

# Impact Assessment

## Blue Badge Concession



Impact Assessments (IA) are a process of assessing how our proposals and decisions might impact upon different types of people and communities and developing proposals in line with relevant legislation.

This is a legal requirement, and ensures the Council considers key legislation, including Equalities, Welsh language, Future Generations, Socio-economic Duty and Risk when developing proposals.

It will also help the Council make the best possible decisions for the people of Powys.

## 1. Proposal Information

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<b>Proposal title</b>	Blue Badge Concession
<b>Description of proposal</b>	<p>It is proposed to introduce charging for blue badge holders in our Pay &amp; Display car parks, but to allow an additional hour on top of their paid tariff as a concession. Currently the display of a Blue Badge allows free parking.</p> <p>The blue badge scheme is designed to help people who have severe mobility problems lead independent lives by allowing them, as driver or as a passenger, to park more conveniently near to a venue/destination and have easier access to the service they want to use.</p> <p>In recognition that it may take longer for blue badge holders to move around their destination, it is proposed that the concession afforded provides them with an additional hour on top of their paid for time. This will mitigate blue badge holders possibly having to purchase a longer stay to take account of any mobility issue they may have when compared to a non-blue badge holder.</p> <p>Economic hardship can affect many people who are on low income, and whilst it is recognised blue badge holders are more likely to have low income, such hardship is not exclusive and there are no car parking concessions related to economic hardship in general.</p>

## 2. Savings and Consultation

### Profile of savings delivery

2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028+	Total Savings
0	100,000	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

## Further information

It is proposed to introduce charging for blue badge holders in our Pay & Display car parks, but to allow an additional hour on top of their paid tariff as a concession.

Powys County Council makes provision for blue badge holders within its car parks by providing designated bays for use; the authority currently has 196 disable bays throughout the county which equates to 5.3% of the total number of bays. There are circa 12,000 blue badge holders registered in Powys.

## Consultation requirements

<b>Consultation required?</b>	No
<b>Union consultation date</b>	16/02/2023
<b>Staff consultation date</b>	09/02/2023
<b>Public consultation date</b>	09/02/2023

### Consultation plan (or justification where no consultation is required)

A extensive public and stakeholder consultation exercise relating to reviewing the Blue Badge concession in our Pay & Display car parks was previously carried out in 2018.

- over 500 people completed the online survey
- over 100 paper surveys had been returned to the council, alongside letters and emails

Stakeholder engagement was carried out with Powys Youth Forum, Physical Disability & Sensory loss Group, Older People's Forum and the Learning Disability Group

## 3. Impact on other service areas, geographical areas, and data protection

### 1a. Impact on other service areas

None

## 1b. Impact on geographical locations

Powys

## 1c. Data protection impact assessment

Will the proposal involve processing the personal details of individuals?	No
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Is Powys County Council the data controller?	No
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### Further information

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## 4. Impact on well-being goals including Welsh language and equalities

### 1d. A prosperous Wales

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

### 1e. A resilient Wales

Impact	None
Impact Rating	Choose an item.
Mitigation	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mitigated Rating	Choose an item.

## 1f. A healthier Wales

<b>Impact</b>	Should a blue badge holder have low income, they may be deterred from accessing services, social clubs and alike.
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Poor
<b>Mitigation</b>	<p>Blue Badge holders will receive the concession of an additional hour free on top of paid for time. This will mitigate blue badge holders possibly having to purchase a longer stay to take account of any mobility issue they may have when compared to a non-blue badge holder.</p> <p>Discounted seasonal/annual permits are also available for regular car park users.</p> <p>Car parking pay meters will be fully accessible for blue badge holders.</p>
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Poor

## 1g. A Wales of cohesive communities

<b>Impact</b>	If deterred from accessing services, there is potential for people affected to feel isolated.
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Poor
<b>Mitigation</b>	<p>Blue Badge holders will receive the concession of an additional hour free on top of paid for time. This will mitigate blue badge holders possibly having to purchase a longer stay to take account of any mobility issue they may have when compared to a non-blue badge holder.</p> <p>Discounted seasonal/annual permits are also available for regular car park users.</p> <p>Car parking pay meters will be fully accessible for blue badge holders. Blue badge holders can be signposted to community connectors and voluntary transport support schemes.</p>
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Poor

## 1h. A globally responsible Wales

<b>Impact</b>	<p>The blue badge scheme is designed to help people who have severe mobility problems lead independent lives by allowing them, as driver or as a passenger, to park more conveniently near to a venue/destination and have easier access to the service they want to use.</p> <p>Economic hardship can affect many people who are on low income, and whilst it is recognised blue badge holders are more likely to have low income, such hardship is not exclusive and there are no car parking concessions related to economic hardship in general.</p>
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Poor
<b>Mitigation</b>	In recognition that it may take longer for blue badge holders to move around their destination, it is proposed that the concession afforded provides them with an additional hour on top of their paid for time. This will mitigate blue badge holders possibly having to purchase a longer stay to take account of any mobility issue they may have when compared to a non-blue badge holder.
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Poor

## 1i. A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

### Using Welsh

<b>Impact</b>	None
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Mitigation</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Choose an item.

### Promoting Welsh

<b>Impact</b>	None
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Mitigation</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Choose an item.

## Sports, Art & Recreation

<b>Impact</b>	None
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Mitigation</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Choose an item.

