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## Radnorshire

Meeting Venue Committee Room A - County Hall, Llandrindod Wells, Powys

Meeting date **Wednesday, 16 March 2016** 

Meeting time 10.00 am

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**Issue Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016

### AGENDA

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE RS9-2016

To receive apologies for absence.

2.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	RS10-2016
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To receive the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

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3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS RS11-2016
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To receive announcements from the Chairman.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	RS12-2016
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To receive declarations of interest in relation to matters to be discussed on the agenda.

5. ROAD SAFETY AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT RS13-2016	
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To consider Road Safety and Traffic Management issues.

#### 5.1. Llandrindod Wells - Parking Review

To consider a Llandrindod Wells Parking Review report. (Pages 11 - 36)

6.	ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS	RS14-2016
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To discuss issues raised by members.

#### 6.1. **Proposed School Closures in Radnorshire - Councillor David Evans**

#### 6.2. **Frequency of Meetings - Councillor David Evans**

7.	<b>REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO CABINET</b>	RS15-2016
	PORTFOLIO HOLDERS	

To receive reports from and to put questions to Cabinet Portfolio Holders.

#### 7.1. Councillor Graham Brown - Deputy Leader/Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Commissioning and Procurement/Children's Services

7.2. Councillor Darren Mayor - Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Property, Buildings and Housing

8.	<b>REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS</b>	RS16-2016
1	SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES	

To receive reports from and to put questions to members serving on outside bodies.

#### 8.1. **To consider a request to appoint to a vacant position on the Brecon and Radnor Sports Partnership**

9.	CORRESPONDENCE	RS17-2016
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To receive items of correspondence.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING RS18-2016	
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To note the date of the next meeting  $-18^{\text{th}}$  May 2016.

#### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RADNORSHIRE COMMITTEE HELD AT POWYS COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016

#### **PRESENT:** Councillor T. Turner, Chairman

County Councillors G.R. Banks, J.H. Brunt, K.W. Curry, W.J. Evans, D.O. Evans, H. Lewis, M.C. Mackenzie, P.J. Medlicott, W.J.T. Powell, G.D. Price, K.F. Tampin and G. Williams.

#### In attendance:

Amanda Lewis – Strategic Director: People and Shane Thomas – Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES RS1-2016
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Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors J. Gibson-Watt and E.M. Jones.

#### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – $11^{TH}$ NOVEMBER 2015 RS2-2016

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015 as a correct record. During discussion particular reference was made to:

- a. **Aveling Roller and Living Van (reg EP3339)** members would welcome confirmation in relation to whether the owners of Gore Quarry would commit to the arrangement with the Council for storing and maintaining the roller and living van at the quarry site under a shared ownership agreement. The matter of confirming the position had been outstanding for some time. Contact would be made with the quarry owners to seek to confirm the position
- b. **Fraud Prevention** a vacant positon had recently been filled, the team now comprised of two members of staff

3.	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	RS3-2016

The Chairman reported on

- a. **Christmas Lunch** those members who attended were thanked for joining the Chairman at the Golf Club for a Christmas lunch
- b. Citizenship having conducted two citizenship ceremonies since the last meeting

#### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST MS4-2016

There were no declarations of interest from members in relation to items to be discussed on the agenda.

#### 5. REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO CABINET PORTFOLIO MS5-2016 HOLDERS

Members welcomed the opportunity to receive reports from, and to put questions to, Cabinet Portfolio Holders. During discussion particular reference was made to:

#### 5.1 Councillor Wynne Jones, Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Finance

- a. **2016/17 Revenue Settlement** the average Welsh provisional revenue budget settlement would deliver a 1.4% reduction. The provisional Powys settlement was a 4.1% reduction. Unlike in previous years there would be no protection via. a floor allocation
- b. **Rural Stability Grant** the WLGA had supported the proposal to request additional funding for rural authorities via. a Rural Stability Grant. The level at which the grant would operate and whether the Welsh Government would accept proposals had not been determined
- c. **3 Year Budgeting** without additional funding to recognise rurality, some of the more difficult options contained within the 3 year plan, would have to be taken forward. If additional support is forthcoming from WG, it will give the Council the opportunity to back off on some of these challenging proposals but also to tackle some of the emerging pressures such as the Living Wage and Welsh Language Act
- d. **Budget Setting** authorities would be required to adhere against the budget setting timetable despite the Welsh Government having yet to confirm final settlements
- e. **Delegated Schools Budget** there are particular pressures that would need to be met to meet employment/staffing costs, particularly around the Living Wage. The Welsh Government had not sent an instruction to authorities to protect the 'education' budget above that of others areas (with the exception of adult social care). The Portfolio Holder remains sympathetic but without additional funding would not be in a position to protect the budget at any level above other services
- f. Adult Social Care the service in the south of the County had been brought back in-house. Savings achieved through the previous exercise to look to externalise would be used to support in-house delivery. Public engagement exercises had ranked the provision of domiciliary care as a very high priority. Unlike in previous years the Welsh Government had not provided instruction to authorities to protect the Adult Social Care or Education budgets, but the Portfolio Holder remains sympathetic to the situation around school delegated budgets and also the difficulties in ASC caused by the Dom Care Service in the South having to be delivered 'in house', and will be looking to make some provision in the budget proposals accordingly
- g. **Mid and West Wales Fire Authority** the budget for the area comprises of contributions from each of the six local authority areas. The contribution asked for from Powys is significantly in excess of the provision included within the Welsh Government settlement, and representations are therefore being made to the M & WW FRS in this respect
- h. **Income** Over £1.7m had been included in the budget for income generation, but it had become apparent from a recent meeting of the Income & Cost Improvement Board, that some of this may not actually be achievable. As a result the Portfolio Holder had removed £200k from the plan, and challenge events were due to take place around the remaining £1.557m to make sure that this is achievable. The Portfolio Holder was content to share any further information that Members may require
- i. **In-Year Balanced Budgets** the Portfolio Holder had stressed the importance of the Council achieving a balanced budget at the end of the financial year. Any savings not achieved by services would be carried forward to the following year and separately identified in the monthly financial report in order to keep track of them and make sure they are delivered
- j. **Capital Budget** there would be moves to better align the capital budget very closely with the revenue settlement. There would be some additional spends that would, over time, support revenue savings, but each capital bid must have a sound business case i.e. funding the switching of streetlights to full LED

