

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR ENVIRONMENT

10TH MAY 2019

Executive Board Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr. H Evans	Environment

OBJECTIONS TO THE COUNTY OF CARMARTHENSHIRE (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) (VARIOUS CAR PARKS, CARMARTHENSHIRE) CONSOLIDATION (VARIATION NO. 4) ORDER

Recommendations / key decisions required:

That the Executive Board Member for Environment:

- Determine the objections.
- Implement the proposals as described in Appendix 1, subject to the amendments in paragraphs 3.8.1.2 and 3.9.1.2.
- Inform the objectors accordingly.

Reasons:

The introduction of the order will aid the orderly parking of vehicles at these locations.

Directorate: Environment		
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Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):

None

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):

N/A

DECISION MADE:

Signed:

DATE: _____

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was not adopted:	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. Purpose

This report is to determine objections received to the off-street car parking order at the following locations within Carmarthenshire:

Objections received to:

- a) Burry Port Harbour
- b) Woodlands, Burry Port
- c) Shoreline, Burry Port
- d) Festival Fields, Llanelli
- e) Dafen Inn Row, Llanelli
- f) Rotary Way, Pembrey
- g) Mynydd Mawr, Woodlands, Tumble
- h) Mynydd Mawr woodlands, Cefneithin

No objections received to:

- a) Parc Myrddin North, Carmarthen
- b) Parc Myrddin Registrars, Carmarthen
- c) North Dock, Llanelli
- d) Sandy Water Park, Llanelli
- e) Selwyn Samuel, Llanelli
- f) Llyn Llech Owain
- g) Pendine
- h) Bynea

Full details of the proposed restrictions are listed in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 of the report. The purpose of the proposed order is to aid the orderly parking of vehicles at these locations.

2. Consultation

The advertised proposals are listed in Appendix 1.

3. Objections and comments

3.1 During the consultation period the Council's Head of Administration and Law received one hundred and seventy (170) objections, including a petition of fifty five (55) names against the advertised proposals. These objections are summarised in Appendix 3 along with officer comments and recommendations.

3.1.1 The draft Legal Order advertised indicated a £40 charge for a Season Ticket however this has been set at £37.50, as part of the Leisure Charging Digest, with the agreement of the Executive Board Member for Culture, Sport and Tourism.

3.2 In brief, the objections are explained below:

3.2.1. Burry Port harbour car park

3.2.1.1. The objectors state that the proposals will affect tourism in the area, as people will not be able to afford to park, and that the car park should remain free. They also say that there will be a displacement of vehicles should the charges be introduced, as well as affecting senior citizens with disabilities. A discounted annual pass should be available if the charges are introduced.

3.2.1.2. **Recommendation:** Implement the proposals as described in Appendix 1. An annual pass is available at £37.50 per annum as part of the proposals.

3.3.1 Woodlands car park, Burry Port

3.3.1.1 The objectors are of the opinion that this is the last car park you can use for free in the area and that the charges will have an impact on the community. The proposals will reduce the wellbeing of the local community and is a step backwards in terms of the Council's Wellbeing of Future Generations agenda.

3.3.1.2 **Recommendation:** Implement the proposals as described in Appendix 1.

3.4.1 Shoreline car park, Pembrey

3.4.1.1 The objectors state that the car park should be kept free to encourage healthy living and for free access to the coastal path.

3.4.1.2 **Recommendation:** Implement the proposals as described in Appendix 1.

3.5.1 Festival Fields, Llanelli

3.5.1.1 Objectors state that the charges are detrimental to health and wellbeing.

3.5.1.2 **Recommendation:** Implement the proposals as described in Appendix 1.

3.6.1 Dafen Inn Row car park

3.6.1.1 Proposals punish employees for going to work in local business, and using a car park which has been historically free.

3.6.1.2 **Recommendation:** Implement the proposals as described in Appendix 1.

3.7.1 Rotary Way car park, Pembrey Country Park

3.7.1.1 The objectors state that the proposals discourage the use of the coastal path, and that the charges will be diminished by the cost of installation, collection of fees and enforcement. No provision for horse riders. Charges are a concern for dog walkers and to local people on low income. Financial burden to students, social aspects as well as health.

3.7.1.2 **Recommendation:** Implement the proposals as described in Appendix 1. There are proposals in place to introduce a parking bay for horse boxes opposite the entrance to the car park.

3.8.1 Woodlands car park, Mynydd Mawr, Tumble

3.8.1.1 Objectors state that there are no toilet or disabled facilities at this location. The area is a public space and vehicles will park in other locations in Tumble to avoid payment.

3.8.1.2 **Recommendation:** Remove proposals for Woodlands car park, Mynydd Mawr, Tumble, from the off street car parking order.

3.9.1 Woodlands car park, Cefneithin

3.9.1.1 Objectors consider that the proposals will cause health concerns for local residents.

3.9.1.2 **Recommendation:** Remove proposals for Woodlands car park, Cefneithin, from the off street car parking order.

4. Recommendations

That the Executive Board Member for Environment:

1. Determine the objections.
2. Implement the proposals as described in Appendix 1, except for the recommendation in 3.8.1.2 and 3.9.1.2
3. Inform the objectors accordingly.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

NO

Attached:-
Appendix 1 - Public notice
Appendix 2 - Plans
Appendix 3 - Objections and comments

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: S. G. Pilliner Head of Highways and Transport

Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Organisational Development	Physical Assets
NONE	YES	YES	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE

2. Legal

The Traffic Regulation Order to be introduced by the Head of Administration and Law.

3. Finance

All costs associated with the introduction of the on-street car parking order to be funded by the Communities Department.

5. Risk management issues

A Traffic Regulation order is being introduced to improve orderly parking of vehicles at these locations.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: S. G. Pilliner

Head of Highways and Transport

1. Scrutiny Committee

N/A

2. Local Member(s)

Cllr Shirley Mathews

Cllr Huw Shepardson

Cllr Penny Edwards

Cllr Susan Phillips

Cllr Rob Evans

Cllr Emlyn Dole

Cllr Dot Jones

No objections received

Cllrs John James and Amanda Fox both object to the proposals for the car parks in their area.

3. Community / Town Council

Llanelli Rural council

No objections received

Pembrey and Burry port Town Council object to the proposals in their area stating that it will disadvantage local people who use these places to benefit from walking and cycling, as well as those on low income or who are elderly will be disproportionately affected. They also consider that the areas in question are not of a sufficient standard to be considered official car parks that should be charged for.

4. Relevant Partners

Roads Policing Unit

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service

NHS Wales Ambulance Service

Carmarthenshire Disability Partnership

Bus operators

No objections received

Lee Waters AM objects to the proposals stating that the parking facilities are currently free and should the proposals be introduced, that there would be virtually no free access to our beaches in the Llanelli constituency. Local people use these car parks to access the outdoors for recreation, which has physical and mental health benefits.

Nia Griffiths MP also objects stating that these areas are well used by local residents and volunteer groups who regularly use these facilities, as well as picking up litter and reporting any problems. Walking groups also use these areas which has mental health and physical benefits.

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

Carmarthenshire Horse Riders Association object to the proposal

Carmarthenshire Local Access Forum (LAF) also object to the proposal

Keep Wales Tidy object to the proposals

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE