

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

Cabinet Meeting: 26 March, 2018

Report of the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport

Station Road, Dinas Powys - Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time

Purpose of the Report

1. To advise Cabinet of an objection received to the proposal for the introduction of Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time parking restrictions in Station Road, Dinas Powys.

Recommendations

1. That Cabinet reject the objection for the reasons contained in this report and that the parking restrictions in Station Road, Dinas Powys are installed.
2. That the objector is advised of this decision.

Reasons for the Recommendations

1. To confirm the Council's position and to enable the order to be made.
2. To advise the objector of the decision taken by Cabinet.

Background

2. On the 7th July 2017 the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport and Head of Visible Services and Transport gave approval to issue public notice of proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time along Station Road, Dinas Powys. A copy of the report is reproduced in full in [Appendix 'A'](#).
3. The proposed parking restriction area was required to remove irresponsible parking in close proximity to a number of junctions in a road where there is an increasing number of parked vehicles. The increased parking being due to the rising popularity in train usage, compounded by the fact that Dinas Powys station has no available off road parking facilities.
4. Public notice of the proposal was given on the 17th August 2017, with objections being invited in writing by 8th September 2017.

Relevant Issues and Options

5. An objection was received by letter from a local resident, a copy of which is attached in [Appendix 'B'](#). The reason for the objection based on three main concerns is highlighted below, together with the traffic officer response.

Concern 1:

6. The major aim of transport in the Vale of Glamorgan is to improve the quality and level of use of public transport. Part of the area on which there is an intention to place waiting restrictions is an important parking area for users of the train from Dinas Powys station. The people who park are reducing their car use and taking advantage of an improving train service. It seems to make little sense to prevent them from parking. The proposals in front of Old Malthouse will reduce capacity for parking.

Officer Response 1:

7. The proposed parking restriction at the southern end of Station Road will prevent vehicles from parking in close proximity to its junction with Cardiff Road, providing a wide area of available carriageway space which will enable vehicles to safely enter from and exit onto Cardiff Road. Again on the eastern side of Station Road the proposed section of parking restrictions introduced to the south of the entrance to the Old Malthouse will provide increased visibility for the residents exiting from the five properties served by this entrance. However the introduction of these restrictions will still provide up to 57 metres of available parking (eleven vehicles) on the eastern side of Station Road, from its junction with Cardiff Road to the Malthouse entrance.

Concern 2:

8. One of the major problems along Station Road is cars speeding as they turn off Cardiff Road when approaching from a Barry direction. Making the road clear of some of the parked vehicles will only serve to encourage people to increase their speed as they enter Station Road and approach the village.

Officer Response 2

9. The proposed parking restrictions in Station Road will not only prevent vehicles from parking in close proximity to the Cardiff Road junction and the entrance to the Old Malthouse in order to enable safe entry and exit manoeuvres, but also prevent vehicles from parking along the entire length of the western side of the road. The presence of permissible parking in the form of a parking bay on the eastern side of Station Road along its straightest and widest section will effectively reduce the width of available carriageway space. Coupled with the introduction of a centre line marking on the remaining width of carriageway will act as a natural calming measure. Past evidence suggests that reducing the width of the available carriageway will result in reduced vehicle speeds.

Concern 3:

10. Motorist passing through the narrow part of Station Road in front of the Methodist church will now be encouraged to travel even faster if the existing yellow lines are extended and make the blind junction at the bottom of Mount Road even more dangerous. A speed reduction policy in that area would be more useful, rather than clearing the way.

Officer Response 3:

11. As previously advised the narrowing of the lower straight section of Station Road will have a traffic calming effect and thereby the speed of vehicles travelling into narrow section of Station Road that fronts the church will not increase.

Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)

12. The cost of making the Traffic Regulation Order and implementing the scheme is estimated at £2000, which would be met from the Traffic Management's operational budget 2017/18, and would utilise the Council's own resources.

Sustainability and Climate Change Implications

13. There are no Sustainability and Climate Change Implications with regard to this report.

Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)

14. The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 allows highway authorities to make and vary Traffic Regulation Orders to regulate the movement of vehicular traffic, restrict or prohibit certain classes of vehicle and to improve the amenities of an area.
15. The Council is responsible for enforcing parking restrictions under the powers provided by the Traffic Management Act 2004.
16. There are no Human Rights Implications with regard to this report.

Crime and Disorder Implications

17. This proposal will help prevent potential disorder arising from the demand for on street parking.

Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)

18. The proposals will benefit accessibility for all sections of the community.
19. Public Notices advertising the proposed intention to create a new Order will be published bilingually and any signage associated with this project will adhere to the Council's Welsh Language Scheme.

Corporate/Service Objectives

20. To maintain and develop a safe and effective highway.

Policy Framework and Budget

21. This is a matter for Executive decision by Cabinet.

Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)

22. The Ward Members were consulted on the proposal prior to and during the statutory consultation period and no comments were received.
23. Stakeholder consultations will take place in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

24. Environment and Regeneration.

Background Papers

Traffic Management Information File 837.

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