compliance for all lights which could save the £300k per year revenue savings required for that area, without switching off any more lights

- k. County Farm Estate policy dictates that 10% of capital receipts are made available to the service for re-investment. However a backlog of urgent works had built up and therefore Cabinet had agreed to provide additional capital funding, from receipts received, of up to £500k.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Spend there was currently some difficulty around the 15/16 targets for 3<sup>rd</sup> party spend, which needs to be clarified to ascertain the true position. For 16/17 onwards 3<sup>rd</sup> party spend savings will count towards service overall spending targets and not be held as separate targets.

The Portfolio Holder confirmed that he would advise members once final settlement information was known.

#### 5.2 Councillor Avril York, Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Regeneration and Planning

- a. Local Development Plan Working Group officers continue to meet bi-weekly regarding the LDP. The Portfolio Holder praised the work of the LDP Working Group in relation to the activity which they had undertaken to support the development of the plan
- b. Development Control issues had been recognised and would continue to be addressed via. a planning improvement plan. Appointments had been made to key positions. Arrangements for recruiting to vacant positions would continue. The team is relatively young and enthusiastic. The general planning officer role includes enforcement, however, at times external contractors could be used
- c. **Enforcement** enforcement remains an issue, it was suggested to promote where actions to redress have been taken to help with deterring
- d. **Retrospective Planning Applications** it was felt by members that the cost of having to submit retrospective applications for planning permissions should be significantly more than if an application had been made prior to works. Increased costs may help to deter such practices
- e. **Planning (Wales) Act 2015** the Authority would need to meet obligations as set out in the Act. The Portfolio Holder would provide an update in relation to the Act and detail in relation to how the Authority would respond to requirements
- e. **Processing Planning Applications** under the Planning (Wales) Act 2015 there are requirements to be met in terms of processing applications within a given time. Processing outside of the timescale could mean that the Authority would have to pay back fees
- f. **Performance v Resource** following a request from a member the Portfolio Holder agreed to provide historic staffing information (details from the previous two years up to the present day) and performance information for the same period so that members could compare one against the other. Moving forward the Portfolio Holder is confident that there would be improvements to the development/planning function
- g. **Regeneration** there continues to be a focus on working with businesses to identify barriers to business development and address issues. The Regeneration Partnership Programme includes four strands: Jobs and Growth, Growing Existing Businesses, Growing New Businesses and Increasing Visitor Numbers
- h. **Powys Business Awards** local success continues to be recognised at the Council's Annual Business Award Ceremony
- i. **Working with the Welsh Government** officers continue to work with the Welsh Government to identify the best way to support regeneration activities specific to Powys. Branding 'Powys' had been identified as an issue

- j. **Growing Mid Wales** officers are working with colleagues from Ceredigion to look to develop a Mid Wales approach to promoting areas and embark on joint ventures. Chairing meetings and admin support provided by each authority are rotated yearly
- k. Business Units/Workshops units/workshops are generating income for the Council which would be used to support business activity. Where there are business needs officers would work to help secure appropriate sties for development etc.
- Economic Development Strategy Workshop towards the end of 2015 officers had provided views on where initiatives could have an impact. Further work would be undertaken to move forward on potential areas of improvement/activity. Member input would be important and there would be a member development session later in the year to focus on the strategy
- m. Local Facilities members raised issues in relation to the attractiveness of Powys in terms of it being a place of choice to live and work from. It was felt that factors including school closures, poor school performance, gaps in medical provision etc. would have a detrimental impact on anyone wanting to move to Powys or operate a business from the area. The Strategic Director: People reported that matters are recognised and that a recent appointment had been made to a joint Health and Authority position, the postholder would look to identify staffing gaps in order to recruit to needed positions via. a workforce strategy
- n. **Bank Closures** there had been a number of recent bank closures. Members requested an update in relation to any actions taken by the Authority to challenge closure decisions. It was noted that in areas where there were closure proposals challenging banks in relation to what they would provide after closure had proven positive in terms of retaining some banking services

