

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR ENVIRONMENT

13TH OCTOBER 2021

Cabinet Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr. Hazel Evans	Environment
TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR LLANELLI WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING (VARIATION ORDER NO 39) AND RESIDENTIAL PARKING PLACES (VARIATION ORDER NO 8)	
Purpose: To consider Objections received to the advertised Orders and determine whether the Traffic Regulation Orders should be made.	
Recommendations / key decisions required: Approval is requested for recommendations 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6 as detailed within this report.	
Reasons: To fulfil the authority's statutory duty of securing the expeditious movement of traffic, to improve road safety and to provide controlled parking areas for the benefit of local residents.	
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Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):

None

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):

N/A

DECISION MADE:

Signed:

DATE: _____

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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:	

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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1. Brief Summary of Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to consider the objections received in response to the following two draft Traffic Regulation Orders which have been advertised for comment and objection:

- **THE COUNTY OF CARMARTHENSHIRE (LLANELLI) (WAITING RESTRICTION AND STREET PARKING PLACES) CONSOLIDATION (VARIATION NO 39) ORDER 2021.**
- **THE COUNTY OF CARMARTHENSHIRE (LLANELLI) SPECIAL PARKING AREA (RESIDENTIAL) PARKING PLACES (VARIATION ORDER NO8) 2021**

This report relates to both Orders in recognition that a number of streets impacted contain proposed changes outlined in both Orders and the objections received in a number of instances also relate to both Orders.

Copies of the advertised draft Traffic Regulation Orders are presented as Appendix 1 a and 1b.

Plans illustrating the advertised Orders are presented as Appendix 2.

An outline of the objections received is presented and discussed below. A full copy of the objections will be available separately at the meeting for detailed consideration.

2. Discussion of Objections

During the statutory consultation period the Council's Head of Administration and Law received twenty four objections. These are discussed below on a street by street basis. Personal details have been removed.

Prospect Place, Llanelli

Proposal: The proposal would introduce residents parking areas, sections of double yellow lines, access protection markings and the creation of a loading bay.

Objection: The objector to the scheme states that as only two residents parking permits are allowed and objector has three vehicles', that that there should not be more double yellow lines in the street and complains about times of the scheme.

Discussion: The proposals have been developed in response to requests received. The limit of two permits per household along with one visitor permit applies throughout the County and is designed to provide an equitable allocation.

Recommendation 2.1: that the proposals advertised by implemented.

Albert street, Llanelli

Proposal: The proposal would introduce residents' parking areas, sections of double yellow lines and an access protection marking.

Objection: The objector states that the disabled bay outside the community centre is only used for one afternoon of the week, and that parking should be allowed other times in the week for residents. Also complains about the times of the scheme, stating that the main problems are in the evening after everyone has come home from work. Also objects to the proposed double yellow lines saying that they should be removed to free up parking spaces in the street.

Discussion: The disabled parking area has been in place for a number of years and is not part of the proposals. The proposals for permit parking would apply Monday to Saturday from 8am to 6pm which is the normal times of operation throughout the County, there are a small number of areas where there are extraneous evening influences which have led to an extension to 8pm. Double yellow lines have been proposed only in areas considered necessary for safety and to prevent obstruction.

Recommendation 2.2: that the proposals advertised by implemented.

James Street & Glenalla Road, Llanelli

Proposal: The proposal would introduce residents' parking areas (Monday to Saturday 8am to 8pm), sections of double yellow lines, time limited waiting and an access protection marking.

Objection:
I am a resident of Glenalla Road and I am concerned over the proposed plans to implement residential parking.
I am aware of how permit parking is conducted and the time scales when the permit is required to park in these zones.

However having lived in this street for nearly 30 years, I have never encountered any parking problems between the hours of 0800 and 1800hrs. The only issues with parking are after the hours of 1800hrs when people are home from work.

