

Traffic Block Capital Bid 2019-20

Well-being Impact Assessment Report


This report summarises the likely impact of the proposal on the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Denbighshire, Wales and the world.

Assessment Number:	561
Brief description:	Programme of Traffic Block Capital schemes
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Localities affected by the proposal:	Denbigh, Elwy, Prestatyn, Rhyl, Llangollen,
Who will be affected by the proposal?	Members of the public, businesses
Was this impact assessment completed as a group?	No

IMPACT ASSESSMENT SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Before we look in detail at the contribution and impact of the proposal, it is important to consider how the proposal is applying the sustainable development principle. This means that we must act "in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Score for the sustainability of the approach

 (2 out of 4 stars) Actual score : 18 / 30.

Implications of the score

The projects are primarily aimed at solving short-term problems but will also have some longer term benefits

Summary of impact

Well-being Goals

A prosperous Denbighshire

A resilient Denbighshire

A healthier Denbighshire

A more equal Denbighshire

A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

A globally responsible Denbighshire

Positive

Neutral

Positive

Positive

Positive

Neutral

Positive



Main conclusions

The main conclusions are that there are more positive impacts than negative. Effective public engagement and further assessment where necessary (i.e. environmental assessment) will further mitigate against some of the potential negative impacts.

Evidence to support the Well-being Impact Assessment

- We have consulted published research or guides that inform us about the likely impact of the proposal
- We have involved an expert / consulted a group who represent those who may be affected by the proposal
- We have engaged with people who will be affected by the proposal

THE LIKELY IMPACT ON DENBIGHSHIRE, WALES AND THE WORLD

A prosperous Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The projects mostly involve improvements to transport infrastructure and some encourage more use of active travel
Further actions required	Any loss of parking to individual businesses (such as the removal of on-street parking bays outside their shops for example) would be mitigated against by the overall economic benefits of improving access to, and the physical attractiveness of those town centres.

Positive impacts identified:

A low carbon society	The programme includes active travel schemes aimed at reducing car use The Rhyl town centre project will help to reduce journey distance and number of stops at traffic signals therefore reducing carbon emissions
Quality communications, infrastructure and transport	The programme includes projects that improve road safety, improve the flow of traffic, and provide new active travel routes
Economic development	The two Rhyl town centre projects and the Llangollen project are aimed at improving access and the the attractiveness of these locations.
Quality skills for the long term	n/a
Quality jobs for the long term	n/a
Childcare	n/a

Negative impacts identified:

A low carbon society	
Quality communications, infrastructure and transport	
Economic development	The Rhyl Town Centre and Llangollen projects will reduce on-street parking in some locations which could have a negative impact for specific businesses.
Quality skills for the long term	n/a
Quality jobs for the long term	n/a
Childcare	n/a

A resilient Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Neutral
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Justification for impact	Positive impact in terms of fuel consumption. Negative impact potentially in terms of biodiversity.
Further actions required	Environment impact assessment will be carried out for the Townsend-Ystrad Road project

Positive impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment	
Biodiversity in the built environment	n/a
Reducing waste, reusing and recycling	n/a
Reduced energy/fuel consumption	The Rhyl Town centre traffic modelling project will overall reduce journey times and reduce the number of traffic signal junctions encountered for certain journeys. This will reduce fuel consumption when considered in terms of the millions of journeys it will benefit every year
People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity	n/a
Flood risk management	n/a

Negative impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment	The Townsend to Ystrad Road active travel scheme will include the construction of a tarmac path where in some locations there is currently grass field.
Biodiversity in the built environment	n/a
Reducing waste, reusing and recycling	n/a
Reduced energy/fuel consumption	
People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity	n/a
Flood risk management	n/a

A healthier Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The road safety benefits and active travel benefits
Further actions required	Consult effectively on projects

Positive impacts identified:

A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being	The active travel projects encourage more active travel choices. Road safety schemes are obviously designed to reduce casualties from road traffic collisions
Access to good quality, healthy food	n/a
People's emotional and mental well-being	Safer roads, less traffic congestion and more active lifestyles can contribute towards improved mental well-being.
Access to healthcare	n/a
Participation in leisure opportunities	Whilst the primary purpose of active travel routes is to increase utility walking and cycling, a secondary benefit is that they also encourage more walking and cycling for leisure purposes.

Negative impacts identified:

A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being	
Access to good quality, healthy food	n/a
People's emotional and mental well-being	
Access to healthcare	n/a
Participation in leisure opportunities	

A more equal Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	Active travel routes increase travel choices (safe travel choices).
Further actions required	,

Positive impacts identified:

Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation	n/a
People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage	n/a
Areas with poor economic, health or educational outcomes	Active travel routes can increase travel choice especially for those who do not have access to a car
People in poverty	n/a

Negative impacts identified:

Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation	n/a
People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage	n/a
Areas with poor economic, health or educational outcomes	
People in poverty	n/a

A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

Overall Impact	Positive
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Justification for impact	There is a considerable positive impact anticipated in terms of cohesive communities
Further actions required	Set aside sufficient time for public engagement

Positive impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals	The road safety projects are designed to reduce casualties caused by road traffic collisions
Community participation and resilience	Public engagement has already been undertaken and more is planned for the Rhyl and Llangollen Town Centre projects. The Llangollen 2020 is a community-led project.
The attractiveness of the area	One of the aims of the Rhyl Town centre pedestrian links project and Llangollen 2020 project is to improve the attractiveness of the streetscape.
Connected communities	The active travel and road safety projects are design to improve travel options and the safety of existing travel

Negative impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals	
Community participation and resilience	n/a
The attractiveness of the area	
Connected communities	

A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	The projects are expected to have a neutral impact. All new signage will be bilingual (Welsh above English).
Further actions required	n/a

Positive impacts identified:

People using Welsh	n/a
Promoting the Welsh language	n/a
Culture and heritage	n/a

Negative impacts identified:

People using Welsh	n/a
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Promoting the Welsh language	n/a
Culture and heritage	n/a

A globally responsible Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	Some benefit for local suppliers
Further actions required	Use local suppliers where possible

Positive impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains	The Rhyl and Llangollen projects are designed to improve access to local business and improve the attractiveness of the streetscape. The construction work generated by these projects will benefit local contractors
Human rights	n/a
Broader service provision in the local area or the region	n/a

Negative impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains	
Human rights	n/a
Broader service provision in the local area or the region	n/a