#### 5.3 Councillor Stephen Hayes, Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Adult Social Care

- a. **Domiciliary Care** efforts to stabilise the service and reduce the use of agency workers in the south are working well. Following a request the Portfolio Holder agreed to provide missed call/visit information to shire members
- b. **Consultation** / **Change** there would be a period of information gathering/engagement prior to moving to formal consultation on options in relation to potential changes to day activities, learning disabilities, residential care and fair and affordable care. In the light of the Welsh Government elections it is likely that the pre-consultation period would be up until May with the formal consultation following after the election. The Portfolio Holder and Strategic Director urged current providers to take part in the information gathering exercise and formal consultation to help shape the outcome. Members would be invited to input at a future member development seminar session
- c. **Residential Care (BUPA Contract)** a break clause allows for an extension to the contract for providing residential care, officers are engaging regarding an extension to allow time for a fuller review of need and provision
- d. **Head of Adult Social Care** members agreed to write to thank Joy Garfitt for her contributions during her time as Head of Adult Social Care. The vacant position had been reviewed following Joy's decision to leave to take up a position with the Health Authority. Two positions had been created, one to maintain the delivery of current services (Head of Operations) and the other to look to review services and to drive forward with change (Head of Transformation)
- e. **Contract Monitoring** care teams would be reviewing the delivery of services under contract to ensure that they are being delivered to specification and within budget

- f. Integration with the Health Board – both organisations have re-affirmed their commitment to look to integrate and are looking to accelerate processes. There's scope and opportunity to focus on older people for joint working ventures
- Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOCs) having expressed concern about delayed g. transfers of care members were re-assured to learn that there are very thorough monitoring arrangements in place between the Health Board and Council to identify and look to resolve issues. In the majority of cases people remain in hospital longer than is necessary whilst family members look to determine their preference for care after discharge. In most cases confirming care packages and support needs don't impact on length of stay
- Glan Irfon (Builth Wells) the operation of the shared care and health site at h. Glan Irfon, Builth Wells continues to be recognised as a success. Activities are monitored by a multi-agency monitoring group and the Welsh Government had reviewed the operation of the site and praised its functions. There's opportunity to look to develop a similar site elsewhere in Powys

#### **REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS SERVING ON** MS6-2016 6. OUTSIDE BODIES

It was reported that:

- a. Police and Crime Commissioner's Board representatives had not attended the December meeting because of a clash with the shire Christmas lunch
- b. Brecon Beacons National Park staffing levels and other actions would be taken to reduce spends in the light of the budget position, closing Tourist Information Centres would be considered. Income generation had been identified as an issue
- c. Powys Byways User Group (PBug) the group continues to meet to consider matters in relation to maintaining the byway network

#### 6.1 To consider a request to appoint to a vacant shire position on SACRE

Members were informed that the Powys SACRE (the association which considers school inspection reports for church schools) had expressed concern about there being a vacancy for a Radnorshire member on the group. Members were unable to appoint to the position.

7.	CORRESPONDENCE	MS7-2016

Members were informed that Judith Adele, a Radnorshire resident had recently competed in the European Horse Agility Liberty Championship 2015 and came fourth overall. The Chairman agreed to write on behalf of the shire to congratulate Judith on her achievement.

#### 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and not 18<sup>th</sup> as stated on the agenda.

#### COUNTY COUNCILLOR T. TURNER **CHAIRMAN**

MS8-2016

#### CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

# RADNORSHIRE 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016

<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	Traffic and Travel Manager	
SUBJECT:	Llandrindod Wells Parking Review	

REPORT FOR:	Decision

#### Summary

Members will recall at the April 2015 meeting of Radnorshire, members resolved that consultation procedures be implicated on proposals to amend the parking restrictions within Llandrindod Wells.

Consultation was completed between 24<sup>th</sup> September and 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and a number of representations were received and acknowledge during this consultation stage.

The representations are summarised in the appendix with reference to specific locations within the town.

#### <u>Proposal</u>

To consider the objections and/or representations to the proposals and resolve whether to sustain or overrule them. Below is a summary of the representations grouped in accordance with the associated plans and a suggested response.

The sections of the restrictions proposed on the A483 Trunk Road were consulted on behalf of Welsh Government, any decision regarding these proposals are to be decided by the Welsh Government.

Plan LLW01 - Lant Avenue, Quarry Lane and The Close

The consultation stage received 9 sets of representation, one of which was a petition. Much of the concern centred around the lack of available parking for residents if the restrictions were introduced. The proposals were identified due to the restriction on access for emergency vehicles and buses etc. It is recommended to partially sustain the objections and amend the proposal by reducing the extent of the proposed restrictions as shown on the enclosed plan to accommodate some on-street parking which will also help restrict vehicle speeds whilst still maintaining free flow of traffic.

Plan LLW02 - Craig Road, Middleton Street, Station Crescent

Only one objection was received for this area. Concern was expressed at the reduction of available parking for residents of Craig Road if the proposals were introduced. It was considered that the benefit of the restrictions outweighed the inconvenience to the residents and the therefore the objection should be overruled and the proposed restrictions should remain unchanged.

Plan LLW03 – A483 Trunk Road, Tremont Road

These proposals received two objections, raising concern that these restrictions would reduce the amount of available parking for the hospital. The proposals would allow the free-flow of traffic along the Trunk Road which is a priority for the Welsh Government and therefore it is proposed that the objections be overruled and it is recommended to the Welsh Government that these recommendations remain unchanged and be implemented.

Plan LLW04 - A483 Trunk Road, Dolberthog Bridge

The Authority received 3 letters of support for these restrictions and it is therefore it is proposed to recommend to Welsh Government that these proposals remain unchanged and be implemented.

Plan LLW05 - A483 Trunk Road, Ridgebourne Area

No comments were received for the Trunk Road proposals so it is recommended to Welsh Government that these proposals would remain unchanged and implemented.

Plan LLW05 Grovesnor Road

No comments were received relating to the county road elements on this plan and therefore the proposed should be implemented as proposed.