Discussion:
A consultation with residents in the James Street and Glenalla Road area led the boundaries of the proposed residents' parking zone being designed such that 68% of respondents supported

	<p>This would not change during your proposed plan as anyone without a permit would be allowed to park in the street legally between the hours of 1800 and 0800.(Monday to Saturday and all day Sunday).</p> <p>Having spoken to numerous neighbours they seem to be unaware of that and assume that only permit owners would be allowed to park there.</p> <p>My concerns are that if I could not find a parking space where I would be able to park, as I believe there are plans to implement residential parking in adjacent streets as well.</p> <p>Another concern is that should residents encounter parking difficulties they would apply for permission for off road parking (this has already been granted and applied to one house in the street) and this would take away the character of the street.</p> <p>Objection: The objector states that he wants to withdraw his support for the scheme as the permit does not guarantee a parking space outside your own property or even in the same street, and is not happy paying £30, and that a permit scheme will not solve the problem.</p> <p>I wish to formally object to the proposed orders, specifically the parts that relate to Glenalla road and James Street –</p> <p>The County of Carmarthenshire (Llanelli) (Waiting restrictions and street parking places) (Variation no. 39). The County of Carmarthenshire (Llanelli) Special Parking Area (Residential Parking Places) (Variation no. 8) Order 2021.</p> <p>My primary objection is that CCC has no Permit Parking Policy. Policies and Procedures are a fundamental part of excellence in operation.</p>	<p>the introduction of residents' parking.</p> <p>Residents' parking is proposed to apply from Monday to Saturday 8am to 8pm.</p> <p>The impact of Rainscape is suggested to be relatively small in relation to the wider area and the lengths of road covered.</p> <p>There are no current proposals for Alban Road where two objections were received. Should the proposal be implemented monitoring would be undertaken in the areas adjacent to the new permit zone and further proposals brought forward for residents to consider if necessary.</p> <p>Details of Residents' Parking are available on the County Council's website Resident's parking permit (gov.wales)</p> <p>Notice of these Traffic Regulation Orders was posted on site and on the County Council's website for inspection which included plans illustrating the proposals.</p> <p>Proposals regarding double yellow lines have been developed to ensure road safety and the free flow of traffic. At junction locations each junction is assessed to be the minimum necessary to achieve these objectives</p>
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Sound policies help local governments function efficiently and help maintain trust between public servants and community members. Without a written Policy how can residents be sure local governments are complying with laws, regulations, and best practices. It protects residents from malpractice by council officers or councillors, but at the same time it protects council officers and councillors by reducing liability and promoting consistency. Without a coherent policy, how do residents know they are being treated with equity and transparency?

Specific objections –

1. Consolidation (Variation no. 39) order 2021. The public notice on the CCC website does not direct readers to a plan of the James street and Glenalla road proposals. Without the plan it is virtually impossible to comprehend the exact location of restrictions, from the written descriptions.
2. Regarding the: statement of reasons – it is misleading, how will putting long double yellow lines on narrow back lanes aid road safety and the free flow of traffic at these locations?
3. On the lower part of Glenalla road which already has permit parking there are 2 meter long double yellow lines on road junctions. This sets a precedence and results in more space for parking. Why are those residents being treated differently to residents further up Glenalla road and those living in James street?
4. Regarding (Variation Order no.8) Order 2021 – same comment as no. 1 re. lack of plan.
5. There is a major omission, neither the plan provided to local residents nor the pdf version shows the rainscape planters in either James street or Glenalla road.

Clearly these are permanent fixtures, therefore their position should be indicated on the plan. Further it is not only their size which needs to be considered, but there is need for additional space, as parking up close against them is not an option. This omission is serious as they significantly reduce the space for residents parking in the evenings and at weekends when we have major congestion. Also, Glenalla road has trees which also reduce available space.

6. Regarding the: Statement of reasons it states “the residents parking schemes” will provide controlled parking for permit holders, and will aid residents and facilitate orderly parking outside their properties at these locations’. This is a false statement as a permit holders scheme does not ‘aid residents and facilitate orderly parking outside their properties at these locations’. This is in contrast to the CCC website on permit parking which states “you should be aware however, that a permit does not guarantee you a place to park your vehicle – it only gives you permission to do so in your appropriate zone if space is available”.
7. In the event of parking permits issued exceeding vehicle space, what redress do residents have?

The original proposed scheme, which included Alban road has left CCC officers exposed as they have to perform within Codes of Conduct. Questionnaire figures have been “manipulated” to try to give councillors the high percentage of support they crave. When this did not succeed the sample size was “doctored” removing some of the less supportive residences. Councillors now claim they have 68% support, without (I am aware of) another survey being undertaken. I have requested to see their figures, as yet without

	<p>responses, but the truth will come out as I have submitted a FOIA request.</p> <p>This is a very sad state of affairs, I and my neighbours have frequently asked to meet CCC representatives without success.</p> <p>Surly, councils should operate beyond reproach in a transparent matter?</p>	
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Recommendation 2.3: that the proposals advertised by implemented.

