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The Resident
Crown Road
Cwmbran

Consultation on Proposals to Reduce Through Traffic on Crown Road

Dear Resident,

Torfaen County Borough Council is seeking the views of residents on potential measures to reduce through traffic on Crown Road.

The Council has received concerns regarding the use of Crown Road by vehicles travelling between Caerleon Road and Crown Roundabout. As a result, measures are being considered to discourage non-local traffic from using the road while maintaining appropriate access for residents and legitimate visitors.

Before any decision is made, the Council wishes to seek the views of residents and understand the advantages, disadvantages and potential impacts of the options being considered. Your feedback will help inform any future decisions regarding traffic management on Crown Road.

Option 1: Access Only Restriction (Traffic Regulation Order and Signage)

This option would involve introducing a Traffic Regulation Order and installing Traffic Signage (TRO) making Crown Road an **"Access Only"** road.

Under this arrangement, motorists would only be permitted to use Crown Road where they require access to properties or premises located on the road. This would

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include residents, visitors, deliveries, tradespeople, utility companies, refuse collection vehicles and other legitimate users. Appropriate signs would be installed at the entrances to the road advising motorists of the restriction.

This option would provide a legal restriction on through traffic while maintaining access for those with a genuine reason to use the road.

However, there is a possibility that some motorists may choose to ignore the restriction and continue to use Crown Road as a shortcut.

At present, enforcement of this type of restriction can only be undertaken by the Police. The Police have advised that they are unlikely to have sufficient resources available to routinely enforce the restriction, which could result in a relatively high level of non-compliance.

The Council is currently seeking Moving Traffic Contravention Powers from the Welsh Government. Should these powers be granted in the future, it may be possible for the Council to enforce the restriction using Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras positioned at the entrances and exits of the road. However, it is not currently known when these powers may be granted.

Option 2: No Through Road restriction with Physical Closure

This option would also involve introducing a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) making Crown Road “A No Through Road” and would additionally include a physical closure at the Crown Roundabout end of the road.

Pedestrian and cyclist access would be maintained. However, a physical barrier would be installed to prevent vehicles from travelling through to or from Crown Roundabout.

Under this arrangement, all vehicles accessing properties on Crown Road would enter and leave via the Caerleon Road junction.

The physical closure would be expected to substantially reduce or eliminate through traffic on Crown Road, thereby reducing reliance on enforcement measures.

Residents should note that, unlike Option 1, a physical closure would also prevent emergency service vehicles from travelling through Crown Road. Police, ambulance and fire service vehicles would only be able to access properties from the Caerleon Road end of the road, which may increase response distances and journey times in certain circumstances.

Purpose of this Consultation

The purpose of this consultation is to understand:

- The extent to which residents experience issues associated with through traffic on Crown Road.
- Residents' views on the options presented.
- Any concerns regarding the potential impacts of either proposal.
- Whether there are alternative measures that the Council should consider.

No decision has been made at this stage, and the Council has not identified a preferred option. All comments received will be carefully considered before any decision is taken on whether to proceed with either option, pursue an alternative solution, or retain the current arrangements.

Have Your Say

We are keen to understand the views of residents before deciding how to proceed.

Please tell us:

1. Whether you currently experience issues associated with through traffic on Crown Road.
2. Which option you support, if any, or whether you would prefer no change to the current arrangements.

You can submit your comments by either:

1. Completing the response section below and returning this letter; or
2. Completing the online consultation using the QR code or web link shown below.

QR

Website:-
https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/RoadsTravelParking/RoadsAndPavements/Traffic-Regulation-Orders/Traffic-Regulation-Orders.aspx

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Please ensure that all comments are received by **Monday 7th December 2026**.

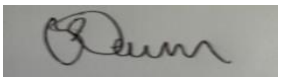
All responses received will be carefully considered before any decision is made regarding the future management of traffic on Crown Road.

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Thank you for taking the time to provide your views.