Plan LLW06 - Park Crescent / Oxford Road

Objections were received regarding the proposed Disabled Persons Parking in Oxford Road. The resident originally requesting the restriction now feels that the restriction would have limited benefit and requested that the proposed bay be deleted form the proposal. There is no other reason to include a disabled bay within this area and therefore it is proposed sustain the representation and amend the proposal and delete the Disabled Persons Parking Bay in Oxford Road from the proposals.

Plan LLW07 - Ithon Road Area

Three separate objections were received regarding the proposals along Ithon Road. It was stated that the restriction would remove available free parking for employees in the surrounding area and would also increase vehicle speeds. These proposals would assist accessibility along Ithon Road since the available highway width is currently reduced by parked vehicles. It therefore recommended to overrule the objections and implement the restrictions as proposed.

Plan LLW08 – A483 Trunk Road, Tremont Road

This section received 4 objections, making reference to the removal of onstreet parking which in turn may increase vehicle speeds. It is considered that this small area of on street parking does assists in providing a traffic calming feature which is a greater benefit than the delays it may cause and therefore the objections be sustained and the proposed removal of the parking bays be abandoned.

Plan LLW09 - Cadwallader Way / Waterloo Road

No comments were received regarding these proposals so it is considered that these proposals should remain unchanged and implemented.

Plan LLW10 – A483 Trunk Road, Temple Street

This section received 7 objections raising concerns that the proposals would have a detrimental effect of individual businesses and personal life of a resident in the area.

The proposed loading ban was originally suggested to maintain the free flow of traffic which is currently impeded by the parking that occurs along this section of trunk road. However it is now considered vital that the businesses still maintain the availability of on street parking for loading and unloading. It is therefore recommended to partially sustain the objections and recommend to the Welsh Government to reduce the length of proposed loading/unloading ban to cover only the section surrounding the signalised junction with South Crescent as indicated on the plan. This will ensure the free flow of traffic at the junction and still maintain adequate access for the viability of the businesses.

#### <u>One Powys Plan</u>

The proposed changes to the parking restrictions were initially identified to improve highway safety and secure the expeditious movement of vehicles. This supports the Stronger, Safer and Economically viable Communities priority.

#### **Options Considered/Available**

Consideration must be given to the objections/representations made and decide whether to sustain or overrule.

#### Preferred Choice and Reasons

It is recommended to consider the review of the objections/representations to the consultation and implement the changed proposals as a result of due consideration to the points raised.

# Sustainability and Environmental Issues/Equalities/Crime and Disorder,/Welsh Language/Other Policies etc

Not Applicable

#### <u>Children and Young People's Impact Statement - Safeguarding and</u> <u>Wellbeing</u>

Not Applicable

#### Local Member(s)

Following the consultation stage, all objections were discussed with the Local Members for Llandrindod Wells and the recommendations were supported and agreed by them.

#### Other Front Line Services

Not Applicable

# <u>Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)</u>

Comment from

**Finance** – The Finance Business Partner Place notes the contents of the report. And costs related to the proposals will be funded from within the services current budget.

The Professional Lead –Legal has nothing to add save that it is important that the representations/objections raised must be considered to be an essential part of the consultation exercise"

#### Local Service Board/Partnerships/Stakeholders etc

Not Applicable

#### **Corporate Communications**

Communications Comment: The report is of public interest and requires news release and use of social media to publicise the decision.

#### Statutory Officers

The Strategic Director Resources (S151 Officer) notes the comments made by finance.

The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows: "I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report.

#### Members' Interests

The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If Members have an interest they should declare it at the start of the meeting and complete the relevant notification form.

#### Future Status of the Report

Not Applicable

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:		
Committee is asked to	To standardise and rationalise the		
1. consider the alterations identified	available on-street parking areas and		
on plans LLW01 , LLW02, LLW06,	introduce necessary waiting and loading		
LLW08 and LLW10, 2. overrule all other objections received	restrictions to eliminate parking within areas where safe vehicle and pedestrian movements would otherwise be		
3. Recommend to Welsh	compromised.		
Government that the proposals shown in LLW03, LLW04, LLW08 and LLW10 be made as part of a parking review for Llandrindod Wells.			
4. Make the Traffic Regulation Order in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (E+W) Regulations 1996 including the agreed changes in recommendation 1 above and include any restrictions approved by the Welsh Government that are contained within the plans identified in recommendation 3 above.			

