

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Traffic and Travel Manager

**SUBJECT:** Llandrindod Wells Parking Review

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**REPORT FOR:** **Decision**

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**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.

**Proposal**

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 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 from 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 on-street parking which in turn may increase vehicle speeds. It is considered that this small area of on street parking does assist 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.

### **One Powys Plan**

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

**Children and Young People's Impact Statement - Safeguarding and Wellbeing**

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

**Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)**

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

<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Reason for Recommendation:</b>
Committee is asked to <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. consider the alterations identified on plans LLW01 , LLW02, LLW06, LLW08 and LLW10,</li><li>2. overrule all other objections received</li><li>3. Recommend to Welsh Government that the proposals shown in LLW03, LLW04, LLW08 and LLW10 be made as part of a parking review for Llandrindod Wells.</li><li>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.</li></ol>	To standardise and rationalise the available on-street parking areas and introduce necessary waiting and loading restrictions to eliminate parking within areas where safe vehicle and pedestrian movements would otherwise be compromised.

<b>Relevant Policy (ies):</b>			
<b>Within Policy:</b>	<b>Y / N</b>	<b>Within Budget:</b>	<b>Y / N</b>

<b>Relevant Local Member(s):</b>	<b>Cllrs Gary Price, Keith Tampin and Tom Turner</b>
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<b>Person(s) To Implement Decision:</b>	
<b>Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:</b>	

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**Background Papers used to prepare Report:**