

CABINET MEMBER DECISION MEETING FOR TRANSPORT, WASTE AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

4TH DECEMBER 2024

Cabinet Member:	Portfolio:	
Cllr. Edward Thomas	Place, Infrastructure & Economic Development	
TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR LLANELLI WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING (VARIATION NO 42)		
Purpose: To consider Objections received to the advertised Order and determine whether the Traffic Regulation Order should be made.		
Recommendations / key decisions required: Approval is requested for recommendations 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 & 2.5 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):

No

DECISION MADE:

Signed:

DATE: _____

CABINET 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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1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

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

- **THE COUNTY OF CARMARTHENSHIRE (LLANELLI) (WAITING RESTRICTION AND STREET PARKING PLACES) CONSOLIDATION (VARIATION NUMBER 42) ORDER 2024**

Copies of the advertised draft Traffic Regulation Order is presented as Appendix 1.

Plans illustrating the advertised Order is 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 Law, Governance and Civil Services received thirteen objections, one of which included a 5 no. signature petition and another with a 12 no. signature petition. These are discussed below on a street-by-street basis. Personal details have been removed.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	NO
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Summary of Objections Received

2.1 Burry Street, Llanelli		Map Schedule Ref: CJ221
Proposal: The proposal would be to introduce Prohibition of Waiting (Double Yellow Lines) at the junction of Burry Street with Eastern Road	Objection: A resident has highlighted that they have a disability and limited mobility. As such, the proposed waiting restrictions outside their property will pose access challenges.	Discussion: The Prohibition of Waiting is being provided to improve junction safety and visibility at an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing point. Blue badge holders may park on such restrictions for up to 3hrs providing that they are not causing an obstruction.
Recommendation 2.1: that the extents of the advertised proposals along Burry Street be reduced in length.		
2.2 Alban Road, Llanelli		Map Schedule Ref: CL216
Proposal: The proposal would be to introduce Prohibition of Waiting (Double Yellow Lines) at its junction with Glenalla Road and to introduce a Time Limited Parking Bay (2 hours return prohibited within 2 hours, 8:00am – 8:00pm)	Objection: The proposals would make the current, bad situation for residents of Alban Road significantly worse by restricting further the already limited parking space available. Objection letter included a signed petition of 5 signatures.	Discussion: Prohibition of Waiting is being provided to improve junction visibility and safety, and the Time Limited Parking will allow short-term parking in the vicinity the Glenalla Chapel
Recommendation 2.2: that the advertised proposals be implemented.		

2.3 Courtenay Road, Llanelli		Map Schedule Ref: CJ214
Proposal: The proposal would be to introduce Prohibition of Waiting (Double Yellow Lines) within Courtenay Road turning head.	Objection: Resident considers they are the only ones being affected by the proposed restrictions as the only parking space being lost affects their property as all other residents have their own driveways. They have never been asked to move our vehicle due to an obstruction. Resident is registered disabled and access to the front of property is flat compared to rear access which has steps. Therefore, parking at the front is essential. They consider property will be de-valued with loss of parking to the front. Objection includes a petition with 12 signatures.	Discussion: Prohibition of Waiting is being provided to aid the manoeuvring of vehicles within the cul-de-sac and prevent obstruction to residents. The provision of these restrictions would not prevent access to Blue badge holders and they may park on such restrictions for up to 3hrs providing that they are not causing an obstruction.
	Resident of Courtenay Road expresses concern regarding the proposed changes to parking in the area. While they agree that parked cars should not obstruct the street, they believe enforcing these changes would only move the problem further up the road. The street is narrow, and many residents, including the individual in question, have paid for off-road parking. Over the past 15 years, the number of cars has increased, and removing one vehicle from the road has simply allowed another to park in its place without regard for other residents. There are occasions when vehicles, including those of tradespeople or visitors, block access to private drives, creating challenges in emergency situations, where emergency vehicles may be unable to access the street. The resident also notes that exiting the street can be difficult due to cars obstructing visibility of oncoming traffic. The drop curb for disabled access is frequently blocked, and pavement parking is an issue, particularly concerning as the resident has a visually impaired daughter. The resident suggests that parking restrictions be applied along the entire length of Courtenay Road to ensure better access for all residents and improve safety when leaving the street.	As above and the displacement will only be one vehicle.

	<p>A resident is opposed to any parking restrictions being introduced on Courtney Road, Llanelli. Some families have been parking at the bottom of the cul-de-sac for over 30 years without issue. The resident believes it is unfair to remove their right to park outside their homes due to the actions of a resident who is perceived to be acting out of personal vendetta, with little regard for the neighbours. The affected residents are aging, and it is unclear where they are expected to park, perhaps on another street 50 yards away. The resident argues that other streets in the area with more significant parking issues should be addressed before considering changes to Courtenay Road.</p>	<p>As above</p>
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Recommendation 2.3: that the advertised proposals be implemented.