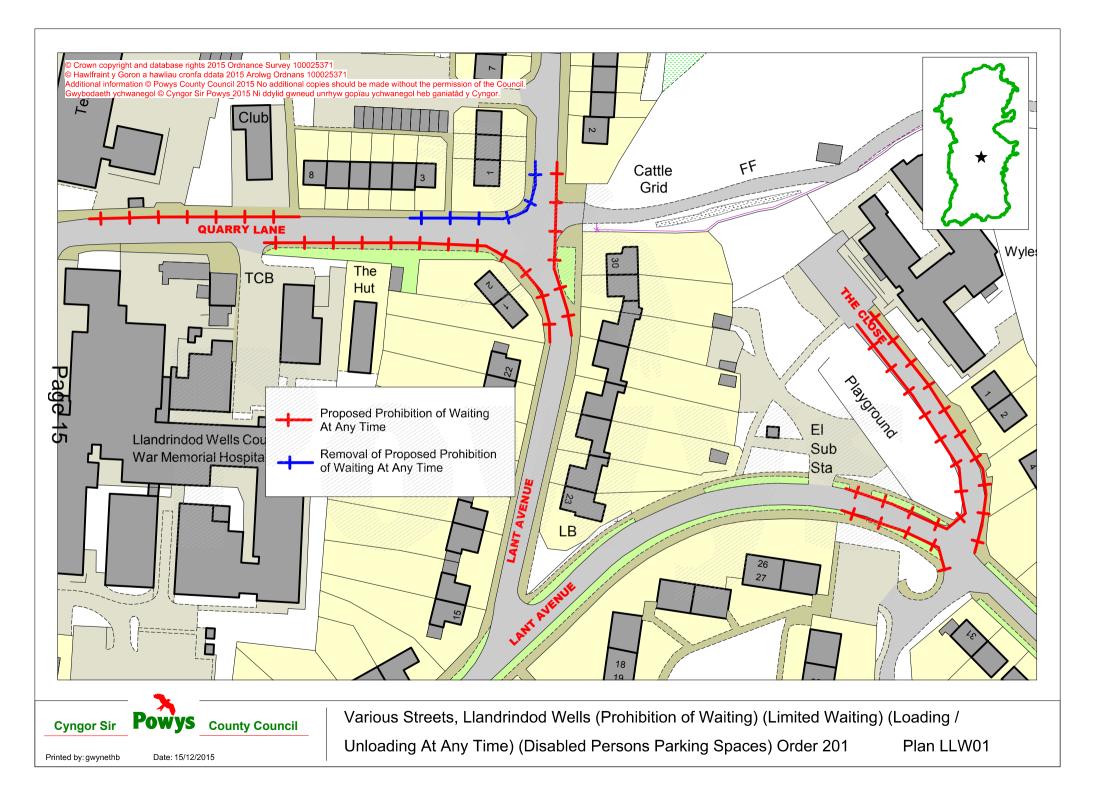
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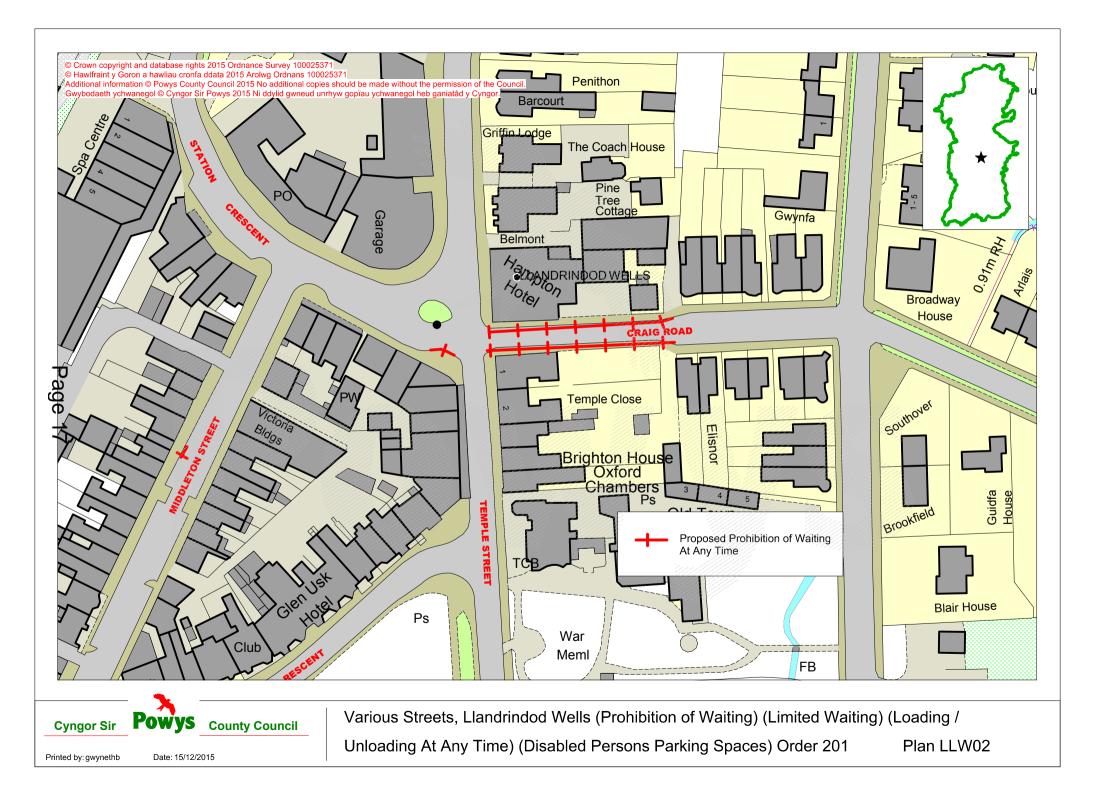
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