

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL
PORTFOLIO HOLDER DELEGATED DECISION
by
COUNTY COUNCILLOR JACKIE CHARLTON
PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HIGHWAYS
Date September 2023

REPORT AUTHOR:

REPORT TITLE: Builth Wells Parking Review, Residents Parking and Prohibition of Driving

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to implement additional parking restrictions and a residents permit parking zone within the town. This will encourage both residents and visitors to park considerately in locations where current parking causes issues.

2. Background

- 2.1 Inconsiderate parking within the Town of Builth has increased over the years and its causing obstruction and safety concerns for the passage of traffic along the highway. These areas have been looked at in great detail with the Local Member and a scheme to help alleviate this has been drafted.
- 2.2 There were some sections of Trunk Road that were also highlighted as requiring changes, and they are currently being considered by Welsh Government. It is hoped that they will introduce restrictions at these locations in tandem with the county road proposals. The proposals for the Trunk Road are shown on the attached plans for context.
- 2.3 It was also identified that parking and driving on Groe Street has become a safety issue. The road is currently restricted to access only however this is being abused to some extent and enforcement is problematic. It is therefore proposed to replace the existing prohibition of driving order except for access with a prohibition of driving with no access other than for emergency services and necessary utility/road works.

3. Advice

- 3.1 The discussions with the Local Member have taken place over a number of years, and the optimum scheme to help alleviate the concerns with parking has been reached on the county roads within the Town and formal consultation should now be taken forward.

3.2 The proposed changes are in summary:

- U0860 Western Grove – prohibition of waiting at all times [POWAAT] along sections to remove parking that currently restricts larger vehicles such as the recycling lorries and emergency services
- C0028 Hospital Road – section of POWAAT to improve safety for traffic travelling towards town, downhill where parked vehicles are restricting visibility for road users
- U0890 Cae Castell – proposed extension of POWAAT to restrict inconsiderate parking restricting visibility and access for larger vehicles.
- U0851 North Road – provision of a 3 hour time limited disabled bay outside the leisure centre to better cater for the visitors/users of that facility, and POWAAT to prevent vehicles parking across the speed table.
- U0869 Oaklands Crescent – POWAAT to prevent parking within the turning head and on a narrow section of road where the parking obstructs other road users.
- U0045 Oaklands – section of POWAAT to provide a break in the parking for vehicles to pull in and allow oncoming vehicles to pass.
- C0214 Market Street and Castle Road - Residents parking scheme. This will restrict long term parking of more than an hour to permit holders only in accordance with our policy on residents parking. It is also proposed to allow any other visitor to park for up to an hour within the designated permit only spaces to cater for local needs and POWAAT to provide a break in the parking for vehicles to pull in and allow oncoming vehicles to pass.
- U0864 Bank Square – Section of POWAAT to prevent parking on both sides of carriageway that causes the cul de sac to become obstructed by inconsiderate parking.
- U0893 Cwrt y Castell – Section of POWAAT to restrict parking at the junction of B4520 Brecon Road
- U0866 Groe Street – Prohibition of Driving to replace the Prohibition of Driving except Access. This will prevent the area being used for parking and keep it for pedestrian/cyclist use only.

4. **Resource Implications**

4.1 The consultation exercise and implementation of the proposal will be funded from the existing Traffic Management budgets within HTR, the cost is estimated to be £4300.

4.2 The Head of Financial Services (Section 151 Officer) notes the above and supports the recommendation.

5. **Legal implications**

- 5.1. The Property Lawyer North has reviewed the proposals and they appear appropriate as long as we are acting in accordance with the Guidance and follow the correct procedures.
- 5.2. The Head of Legal Services and the Monitoring Officer has commented as follows: " I note the legal comment and support the recommendadtion".

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.

6.2The 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 member(s)

7.1 Cllr Jeremy Pugh - the local member has been fully consulted in drafting these proposals.

8. Impact Assessment

8.1 There is no assessment required as this is in line with Council policy to introduce parking restrictions where ever necessary throughout the County

9. Recommendation

- 1. To initiate the Traffic Regulation Order consultation procedure in accordance with The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 in respect of the restrictions set out in the plans in Appendix A.**
- 2. The Portfolio Holder is asked to resolve that consultation procedures be initiated and if no substantive objections are received the proposal be implemented.**

Contact Officer: Jo Lancey
Tel: 01874 612298
Email: joanne.lancey@powys.gov.uk

Head of Service: Matt Perry

Corporate Director: Nigel Brinn

DELEGATED DECISION NEW REPORT TEMPLATE VERSION 3