

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL
PORTFOLIO HOLDER DELEGATED DECISION
by
COUNTY COUNCILLOR HEULWEN HULME
PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT
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REPORT AUTHOR: Traffic Engineer North, Highways & Technical Services

REPORT TITLE: Introduction of Prohibitions of Waiting At Any Time along parts of the B4393 county highway and private roads controlled by Hafren Dyfrdwy at Lake Vyrnwy, Llanwddyn to address inconsiderate visitor parking.

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Purpose

1.1. This report seeks to secure portfolio holder authorisation for local highway authority traffic officers to commence the traffic regulation order consultation and making process to introduce prohibitions of waiting along parts of the B4393 and roads controlled by Hafren Dyfrdwy at Lake Vyrnwy, Llanwddyn.

2. Background

2.1. Hafren Dyfrdwy controls land around Lake Vyrnwy and has recently secured planning consent to make certain modifications to their access roads, informational signage and parking areas to better control the parking and traffic movements of visitors to the lake. These works include the introduction of parking controls within their main visitor car park downstream of the dam and the parking areas near the public toilets and visitor centre alongside the dam.

2.2. The local highway authority raised concerns at the planning application consultation process that these parking controls on privately owned land adjacent to or near the public highways would exacerbate the current problems associated with visitors to the lake parking in an inconsiderate manner in close proximity to the side road junctions at both ends of the dam and along the public highway in the vicinity of the visitor centre and public toilets.

2.3. Hafren Dyfrdwy acknowledged this concern and has agreed to fund the provision of a Traffic Regulation Order and all the associated carriageway markings to prohibit parking along the county highways at these problem locations.

- 2.4. The highway authority is also empowered to introduce these same prohibitions along private roads owned and maintained by developers and corporations at the request of those road owners with their express consent. Hafren Dyfrdwy has requested that Powys County Council introduces prohibitions of waiting along parts of their own roads under the same Traffic Regulation Order that will introduce those prohibitions on the nearby county highways.
- 2.5. Highway authority traffic officers have agreed to this request on the proviso that Hafren Dyfrdwy retain the ongoing responsibility for the maintenance of the carriageway markings relating to the Traffic Regulation Order on their own roads and agree to meet any future costs that may be required to modify the Traffic Regulation Order as a consequence of changes that they may decide to implement on their own roads. Hafren Dyfrdwy have formally agreed to those terms in writing.
- 2.6. Hafren Dyfrdwy have and continue to liaise closely with Traffic Officers at Powys County Council and have already made their residents and business owners aware of these intentions as they relate to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order.
- 2.7. For the purposes of clarity, the proposed prohibitions contained within the traffic order are identified on the plans on Appendix A to the report rather than as written descriptions of individual waiting prohibitions along those roads. These plans will be available to view on site notices and on the Council's website.
- 2.8. The Council's statement of reasons are attached to this report at Appendix B.

3. Advice

- 3.1. No other options are available for consideration at this stage of the Traffic Regulation Order proposal process.
- 3.2. The County Council has engaged with the Community Council and the county councillor whose ward is directly affected by the proposed waiting prohibitions.
- 3.3. The proposals support the CIP priority of improving our transport infrastructure by making it safer for people to use the highways at Lake Vyrnwy and to encourage active travel movements.

4. Resource Implications

- 4.1 All costs associated with the consultation process, the implementation of the Traffic Regular Order and the application of the carriageway markings will be funded by Hafren Dyfrdwy.

4.2 The Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer) notes the above and can support the recommendation.

5. Legal implications

5.1. The Principal Legal Assistant (North) has reviewed the proposals and confirms it is within our powers as long as we follow the correct procedure.

5.2. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows: "I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report".

6. Data Protection

6.1. The proposal does not require the processing of personal data, therefore comments from the Data Protection Officer are not required.

7. Comment from local member(s)

7.1. The proposal will affect residents, businesses, and visitors to Lake Vyrnwy and Llanwddyn. Cllr Bryn Davies has expressed support for the proposal, as has Dyfed-Powys Police and Llanwddyn Community Council.

8. Impact Assessment

8.1. An impact assessment is not required.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
To authorise the local highway authority to commence the legal public consultation procedure for the proposed traffic regulation order relating to new waiting prohibitions at Llanwddyn identified at Appendix A to the report, and if no substantive objections are received implement the prohibition of waiting Order in accordance with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.	To introduce the on street waiting prohibition traffic regulation order which is required to address inconsiderate and obstructive parking along parts of the B4393 county highway and Hafren Dyfrdwy maintained roads at Llanwddyn.

Relevant Policy:	Powys County Council Parking Policy – Version 1 (Approved 9th January 2018)		
Within Policy:	Y /N	Within Budget:	Y /N

Relevant Local Member(s):	Cllr Bryn Davies - member for the Llanwddyn ward.
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Chris Lloyd
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Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	As soon as possible
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Is a review of the impact of the decision required?	Y/ N
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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

- **Appendix A - Proposed waiting prohibition plans.**
- **Appendix B - Statement of reasons.**