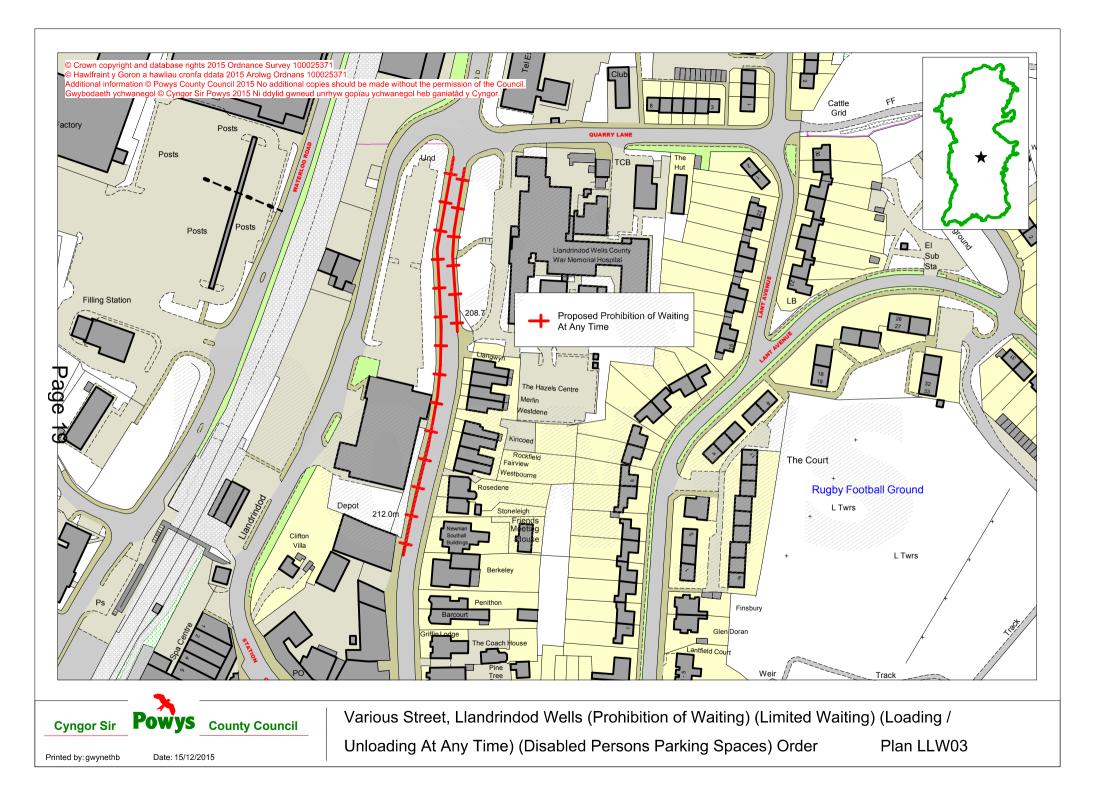
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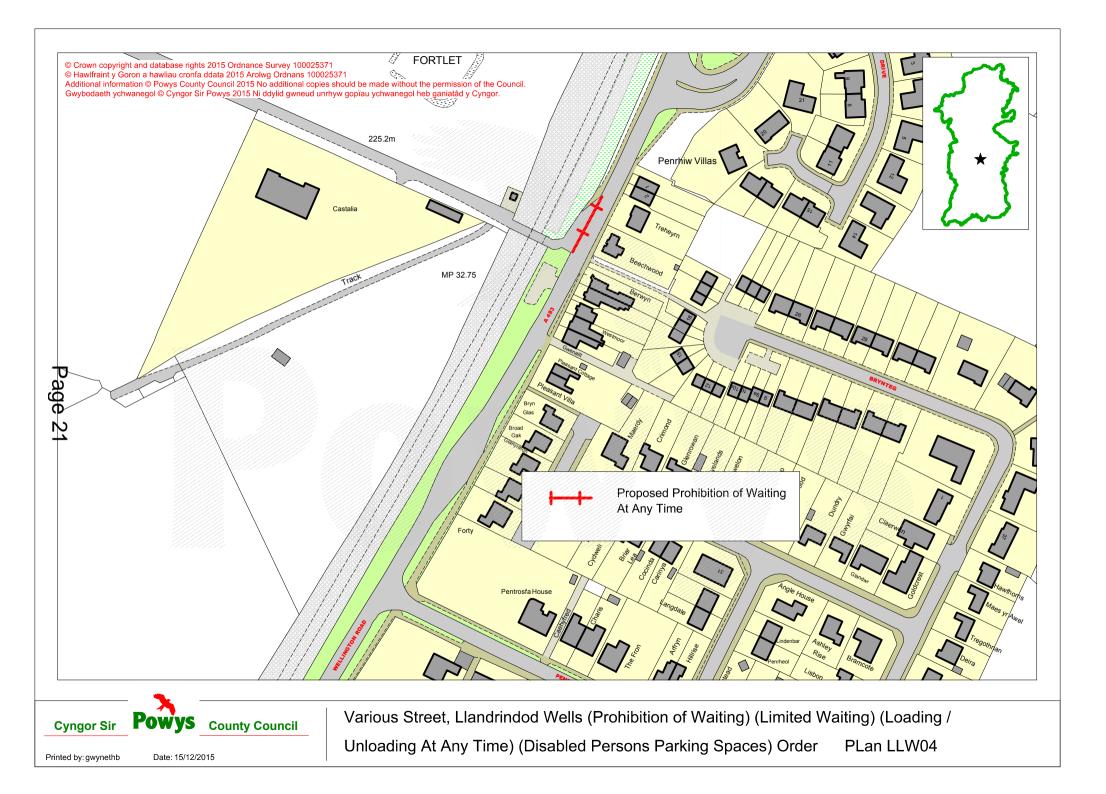
