

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

RADNORSHIRE

12th July 2016

REPORT AUTHOR: Traffic and Travel Manager

SUBJECT: Rhayader Parking Review

REPORT FOR: **Decision / Discussion / Information**

Summary

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

Consultation was completed between 7th and 29th January 2016 and a number of representations were received and acknowledge during this consultation stage.

The representations are summarised below 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.

Plan RHY01 – Groe Cottages

The consultation stage received 3 sets of representation with the main cause of concern being the reduction of available parking. Whilst it was felt that parking should not occur in front of the cottages, it was suggested that the restrictions could be shortened to allow some parking.

It is recommended to sustain the objection and reduce the extent of the proposed restrictions to the end of the property line, although residents parking cannot currently be considered.

Plan RHY02 – Cae Melin and Station Road

Five objections were received concerned that parking was being removed within this area, including the Town Council who were included in the working group identifying the proposals. Whilst it is proposed that the benefit of the restrictions outweigh the inconvenience outside Cae Melin and, therefore the objections should be overruled, it is felt that give Station Road is a no through

route which generally accommodates light traffic and the current parking arrangements should remain.

Plan RHY03 – West Street

One objection was received concerning the reduction of disabled parking by one space. The reasoning for this proposal was to introduce a new bay outside HSBC bank on East Street. However the bank has since closed and it is felt that a disabled bay is no longer required at this location.

The objection should be upheld and both disabled parking bays should remain on West Street thereby maintaining the existing situation.

Plan RHY04 – East Street

One objection was received concerning the introduction of a disabled parking bay outside HSBC bank. The basis of the objection was that the bank has since closed and the reduction of disabled parking on West Street to compensate for this proposal would be detrimental to blue badge holders.

The objection should be upheld and the proposed disabled parking bay be removed from the scheme thereby maintaining the existing situation.

Plan RHY05 – Green Gardens Junction

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

Plan RHY06 – St. Harmon Road

One objector did not feel that the prohibition of waiting should extend further north than the gated access to Gwelfryn.

The objection should be upheld and the proposed length of restriction on the western side should curtail just prior to the gateway. The road widens at this point and the shortening of the restriction will coincide with the narrow section. Although parking is unlikely to exist where the restriction will be shortened it will allow the resident to park across the gateway should they so wish.

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.

Local Member(s)

Following the consultation stage, all objections were discussed with the Local Member for Rhayader and the recommendations were supported.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
Committee is asked to <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To sustain the objections to plans RHY01 and RHY06 and make the suggested changes as highlighted in the report. 2. To sustain the objections to plans RHY03 and RHY04 and abandon the proposed changes 3. To overrule the objections to plan RHY02 and implement the proposed 4. Implement the proposals identified on RHY05 5. Make the Traffic Regulation Order in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. 	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.

Relevant Policy (ies):	
Within Policy:	Y / N
Within Budget:	Y / N

Relevant Local Member(s):	Cllrs Kelvyn Curry
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	

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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

Rhayader Parking Review

Summary of Responses

Consultation Period 7th – 29th January 2016

Representations received during consultation period

Plan RHY01

- **1**
Shorten the proposals in line with the end of the end cottage, thus enabling some parking.
- **2**
Shorten the proposals in line with the end of the end cottage, thus enabling some parking.
- **3**
Not an objection, but requesting residents parking.

Plan RHY02

- **1**
Support the prohibition of waiting by Cae Melin, however, do not support the new proposals for Station Road.
- **2**
Concern at the reduction of parking in Station Road, particularly the carriageway width is approximately 9 metres.
- **3**
Does not support the prohibition of waiting in Station Road
- **4**
Does not support the prohibition of waiting in Station Road. Worried vehicles will be displaced to more dangerous location such as Cae Melin.
- **5**
Does not support the proposals by Cae Melin or Station Road. Concern it would have a detrimental effect on the local business and to the residents above the shop.

Plan RHY03

- **1**
Concern at the reduction of disabled persons badge holders spaces.

Plan RHY04

- **1**
Concern at the reduction of disabled persons badge holders spaces.

Plan RHY05

No comments received.

Plan RHY06

- **1**
Do not feel that the prohibition of waiting should extend further north than the gated access to Gwelfryn