Yours sincerely,



Gavin Newman
Team Leader - Highways, Traffic & Enforcement
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Crown Road Traffic Consultation Response Form

Name (Optional): _____

Address: _____

_____

Do you currently experience issues associated with through traffic on Crown Road?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please describe the issues you experience:

_____

_____

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Which option do you support?

☐ Option 1 – Access Only Restriction

☐ Option 2 – No Through Road Restriction with Physical Closure

☐ Neither Option

Please return your option by Monday 7th December 2026

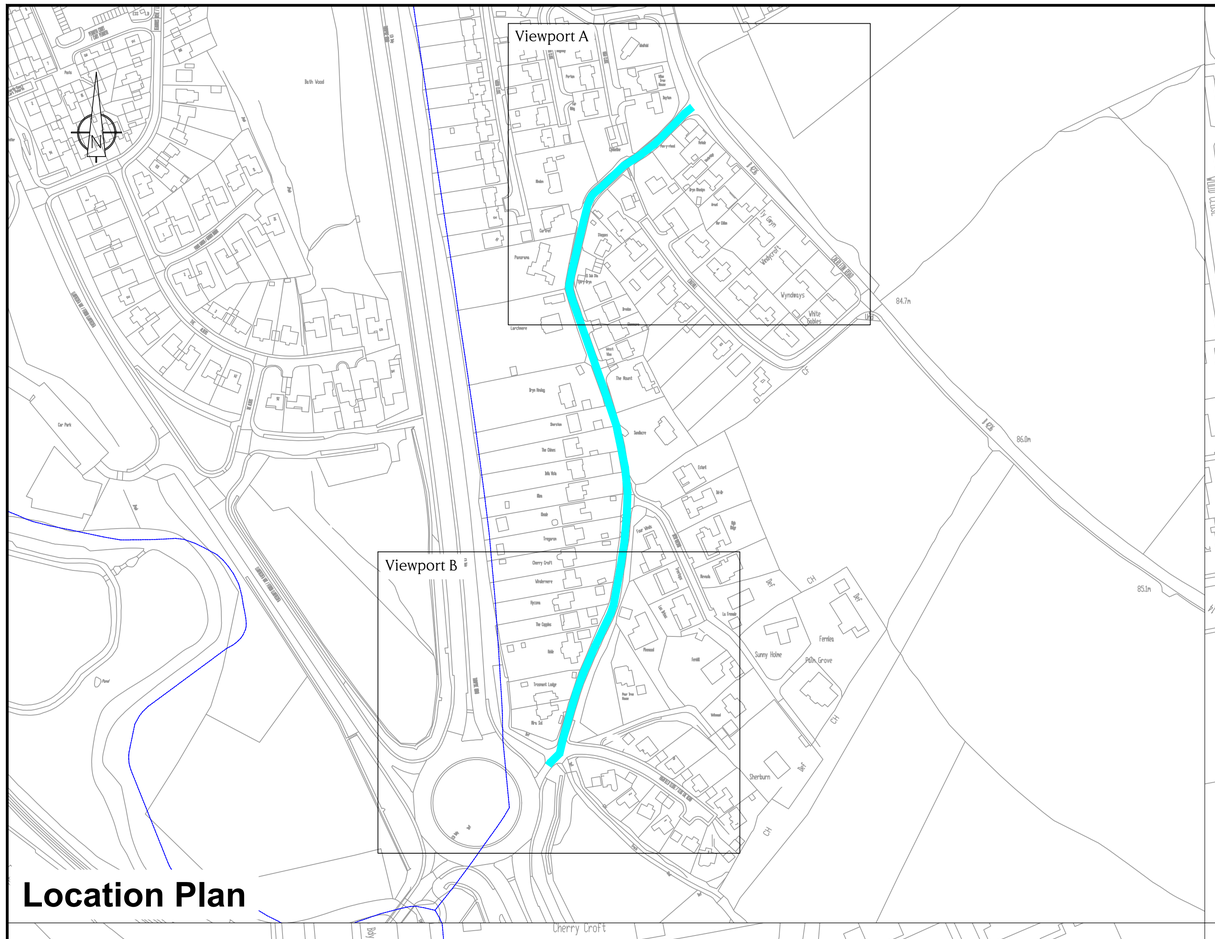
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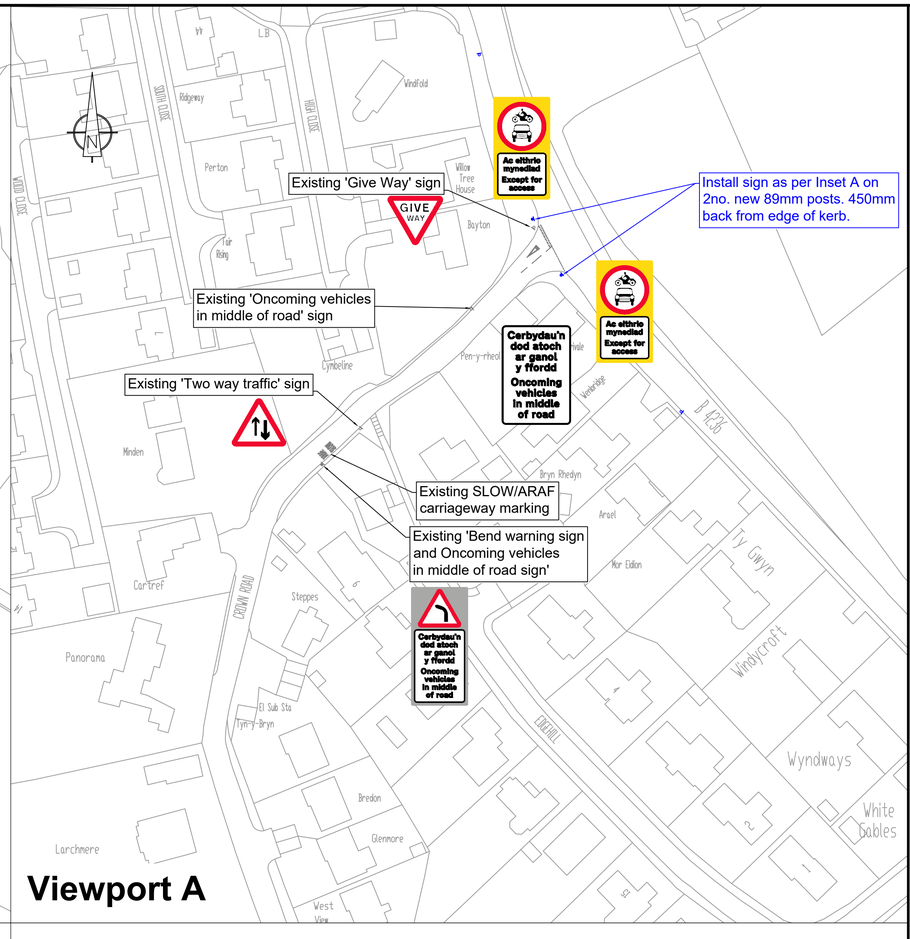
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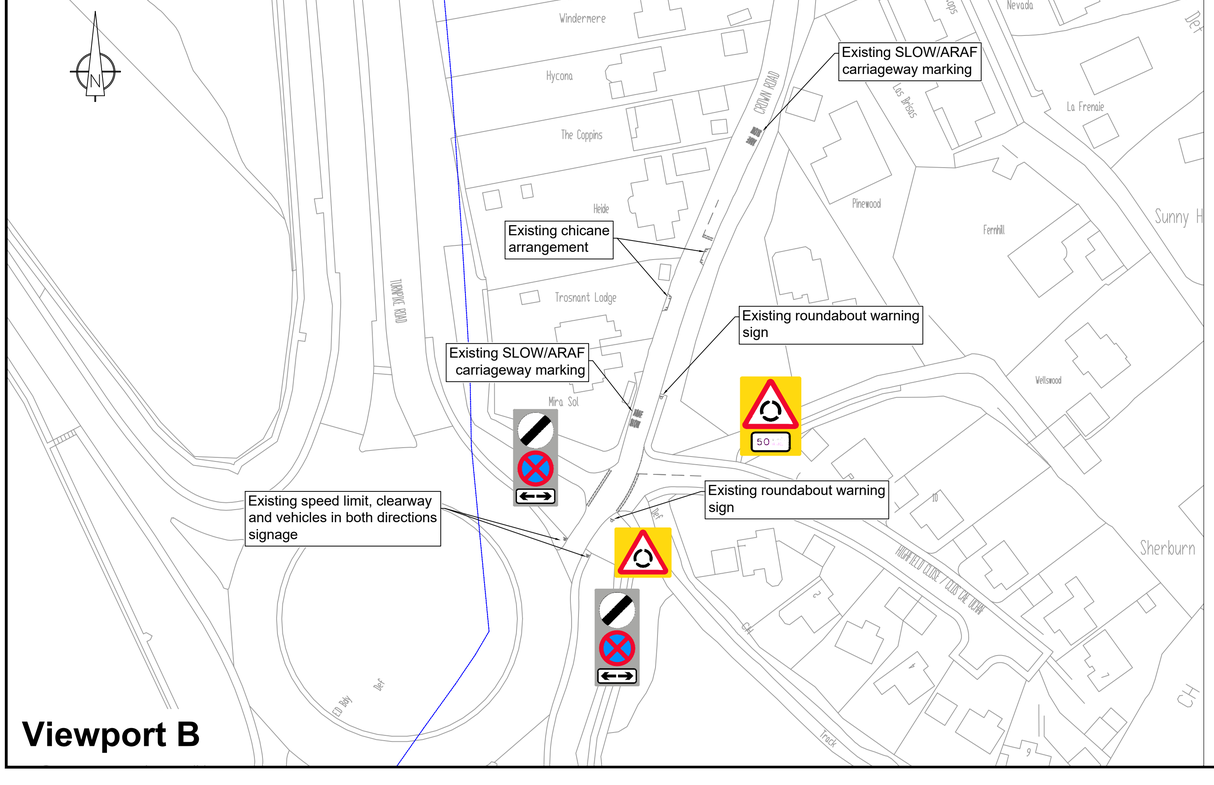
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2 No. NEW SIGNS REQUIRED