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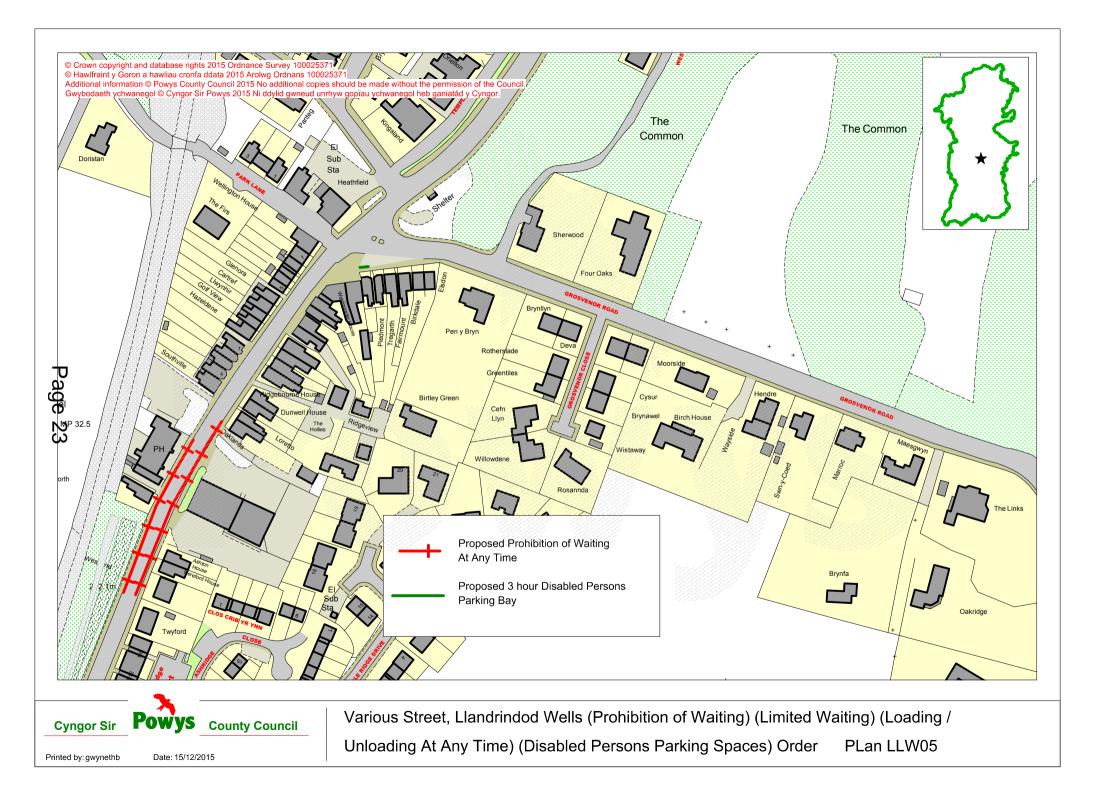
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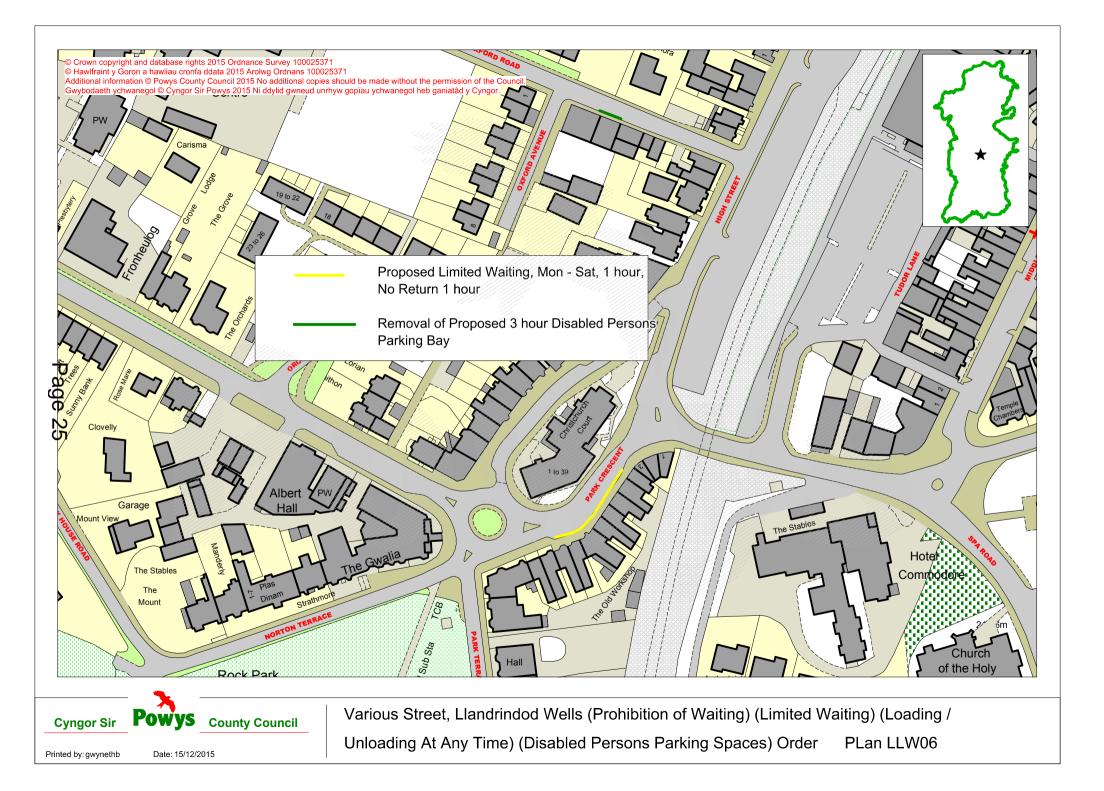


