

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**HIGHWAYS AND LOCAL SERVICES****BRECKNOCKSHIRE****22 June 2015**

REPORT BY: Road Safety and Traffic Systems Manager
SUBJECT: Traffic Management – Brecon Parking Review – St John’s Ward

REPORT FOR: Decision

Background

Members will be aware that following the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement in Powys it was agreed that on street parking reviews would be carried out on a town by town basis.

Following consultations with the Local Members for Brecon proposals were drafted and approved at Brecknockshire on the 25th September 2013. These proposals were consulted upon in accordance with the legal procedure for making a Traffic Regulation Order [TRO] and were implemented on the 31st January 2014.

Brecon Town Review Phase 2 St John’s Ward

Following the implementation of the review, complaints have been received from the Pendre area of the St John’s ward in Brecon due to inconsiderate parking at the junction of Pendre Gardens and Pendre Close which obstructs the free passage of the service bus and causes congestion/safety concerns for other road users. Whilst obstruction and dangerous parking is a matter which the Police can enforce it is considered that to reinforce the requirement that vehicles should not be parked in the vicinity of this junction it is considered appropriate to implement parking restrictions to prevent parking at any time [double yellow lines].

Following the complaints a review was undertaken with the County Councillor for Brecon St John’s ward which also highlighted additional restrictions are required on Maendu Terrace and Cradoc Road where inconsiderate parking causes safety concerns. Therefore additional no waiting at any time [double yellow lines] are also proposed in these areas as indicated on the enclosed plan.

Brecon Town Review Phase 2 St Mary's and St David Within Wards

Areas within the St Mary's ward of Brecon have also been highlighted as requiring additional parking restrictions but unfortunately the review for this area has not been fully concluded with the Local Member at the time of compiling this report.

It is not believed additional changes within the St David Within ward are required to what was implemented in January 2014.

Conclusion

Whilst the Local Member for St John's ward continues to receive complaints from residents requesting the restrictions to be implemented it is considered that the TRO process should not proceed on any approved proposals until the changes for all areas of Brecon can be collated and processed as one TRO thereby minimising costs where possible.

The Brecknockshire Committee are also asked to consider whether this second phase of changes for Brecon are progressed through the TRO process ahead of completing reviews for other areas. Requests have also been received for additional changes within Crickhowell however the advice provided here is that we are unable to consider a second review until all the required reviews across the County have been completed to ensure all areas receive an equal opportunity for a review.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
Committee is asked to resolve: 1) that the proposals for parking restrictions in St John's ward be approved, 2) to only progress when proposals for the whole town are identified and approved, 3) whether to progress the Traffic Regulation Order for the approved changes within Brecon ahead of changes within other areas of the county. 4) to, subject to 2) and 3) above, initiate the TRO consultation procedure and if no substantive objections are received the proposal for Brecon be implemented	 1) To improve road safety and alleviate congestion on the road network in Brecon St John's ward. 2) To ensure costs are reduced where possible completing one order for the whole town. 3) Decide on the priority for the identified proposals for Brecon. 4) To progress the implementation of the proposals subject to the legal procedure governing TROs

Relevant Policy (ies):	Local Transport Plan		
Within Policy:	Y	Within Budget:	Y

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