Inset A

Scheme Ref.	Crown Road		
Sign Ref.	1		
TSRGD Ref.	S20-2-	x-height	50.0
Letter colour	N/A	SIGN FACE	
Background	YELLOW	Width	695mm
Border	N/A	Height	1260mm
Mount Height	2100	Area	0.87m²
Material	Class RA2 (12899-1:2007)		

NOTES:

- Proposed Prohibition of Motor Vehicles, Except for Access Order
- Existing infrastructure to remain
- Proposed infrastructure to install

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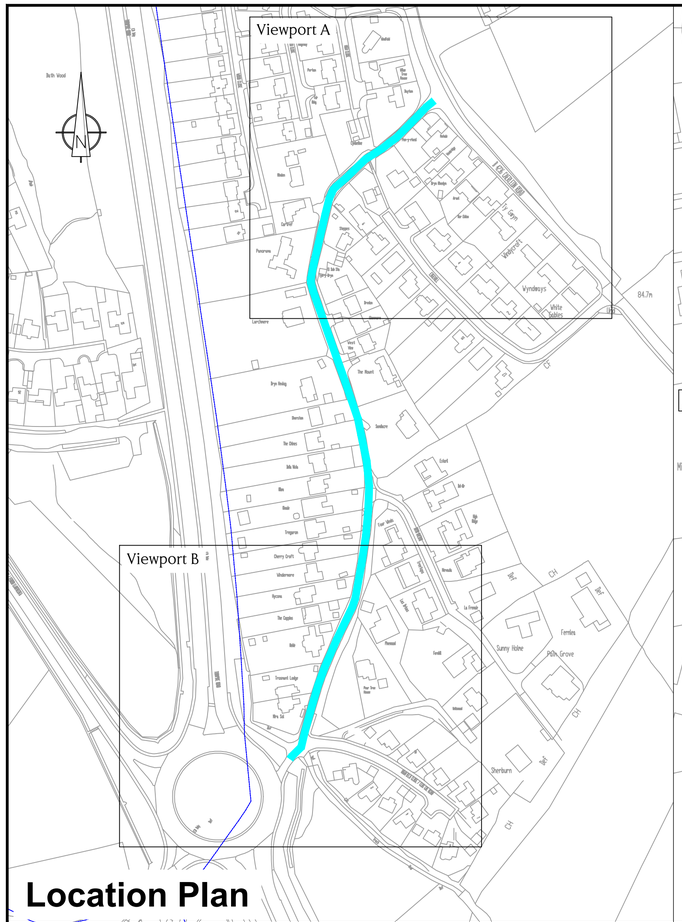
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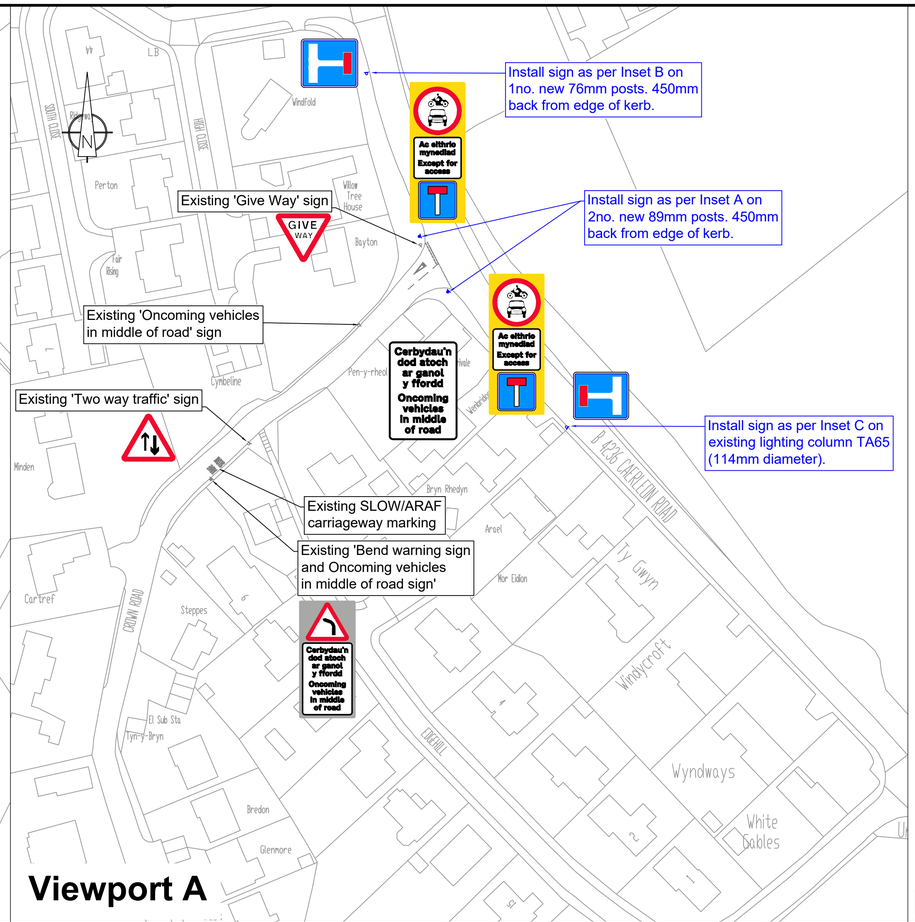
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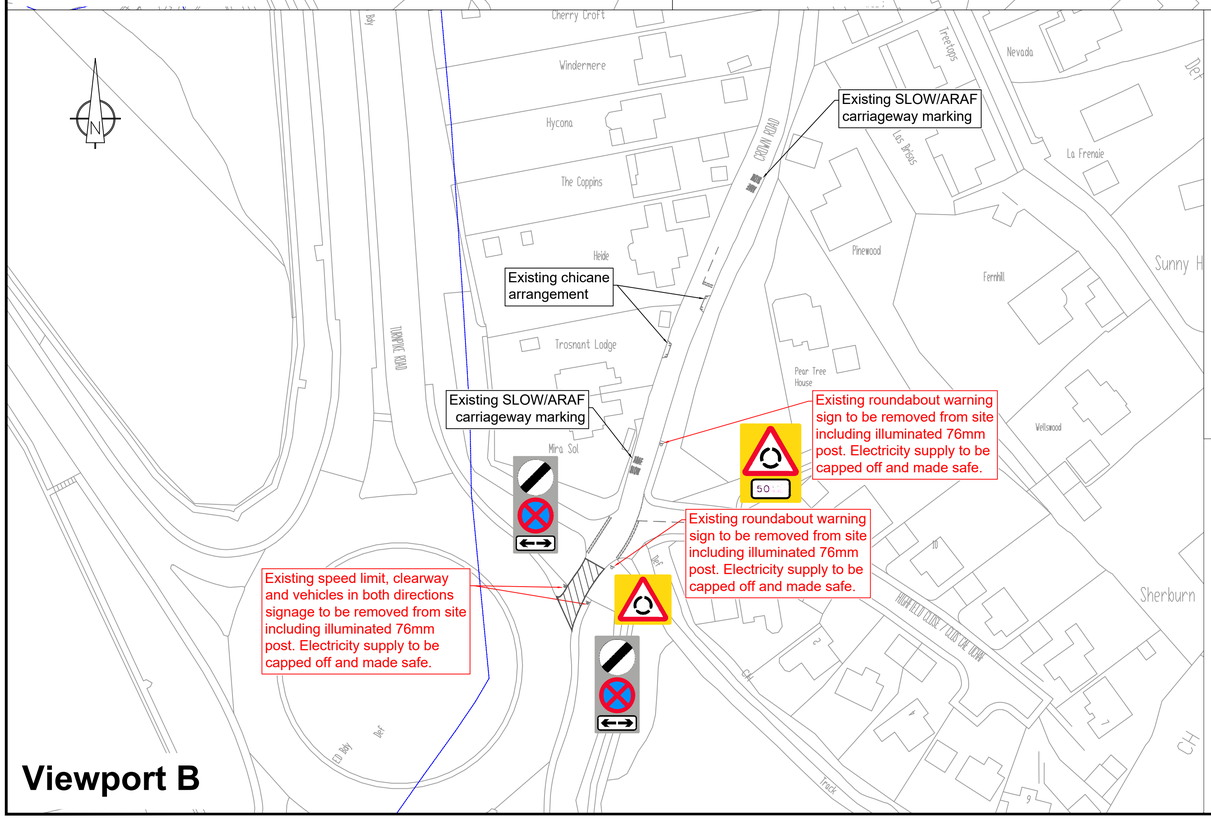
Viewport A



Inset A

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Sign Ref.	1		
TSRGD Ref.	S20-2-	x-height	50.0
Letter colour	N/A	SIGN FACE	
Background	YELLOW	Width	695mm
Border	N/A	Height	1770mm
Mount Height	2300	Area	1.23m²
Material	Class RA2 (12899-1:2007)		

2 No. NEW SIGNS REQUIRED



Viewport B



Inset B

Scheme Ref.	Crown Road		
Sign Reference	817		
Diag No.	817		
TSRGD Ref.	S11-2-7		
Height	540 mm	Width	630 mm
Mount Height	2300	Area	0.34 m²
Material	Class RA2 (12899-1:2007)		
* Area reduced for rounded corners.			

1 No. NEW SIGN REQUIRED

Inset C

Scheme Ref.	Crown Road		
Sign Reference	817		
Diag No.	817		
TSRGD Ref.	S11-2-7		
Height	540 mm	Width	630 mm
Mount Height	2300	Area	0.34 m²
Material	Class RA2 (12899-1:2007)		
* Area reduced for rounded corners.			

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