**Statement of reasons for traffic regulation order**

Under Regulation 7(4) and Schedule 2, the Council must (among other requirements) provide a statement setting out the reasons why it proposes to make an order. This must be made available for inspection during normal office hours and within its area as it may think fit during such hours as it may determine for each place (these places and the hours must be set out in the notice of proposals).

An application has been submitted by Aberaeron Secondary School to close the public right of way running through the site during school hours. The application is supported with evidence from school staff, pupils, parents, and governors, the Councils corporate health and safety manager and the nominated child protection officer.

An engagement exercise was undertaken in 2019 which outlined both support and opposition to the proposal; these matters have been given due consideration.

Independent legal advice has been sought on the application with particular emphasis on the sufficiency of evidence, the appropriateness of legislation being proposed and certain issues raised in the aforementioned engagement exercise.

As is required by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, the Council has given due regard to subsections 122(2)(a-d) as they relate to the proposal in question.

On balance it is the Councils belief that the safeguarding and security issues evidenced at the school, combined with the availability of suitable alternative provision for walkers, is sufficient to make an order under s.1 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.