Coleshill Terrace, Llanelli

<p>Proposal: The revocation of an existing limited waiting bay to be replaced by residents parking.</p>	<p>Objections: County Councillor and Town Council object to the proposal stating that the bay should be unrestricted parking. Also, states that it was previously agreed that bays to the side of Pembrey Road and Greenway Street would be unrestricted parking.</p>	<p>Discussion: Comments have been considered and it is proposed to withdraw proposals from the order for Coleshill Terrace and consider the suggested alternative as part of next Llanelli variation Order, without being detrimental to road safety.</p>
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Recommendation 2.4: that the proposal advertised not be implemented.

Andrew Street & Andrew Terrace

<p>Proposal: The proposal would introduce residents' parking, double yellow lines, limited waiting and access protection markings</p>	<p>Objections: A large number of objections have been received to these proposals for the Andrew Street / Andrew Terrace zone residents parking zone. The majority are from local residents and business owners, who state that the proposals will have a significant detrimental impact on surrounding businesses and community halls. The objections are summarised as follows:</p> <p>a) Proposals for two hour limited in Andrew Terrace opposite the garage will greatly affect the business not only for customers but also for staff who park their vehicles on the road. Two hours is not enough for customers .</p> <p>b) proposals will push parked vehicles further down the road to Clos Andreas and another garage, where parking is</p>	<p>Discussion: The complaints received largely relate to the western arm of Andrew Terrace where residents' parking bays, 2 hour time limited waiting and access protection marking were proposed.</p> <p>Considering the objections received it is proposed that these areas are not included within the Order.</p> <p>Residents' parking permits are limited to two per household and a visitor permit. Residents with more vehicles would no longer be able to park additional vehicles in the permit areas.</p>
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	<p>already limited. Businesses have been badly affected over the last year or so.</p> <p>c)The plan will cause mayhem and arguing. Just leave things as they are as there are no problems at the moment.</p> <p>d)Residents living in the existing residents parking zone at the bottom end of Andrew Terrace with more than two cars and have works vehicles currently park their vehicles in Andrew Terrace. These proposals would affect them as they would have nowhere to park these vehicles.</p> <p>e) Parents currently park at the top end of Andrew Terrace to drop off and pick up their children at the scouts hut. These proposals would greatly affect them.</p> <p>f) A disabled resident living in the street has difficulty walking, with the nearest council car park 10 minutes walk away, which would make life very difficult.</p>	
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Recommendation 2.5: that the proposals advertised for the western side of Andrew Terrace are not implemented.

Recommendation 2.6: that the residents' parking and double yellow lines for the northern end of Andrew Street be implemented together with the section of double yellow lines on the eastern end of Andrew Terrace.

<p>REPORT ATTACHED?</p>	<p>Appendix 1a - Copy of the advertised draft Traffic Regulation Order Variation Order 39</p> <p>Appendix 1a - Copy of the advertised draft Traffic Regulation Order Variation Order 8</p> <p>Appendix 2 - Plans</p>
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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 Transportation and Highways

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

Legal

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

Finance

All associated costs will be borne by the County Council's Traffic Management revenue budget

Risk Management Issues

The council has a statutory duty to ensure that its highways operate safely and efficiently, for all traffic including pedestrians.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: S.G.Pilliner

Head of Transportation and Highways

1. Scrutiny Committee

Not applicable

2. Local Member(s)

Cllr Eryl Morgan

Cllr Jeff Edmunds

Cllr Rob James

Cllr Shahana Najmi

Cllr John Jenkins

No objections received.

Cllr John Jenkins objects to the proposals in Coleshill Terrace.

3. Community / Town Council

Llanelli Town council – Object to the proposals in Coleshill Terrace.

Llanelli Rural council – No objections.

4. Relevant Partners

Roads Policing Unit

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service

NHS Wales Ambulance Service

Carmarthenshire Disability Partnership

No objections received.

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

Road Haulage Association, Freight Transport Association.

Local bus and taxi operators .

No objections received.

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THERE ARE NONE