

Impact Assessment

Blue Badge Concession



Impact Assessments (IA) are a process of assessing how our proposals and decisions might impact upon different types of people and communities and developing proposals in line with relevant legislation.

This is a legal requirement, and ensures the Council considers key legislation, including Equalities, Welsh language, Future Generations, Socio-economic Duty and Risk when developing proposals.

It will also help the Council make the best possible decisions for the people of Powys.

1. Proposal Information

Author Name	Shaun James
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Proposal title	Blue Badge Concession
Description of proposal	<p>It is proposed to introduce charging for blue badge holders in our Pay & Display car parks, but to allow an additional hour on top of their paid tariff as a concession. Currently the display of a Blue Badge allows free parking.</p> <p>The blue badge scheme is designed to help people who have severe mobility problems lead independent lives by allowing them, as driver or as a passenger, to park more conveniently near to a venue/destination and have easier access to the service they want to use.</p> <p>In recognition that it may take longer for blue badge holders to move around their destination, it is proposed that the concession afforded provides them with an additional hour on top of their paid for time. This will mitigate blue badge holders possibly having to purchase a longer stay to take account of any mobility issue they may have when compared to a non-blue badge holder.</p> <p>Economic hardship can affect many people who are on low income, and whilst it is recognised blue badge holders are more likely to have low income, such hardship is not exclusive and there are no car parking concessions related to economic hardship in general.</p>

2. Savings and Consultation

Profile of savings delivery

2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028+	Total Savings
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Further information

It is proposed to introduce charging for blue badge holders in our Pay & Display car parks, but to allow an additional hour on top of their paid tariff as a concession.

Powys County Council makes provision for blue badge holders within its car parks by providing designated bays for use; the authority currently has 196 disable bays throughout the county which equates to 5.3% of the total number of bays. There are circa 12,000 blue badge holders registered in Powys.

Consultation requirements

Consultation required?	No
Union consultation date	16/02/2023
Staff consultation date	09/02/2023
Public consultation date	09/02/2023

Consultation plan (or justification where no consultation is required)

A extensive public and stakeholder consultation exercise relating to reviewing the Blue Badge concession in our Pay & Display car parks was previously carried out in 2018.

- over 500 people completed the online survey
- over 100 paper surveys had been returned to the council, alongside letters and emails

Stakeholder engagement was carried out with Powys Youth Forum, Physical Disability & Sensory loss Group, Older People's Forum and the Learning Disability Group

3. Impact on other service areas, geographical areas, and data protection

1a. Impact on other service areas

None

1b. Impact on geographical locations

Powys

1c. Data protection impact assessment

Will the proposal involve processing the personal details of individuals?	No
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Is Powys County Council the data controller?	No
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Further information

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4. Impact on well-being goals including Welsh language and equalities

1d. A prosperous Wales

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

1e. A resilient Wales

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

1f. A healthier Wales

Impact	Should a blue badge holder have low income, they may be deterred from accessing services, social clubs and alike.
Impact Rating	Poor
Mitigation	<p>Blue Badge holders will receive the concession of an additional hour free on top of paid for time. This will mitigate blue badge holders possibly having to purchase a longer stay to take account of any mobility issue they may have when compared to a non-blue badge holder.</p> <p>Discounted seasonal/annual permits are also available for regular car park users.</p> <p>Car parking pay meters will be fully accessible for blue badge holders.</p>
Mitigated Rating	Poor

1g. A Wales of cohesive communities

Impact	If deterred from accessing services, there is potential for people affected to feel isolated.
Impact Rating	Poor
Mitigation	<p>Blue Badge holders will receive the concession of an additional hour free on top of paid for time. This will mitigate blue badge holders possibly having to purchase a longer stay to take account of any mobility issue they may have when compared to a non-blue badge holder.</p> <p>Discounted seasonal/annual permits are also available for regular car park users.</p> <p>Car parking pay meters will be fully accessible for blue badge holders. Blue badge holders can be signposted to community connectors and voluntary transport support schemes.</p>
Mitigated Rating	Poor

