

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL
PORTFOLIO HOLDER DELEGATED DECISION
by
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PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR A GREENER POWYS
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REPORT AUTHOR: Traffic Engineer North, Highways & Technical Services

REPORT TITLE: On street waiting and loading and parking modifications - Various streets, Newtown

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Purpose

1.1. This report seeks to secure portfolio holder authorisation for local highway authority traffic officers to commence the traffic regulation order consultation and making process to modify existing and introduce new prohibitions and restrictions of waiting and loading and parking places along various roads within the town of Newtown.

2. Background

2.1 In partnership with Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Town Council, Powys County Council has secured grant funding from the Welsh Government for a Transforming Towns - Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity for Growing Newtown Project.

2.2 The civil engineering works to modify the carriageway, on street parking and footways along High Street are now complete. The traffic regulation order to make High Street a one-way street and the introduction of an access only traffic prohibition Orders along part of Wesley Street has already been made.

2.3 The highway authority now needs to introduce a new traffic regulation order to suit the modified parking bays along High Street, and to introduce certain controls to address inconsiderate and obstructive parking that has been noted as being problematic both during and after the construction phase of this project in the vicinity of Wesley Street and Broad Street.

2.4 Modified and additional waiting and loading prohibitions, and modified on street parking restrictions are also proposed along parts of Shortbridge Street and Gas Street to better address the needs of

disabled persons and to prevent hazardous, inconsiderate and obstructive parking between the post office and the war memorial.

- 2.5 A new goods vehicles only loading bay is also proposed along High Street to address the needs of those businesses along that street and in the vicinity of The Cross.
- 2.6 The proposed traffic order also seeks to remove the maximum 20 minutes loading period and no return within 1 hour time restrictions from the existing loading bays on Severn Street, Shortbridge Street and Market Street so that those loading can be more readily policed and more frequently available for use; and to enable the existing loading bay along Market Street to be legally utilised by drivers of vehicles which are not goods vehicles. These modifications are necessary so that these existing loading bays better suit the needs of businesses and members of the public accessing businesses at or near those locations.
- 2.7 The town council and the local county councillor have also raised concerns regarding the safety of children travelling to and from Penygloddfa primary school at school drop off and pick up times. In recognition of those concerns, the highway authority has decided to carry out certain improvements to the existing zebra crossing by the school and to propose additional parking controls in the vicinity of the school to secure safer traffic movements to and from the school and prevent inconsiderate and obstructive parking along certain streets as part of this traffic order proposal.
- 2.8 It is therefore proposed to introduce a single Traffic Regulation Order to introduce various new and modified prohibitions and restrictions of waiting and loading and on-street parking places along a number of streets within Newtown.
- 2.9 The proposed new and modified waiting and loading prohibitions, and the proposed new and modified on street parking restrictions contained within the traffic order are identified as coloured areas on plans rather than as written descriptions of the start and end points of these prohibitions and restrictions. These plans and keys are attached as Appendix A and will be available to view on site notices and on the Council's website during the public consultation phase of the traffic order making process.
- 2.10 Where there are no new or modified parking/waiting/loading prohibitions/restrictions identified along any section of highway shown on any of the proposal plans, the existing parking/waiting/loading prohibitions/restrictions will remain in force.
- 2.11 A copy of the existing 2015 Traffic Regulation Order can be viewed and downloaded from the Traffic Penalty Tribunal website at <https://tro.trafficpenaltytribunal.gov.uk/TRO/Powys/PP07.pdf>

- 2.12 The Council's statement of reasons is attached to this report at Appendix B.
- 2.13 For reference purposes, plans identifying the existing waiting and loading prohibitions, and the existing on street parking restrictions imposed by the current Permanent Traffic Regulation Orders for the affected roads within Newtown are attached to this report at Appendix C.

3. Advice

- 3.1 No other options are available for consideration at this stage of the Traffic Regulation Order proposal process.
- 3.2 The County Council has engaged with the Town Council and the Police. The county councillors who represent the two Newtown wards which are directly affected by these proposals are supportive of the proposals.
- 3.3 Dyfed-Powys Police have expressed no objection to the proposals, and no objection to the proposals has been received from Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Town Council.
- 3.4 The proposals support the CIP priority of improving our transport infrastructure by making it safer for people to use the highways at Newtown and to encourage active travel movements.

4. Resource Implications

- 4.1 All costs associated with the consultation process, the implementation of the Traffic Regular Order and the manufacture/erection of the associated signage and carriageway markings on the south side of the river will be funded by the High Street redevelopment project. The signage and carriageway markings on the north side of the river will be funded from the existing allocated highway sign maintenance budget.
- 4.2 The Head of Financial Services (Section 151 Officer) notes the above and can support the recommendation.

5. Legal implications

- 5.1. The Principal Legal Assistant (North) has reviewed the proposals which are additional to the existing TRO, and they appear appropriate following the correct procedures.

5.2. The Head of Legal Services and the Monitoring Officer has commented as follows: “I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report”.

6. Data Protection

6.1 Personal data will be collected from responses to the public consultation and is essential to undertake this statutory requirement for making a Traffic Regulation Order. This data will be collected and managed in accordance with the privacy notice that is published on the Traffic Order Consultation page on our website.

6.2 The Data Protection Officer notes the requirement for public consultation and that the personal data collected during this process will be managed in accordance with the published privacy notice.

7. Comment from local members

7.1. The proposals will affect residents, businesses and visitors to Newtown. Cllr Joy Jones and Cllr Pete Lewington have expressed support for the proposals within their own respective wards.

8. Integrated Impact Assessment

8.1. An impact assessment is not required.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
<p>To authorise the local highway authority to commence the legal public consultation procedure for the proposed traffic regulation order relating to new and modified waiting and loading and parking controls affecting various streets at Newtown identified at Appendix A to this report, and if no substantive objections are received implement the traffic movement prohibition Order in accordance with the Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.</p>	<p>To introduce necessary new and modified on street waiting and loading and parking controls to prevent nuisance and obstructive parking and to improve the existing waiting and loading and parking allocations along various streets at Newtown.</p>

<p>Relevant Policy:</p>	<p>Corporate Improvement Plan 2021-25 : Improve our Infrastructure to Support Regeneration and Attract Investment - We will actively compete for any grant funding opportunities, and subject to such funding, deliver transport infrastructure projects, develop active travel, support suitable transport options and improve road safety.</p>
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Within Policy:	Y / N	Within Budget:	Y / N
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Relevant Local Member(s):	Cllr Joy Jones - member for Newtown East ward. Cllr Pete Lewington – member for Newtown West ward.
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Chris Lloyd
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	As soon as possible

Is a review of the impact of the decision required?	Y / N
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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

- **Proposed Traffic Regulation Order plans (Appendix A)**
- **Statement of Reasons (Appendix B)**
- **Existing Traffic Regulation Order plans for affected roads (Appendix C)**