## 1j. A more equal Wales

### Age

<b>Impact</b>	None
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Mitigation</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Choose an item.

### Disability

<b>Impact</b>	Removing the free concession to blue badge holders will solely impact people with a disability, however they will still receive a concession in comparison to non-blue badge holders.
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Neutral
<b>Mitigation</b>	Blue Badge holders will still receive a concession of an additional hour free on top of paid for time. This will mitigate blue badge holders possibly having to purchase a longer stay to take account of any mobility issue they may have when compared to a non-blue badge holder. Car parking pay meters will be fully accessible for blue badge holders.
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Neutral

### Gender Reassignment

<b>Impact</b>	None
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Choose an item.

<b>Mitigation</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Choose an item.

### Marriage or Civil Partnership

<b>Impact</b>	None
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Mitigation</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Choose an item.

### Race

<b>Impact</b>	None
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Mitigation</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Choose an item.

### Religion or belief

<b>Impact</b>	None
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Mitigation</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Choose an item.

### Sex

<b>Impact</b>	None
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Mitigation</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.



<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Choose an item.
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### Sexual Orientation

<b>Impact</b>	None
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Mitigation</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Choose an item.

### Pregnancy and Maternity

<b>Impact</b>	None
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Mitigation</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Choose an item.

### Socio-economic Duty

<b>Impact</b>	None
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Mitigation</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Choose an item.

### 1k. Evidence

None provided
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## 5. Impact on key guiding principles & workforce

### 11. Sustainable development principles

#### Long-term

<b>Impact</b>	It is recognised that a significant proportion of blue badge holders are held by the elderly, and with an ageing population the proposal will affect more people in the long term.
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Poor
<b>Mitigation</b>	<p>Blue Badge holders will receive the concession of an additional hour free on top of paid for time. This will mitigate blue badge holders possibly having to purchase a longer stay to take account of any mobility issue they may have when compared to a non-blue badge holder.</p> <p>Discounted seasonal/annual permits are also available for regular car park users.</p> <p>Car parking pay meters will be fully accessible for blue badge holders.</p>
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Poor

#### Collaboration

<b>Impact</b>	None
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Mitigation</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Choose an item.

#### Involvement (including Communication & Engagement)

<b>Impact</b>	A stakeholder and public consultation has been carried out in 2018..
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Neutral
<b>Mitigation</b>	The decision will be communicated to those affected by general and specific communications.
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Neutral

## Prevention

<b>Impact</b>	None
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Mitigation</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Choose an item.

## Integration

<b>Impact</b>	None
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Mitigation</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Choose an item.

## 1m. Impact on the workforce

<b>Impact</b>	None
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Mitigation</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Choose an item.

## 1n. Impact on payroll

<b>Impact</b>	None
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Mitigation</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Choose an item.

## 1o. Welsh language impact on Staff

<b>Impact</b>	None
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Mitigation</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Choose an item.

## 1p. Impact on apprenticeships

<b>Impact</b>	None
<b>Impact Rating</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Mitigation</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>Mitigated Rating</b>	Choose an item.

## 1q. Evidence

None provided

## 6. Likelihood and risks

<b>Risk 1</b>					
Displacement Parking					
<b>Likelihood score</b>	3	<b>Impact score</b>	1	<b>Risk rating</b>	3
<b>Mitigation</b>					
Click or tap here to enter text.					
<b>Residual likelihood score</b>	Choose an item.	<b>Residual impact score</b>	Choose an item.	<b>Residual risk rating</b>	Choose an item.

## Risk 2

Blue badge holders not being aware of the change and at higher risk of Penalty Charge Notices.

**Likelihood score**

Choose an item.

**Impact score**

Choose an item.

**Risk rating**

Choose an item.

## Mitigation

Need for good communication strategy to avoid enforcement.

**Residual likelihood score**

Choose an item.

**Residual impact score**

Choose an item.

**Residual risk rating**

Choose an item.

## Risk 3

Blue badge holders may be deterred from accessing services and a risk of isolation.

**Likelihood score**

1

**Impact score**

2

**Risk rating**

2

## Mitigation

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**Residual likelihood score**

Choose an item.

**Residual impact score**

Choose an item.

**Residual risk rating**

Choose an item.

## Risk 4

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**Likelihood score**

Choose an item.

**Impact score**

Choose an item.

**Risk rating**

Choose an item.

## Mitigation

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<b>Residual likelihood score</b>	Choose an item.	<b>Residual impact score</b>	Choose an item.	<b>Residual risk rating</b>	Choose an item.
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## Risk 5

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<b>Likelihood score</b>	Choose an item.	<b>Impact score</b>	Choose an item.	<b>Risk rating</b>	Choose an item.
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## Mitigation

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<b>Residual likelihood score</b>	Choose an item.	<b>Residual impact score</b>	Choose an item.	<b>Residual risk rating</b>	Choose an item.
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## 7. Overall summary and judgement

### Outline assessment

This proposal solely affects blue badge holders.

Blue Badge holders will still receive a concession of an additional hour free on top of paid for time. This will mitigate blue badge holders possibly having to purchase a longer stay to take account of any mobility issue they may have when compared to a non-blue badge holder.

Discounted seasonal/annual permits are also available for regular car park users.

Car parking pay meters will be fully accessible for blue badge holders.

<b>Cabinet reference</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.
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## 8. Additional evidence

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## 9. Monitoring arrangements

The concession will be managed and enforced by the Parking Service.

**Review date**

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