

**The County of Powys (Various Roads in Welshpool)
(One-Way Traffic) Order 2019**

Statement of Reasons

Following the introduction of the gyratory system to facilitate the Tesco development in 2011, and the 2016 review of the on street waiting and loading prohibitions within the town; a number of concerns have been expressed regarding the gyratory system and certain problem parking areas have been brought to the Council's attention within the town.

Consequently, and following discussions with Powys County Council and Welshpool Town Council; the Welsh Government has carried out a public consultation exercise to consider changes to the existing one-way system, which include returning Brook Street to two-way traffic, reducing the number of traffic lanes along Broad Street and High Street, and introducing an additional pedestrian crossing along Broad Street near the Town Hall.

Powys County Council has also undertaken consultations with Welshpool Town Council and the Welsh Government with respect to making certain modifications to the existing waiting and loading prohibitions within the town to facilitate the proposed changes to gyratory system and maximise the availability of on street parking areas where they can be safely accommodated within the town. These modifications also include additional sections of prohibition of waiting which have been highlighted to Powys County Council as oversights from the 2016 on street waiting and loading review.

The Welsh Government (as the trunk road authority) has authorised Powys County Council to modify the one-way traffic regulation order along those affected lengths of the A458 trunk road as part of this proposed traffic order on their behalf.

A separate traffic order is proposed to modify the waiting and loading prohibitions within the town of Welshpool.