

Prohibition of Waiting & Loading Review for Llanfyllin

Summary of Responses

Public Consultation Period 11 May 2018 to 4 June 2018

Representations of support received during consultation period.

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Representations of objection received during consultation period.

- **Ms M R Gray – 15 Market Street – submitted 19 May 2018**

Representation - Opportunity to park car outside property will no longer be available. Car park is too far to walk for an elderly resident. Request that residents' parking permits be considered, or leave parking along Market Street unchanged.

Officer comments – No residents or businesses have a right to park vehicles on the public highway, regardless of whether there are prohibitions of waiting or loading in place, unless the vehicles are parked within on street parking bays on the public highway in accordance with any restrictions that apply to those bays.

The proposal relating to Market Street seeks to slightly relocate that part of the street where waiting prohibitions do not already apply, and to create an additional dedicated blue badge disabled persons parking bay adjacent to the Market Square. The existing waiting prohibition along the remainder of Market Street is proposed to be replaced by a no loading prohibition.

The new proposal for Market Street is as a result of drivers leaving their vehicles on the existing double yellow lines without having due consideration for the needs of other highway users, forcing other vehicles to mount the footway to pass or completely obstructing the passage of larger and or emergency service vehicles.

Blue badge holders can park for up to 3 hours on a double yellow line where there is not a loading prohibition in force provided that the blue badge is correctly used and displayed in the vehicle, and drivers may also stop on a double yellow line where there is not a loading prohibition in force to drop off and pick up goods and passengers. This type of waiting and loading was proving to be problematic along Market Street.

The needs of blue badge holders was recognised as part of the review, resulting in the proposed provision of the 3 hour blue badge parking bay along Market Street.

The unregulated section of Market Street is not proposed to be marked out as an on street parking bay, therefore residents' parking permit spaces cannot be considered as a modification to the current proposal. Drivers choosing to park their vehicles along the unregulated section of Market Street should do so in accordance with the rules set out in the Highway Code and ensure that their vehicles do not cause a nuisance or obstruction to other highway users.

Officer recommendation - overrule objection and maintain current proposal.

- **Ms C Wike – 4 Penybryn – submitted 24 May 2018**

Representation – Proposals do not recognise that the centre of Llanfyllin is largely residential not commercial. Current and proposed waiting restrictions make no allowance for residents or business owners to park close to their properties for extended periods during the day. Request that residents' parking permits be considered, or all limited time for on street parking be removed.

Officer comments – There are conflicting demands between residents, businesses and visitors for on street parking within all town and village centres. However, no residents or businesses have a right to park vehicles on the public highway, regardless of whether there are prohibitions of waiting or loading in place, unless the vehicles are parked within on street parking bays on the public highway in accordance with any restrictions that apply to those bays.

The current 45 minute and 15 minute limited waiting along the main street through the town is to be relaxed to enable vehicles to be parked for an hour to promote business and encourage more visitors to frequent the town, and the town council have also secured a relaxation of the time periods during the day when these timing restrictions apply to permit residents to park their vehicles within the timed on street parking bays from 3pm to 11am the following day (and all day on a Sunday).

With the exception of the main shopping street and those roads which are too narrow to accommodate on street parking, the majority of the roads within the town centre can be utilised by residents to park their cars where they would not cause a nuisance or obstruction to other highway users.

The provision of residents' parking permits does not form part of the current proposal and cannot be considered as a modification to the current proposal without abandoning and recommencing the review.

Officer recommendation - overrule objection and maintain current proposal.

- **Mr Scott & Mrs Francis-Scott – 11 Lledan Terrace, Brook St – submitted 24 March 2016**

Representation – Object to proposals along New Road. Request Permit Parking near property to reserve spaces for residents of 18-21 New Road and prevent other car owners parking there. If proposals go ahead, it will cause chaos with overuse of the town car park and illegal parking on private land and lanes.

Officer comments – No residents have a right to park vehicles on the public highway, regardless of whether there are prohibitions of waiting or loading in place, unless the vehicles are parked within on street parking bays on the public highway in accordance with any restrictions that apply to those bays. It is also the case that individual property owners do not have the right to reserve on street car parking areas for their own private use outside their own properties.

The waiting prohibition was proposed at this location as the road is too narrow to permit vehicles to park whilst maintaining sufficient width for two vehicles to pass, or to permit larger vehicles and emergency appliances to travel along this no through road.

Blue badge holders can park for up to 3 hours on a double yellow line where there is not a loading prohibition in force and the vehicle would not obstruct the highway, provided that the blue badge is correctly used and displayed in the vehicle. Other drivers may also stop on a double yellow line where there is not a loading prohibition in force to drop off and pick up goods and passengers. These rules ensure that prohibitions of waiting do not adversely affect residents, businesses or those with mobility issues where a legitimate need exists to stop briefly on a double yellow line to load or unload goods and passengers.

Officer recommendation – overrule objection and maintain current proposal.

End of report.