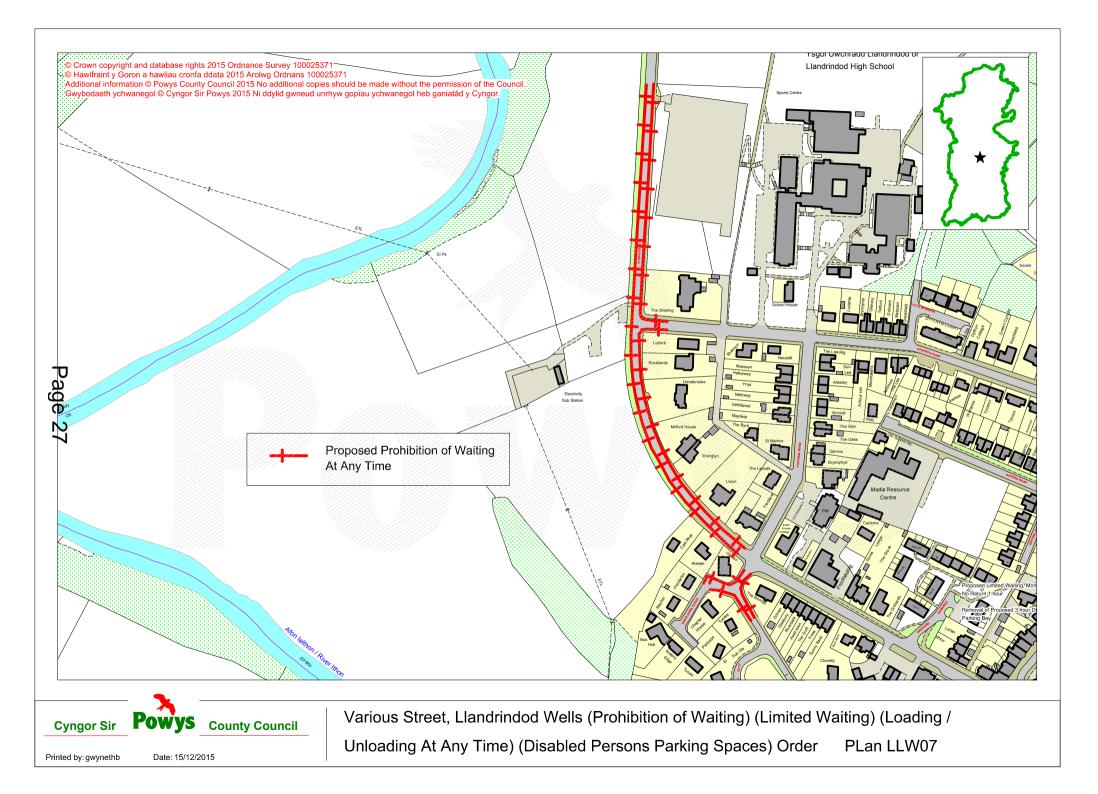


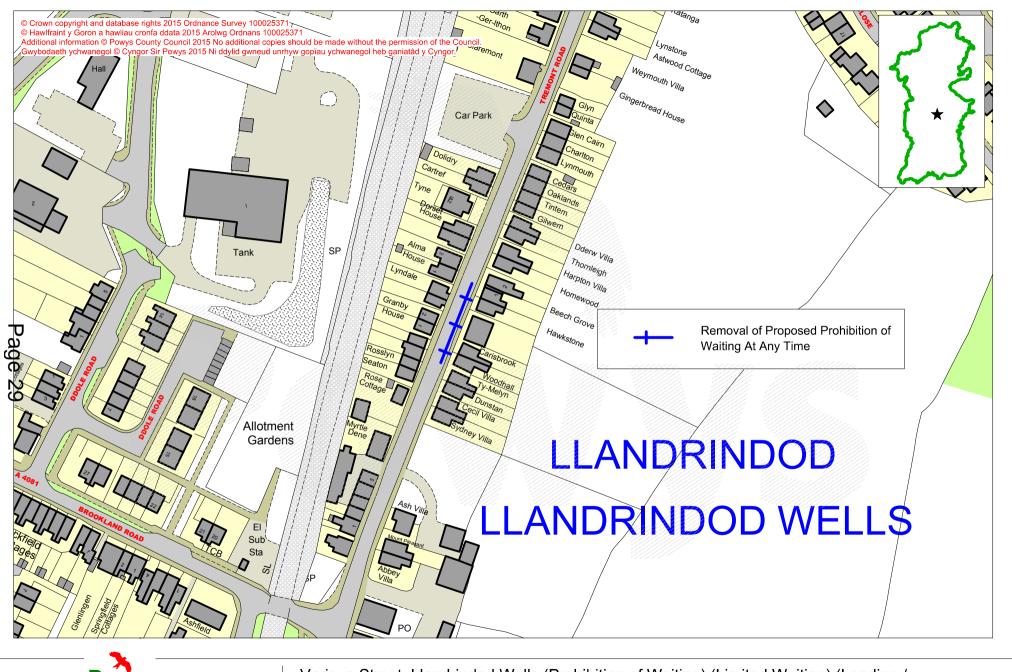














Various Street, Llandrindod Wells (Prohibition of Waiting) (Limited Waiting) (Loading /

Unloading At Any Time) (Disabled Persons Parking Spaces) Order PLan LLW08