1h. A globally responsible Wales

Impact	<p>The blue badge scheme is designed to help people who have severe mobility problems lead independent lives by allowing them, as driver or as a passenger, to park more conveniently near to a venue/destination and have easier access to the service they want to use.</p> <p>Economic hardship can affect many people who are on low income, and whilst it is recognised blue badge holders are more likely to have low income, such hardship is not exclusive and there are no car parking concessions related to economic hardship in general.</p>
Impact Rating	Poor
Mitigation	In recognition that it may take longer for blue badge holders to move around their destination, it is proposed that the concession afforded provides them with an additional hour on top of their paid for time. This will mitigate blue badge holders possibly having to purchase a longer stay to take account of any mobility issue they may have when compared to a non-blue badge holder.
Mitigated Rating	Poor

1i. A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Using Welsh

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Promoting Welsh

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Sports, Art & Recreation

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

1j. A more equal Wales

Age

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Disability

Impact	Removing the free concession to blue badge holders will solely impact people with a disability, however they will still receive a concession in comparison to non-blue badge holders.
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Blue Badge holders will still receive a concession of an additional hour free on top of paid for time. This will mitigate blue badge holders possibly having to purchase a longer stay to take account of any mobility issue they may have when compared to a non-blue badge holder. Car parking pay meters will be fully accessible for blue badge holders.
Mitigated Rating	Neutral

Gender Reassignment

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.

Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Marriage or Civil Partnership

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Race

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Religion or belief

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Sex

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.

Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.
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Sexual Orientation

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Pregnancy and Maternity

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Socio-economic Duty

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

1k. Evidence

None provided

5. Impact on key guiding principles & workforce

11. Sustainable development principles

Long-term

Impact	It is recognised that a significant proportion of blue badge holders are held by the elderly, and with an ageing population the proposal will affect more people in the long term.
Impact Rating	Poor
Mitigation	<p>Blue Badge holders will receive the concession of an additional hour free on top of paid for time. This will mitigate blue badge holders possibly having to purchase a longer stay to take account of any mobility issue they may have when compared to a non-blue badge holder.</p> <p>Discounted seasonal/annual permits are also available for regular car park users.</p> <p>Car parking pay meters will be fully accessible for blue badge holders.</p>
Mitigated Rating	Poor

Collaboration

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Involvement (including Communication & Engagement)

Impact	A stakeholder and public consultation has been carried out in 2018..
Impact Rating	Neutral
Mitigation	The decision will be communicated to those affected by general and specific communications.
Mitigated Rating	Neutral

Prevention

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

Integration

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

1m. Impact on the workforce

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

1n. Impact on payroll

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

1o. Welsh language impact on Staff

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

1p. Impact on apprenticeships

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

1q. Evidence

None provided

6. Likelihood and risks

Risk 1					
Displacement Parking					
Likelihood score	3	Impact score	1	Risk rating	3
Mitigation					
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Residual likelihood score	Choose an item.	Residual impact score	Choose an item.	Residual risk rating	Choose an item.

Risk 2

Blue badge holders not being aware of the change and at higher risk of Penalty Charge Notices.

Likelihood score

Choose an item.

Impact score

Choose an item.

Risk rating

Choose an item.

Mitigation

Need for good communication strategy to avoid enforcement.

Residual likelihood score

Choose an item.

Residual impact score

Choose an item.

Residual risk rating

Choose an item.

Risk 3

Blue badge holders may be deterred from accessing services and a risk of isolation.

Likelihood score

1

Impact score

2

Risk rating

2

Mitigation

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Residual likelihood score

Choose an item.

Residual impact score

Choose an item.

Residual risk rating

Choose an item.

Risk 4

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Likelihood score

Choose an item.

Impact score

Choose an item.

Risk rating

Choose an item.

Mitigation

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Residual likelihood score	Choose an item.	Residual impact score	Choose an item.	Residual risk rating	Choose an item.
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Risk 5

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Likelihood score	Choose an item.	Impact score	Choose an item.	Risk rating	Choose an item.
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Mitigation

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Residual likelihood score	Choose an item.	Residual impact score	Choose an item.	Residual risk rating	Choose an item.
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7. Overall summary and judgement

Outline assessment

This proposal solely affects blue badge holders.

Blue Badge holders will still receive a concession of an additional hour free on top of paid for time. This will mitigate blue badge holders possibly having to purchase a longer stay to take account of any mobility issue they may have when compared to a non-blue badge holder.

Discounted seasonal/annual permits are also available for regular car park users.

Car parking pay meters will be fully accessible for blue badge holders.

Cabinet reference	Click or tap here to enter text.
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8. Additional evidence

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9. Monitoring arrangements

The concession will be managed and enforced by the Parking Service.

Review date

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