<p>2.4 Eastern Road, Llanelli</p>		<p>Map Schedule Ref: CJ221</p>
<p>Proposal: The proposal would be to introduce Prohibition of Waiting (Double Yellow lines) along Eastern Road and to introduce a Time Limited Parking Bay outside the play area (2 hours return prohibited within 2 hours, all days)</p>	<p>Objection: Resident suffers from ill health and has disabled badge. They object to the proposal as they will have nowhere else to park as they are the only house in the street which fronts Eastern Road and is directly affected.</p>	<p>Discussion: The Prohibition of Waiting is being provided to improve junction safety and visibility at pedestrian crossing points. The Time Limited Parking (2 hours return prohibited in 2 hours) will facilitate short term parking around the play area. Blue badge holders may park on such restrictions for up to 3hrs providing that they are not causing an obstruction.</p>

Recommendation 2.4: that the advertised proposals be implemented.

2.5 Penallt Terrace, Llanelli		Map Schedule Ref: CM215
Proposal: The proposal would be to introduce Prohibition of Waiting (Double Yellow lines) on Penallt Terrace with its junction with Penallt Road.	Objection: The proposed installation of yellow lines outside the properties of the objector and their neighbour has been met with strong objection. The main concerns include the potential devaluation of the properties, as it could negatively impact resale value. Furthermore, the yellow lines would result in the loss of 4 to 6 parking spaces, significantly reducing parking availability in the area. This is especially problematic, as the lane behind the properties must remain clear for refuse collection, leaving little to no alternative parking options.	Discussion: The Prohibition of Waiting is being provided to prevent parking in the vicinity of a junction to facilitate improved visibility, safety and the free flow of traffic.
	Residential parking in the general area of Penallt has and will probably always be problematic given the increasing numbers of households owning multiple vehicles. Removing 3-4 spaces from the entrance of Penallt Terrace will exacerbate the problem.	As above
	A resident Penallt Terrace has lived at their address for 38 years and highlights that parking in the area is already congested. The removal of parking spaces would further exacerbate the difficulty of finding parking near their home. As a pensioner with medical issues, the resident expresses concern about the added stress this would cause. While understanding the intention to improve street safety, the resident notes that the area already has a good safety record, as it is a cul-de-sac with traffic limited to residents and their visitors.	As above
	The installation of double yellow lines outside the resident's house will significantly impact both their daily life and the wider community. The resident has recently been in a car accident and now experiences daily pain and limited mobility, along with several other medical issues and therefore needs to park as close as possible to the property. Concerns over de-valuing the property. Parking in the street is at a premium.	As above
	Penallt Terrace is a dead-end street with limited parking for residents. Often, residents have to park around the corner and carry shopping to their homes, which is especially difficult for elderly residents who need to park close to their front door. Removing six parking	As above

	spaces from the terrace would greatly impact their ability to find parking. People who have worked hard to buy their homes and pay council taxes should have the right to park outside their property.	
	The street is wide enough to accommodate parked cars on both sides, with sufficient space for other vehicles to pass each other. Given that many households on the street own multiple cars, the introduction of parking restrictions would reduce much-needed parking space. This could also lead to increased frustration and tension among residents due to the limited parking availability.	As above
	The resident acknowledges the intent behind the proposed double yellow lines but believes it will cause significant inconvenience for their household and the community. It would prevent parking outside their home, with limited alternative parking options, particularly affecting families with young children, the elderly, or those with mobility issues. The measure could also reduce the property's value.	As above
Recommendation 2.5: that the extents of the advertised proposals be reduced in length.		

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: D. John

Head of Environmental Infrastructure

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio-diversity & Climate Change
NONE	YES	YES	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE

2. Legal

The Traffic Regulation Order to be introduced by the Council's Head of Law, Governance and Civil Services.

3. Finance

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

5. 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: D. John

Head of Environmental Infrastructure

1. Scrutiny Committee

Not Applicable

2. Local Member(s)

Cllr. Louvain Roberts
Cllr. Anthony Leyshon
Cllr. Rob James
Cllr. John P. Jenkins
Cllr. Suzy Curry
Cllr. Terry Davies
Cllr. Michael Cranham
Cllr. Philip Warlow
Cllr. Janet Williams
Cllr. Stephen Williams
Cllr. Martin Palfreman
Cllr. Edward Skinner

No objections received.

Cllr. Sean Rees - Expressed concern with proposal on Burry Street affecting a disabled resident with limited mobility.

3. Community / Town Council

Llanelli Town Council

No objections received

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