

**The County of Powys  
(Various Streets Newtown) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting  
and Loading and Parking Places) Order 2022**

**Statement of Reasons**

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.

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.

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.

Modified and additional waiting and loading controls are proposed along parts of Shortbridge Street and Gas Street to better address the needs of disabled persons and to prevent hazardous and obstructive parking between the post office and the war memorial.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. High resolution copies of these plans and keys will be available to view and download from the Council's website during the public consultation phase of the traffic order making process, and the web address for this plan repository will be included on the site notices.

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.

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>