derestricted speed limit on part of Portal Road referred to in the order schedule and continues with the existing 40mph speed limit on Link Road.

Further details of the proposed Order comprising a plan, statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined during normal office hours at County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA and the Monmouth Community Hub, Rolls Hall, Monmouth, NP25 3BY. If you wish to telephone to obtain further information about this proposal please telephone 01633 - 644026.

Any objections in respect of this proposal should be made in writing, stating the grounds on which the objection is being made and should be sent to Head of Legal Services, Monmouthshire County Council, County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA not later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2016. Please quote reference CW/H45/60.0839 on any correspondence.

**Date: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

**R Tranter**

**Head of Legal Services/Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol**

**ADRAN 84 - DEDDF RHEOLEIDDIO TRAFFIG Ffordd 1984**

**HYSBYSIAD BWRIAD I WNEUD GORCHYMYN PARHAOL**

**CYNGOR SIR FYNWY  
(40MYA B4293 HEOL PORTH/HEOL GYSWLLT TREFYNWY)  
GORCHYMYN RHEOLEIDDIO TRAFFIG 2016**

**HYSBYSIR DRWY HYN** bod Cyngor Sir Fynwy o Neuadd y Sir, Y Rhadyr, Brynbuga, NP15 1GA ("y Cyngor") yn cynnig gwneud Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffordd fel sy'n dilyn:

**EFFAITH Y GORCHYMYN:** gostwng y terfyn cyflymder heb gyfyngiad ar ran o Heol Porth y cyfeirir ati yn atodlen y gorchymyn a pharhau gyda'r terfyn cyflymder presennol o 40mya ar y Ffordd Gyswllt.

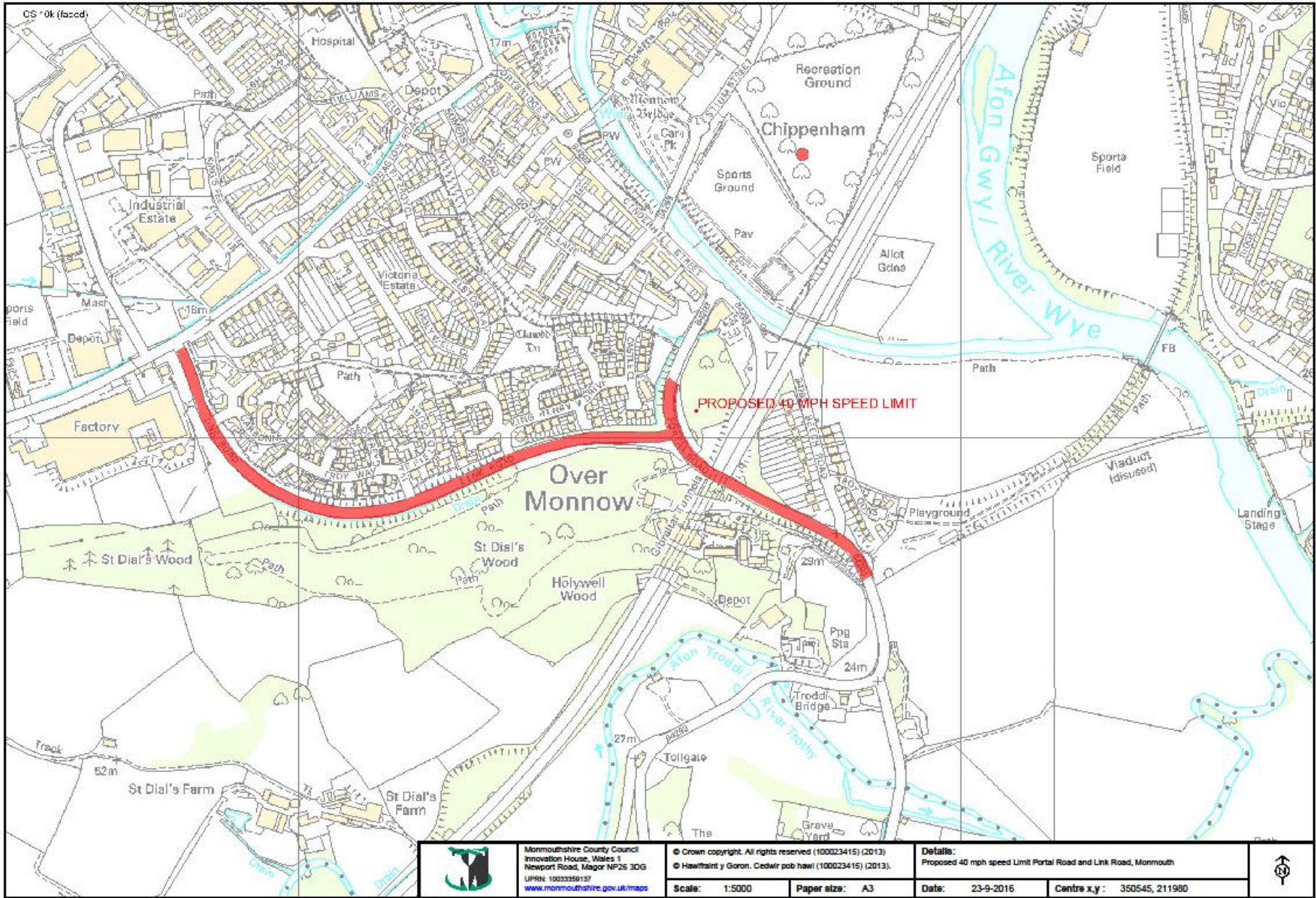
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Dylid gwneud unrhyw wrthwynebiad i'r cynnig mewn ysgrifen, gan nodi'r sail ar gyfer gwneud y gwrthwynebiad a dylid ei anfon at y Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol, Cyngor Sir Fynwy, Neuadd y Sir, Y Rhadyr, Brynbuga, NP15 1A erbyn 25 Tachwedd 2016 fan bellach. Gofynnir i chi ddefnyddio'r cyfeirnod CW/H45/60.0839 ar unrhyw ohebiaeth.

**Dyddiad: 10 Hydref 2016**

**R Tranter**

**Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol**



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**Details:**  
 Proposed 40 mph speed limit Portal Road and Link Road, Monmouth  
 Date: 23-9-2016      Centre x,y: 350545, 211980



## 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT PORTAL ROAD (B4293) AND LINK ROAD, MONMOUTH

### Schedule

#### (1) Portal Road ( B4293)

From a point 45 north of its junction with Link Road in a generally south-easterly direction to a point 107 metres south east of its junction with Beech Road.

#### (2) Link Road

From its junction with Portal Road (B4293) to its junction with Wonastow Road.

### STATEMENT OF REASONS

Monmouthshire County Council proposes to lower the current derestricted speed limit on that part of Portal Road referred to in the schedule and to continue the existing 40 mph speed limit on Link Road.

This Order is required in the interests of improving highway safety due to the change in character and level of new frontage development on Portal Road.