

CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 14/05/24

Title: Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

Purpose of the report: To seek authorisation for the making of the above Traffic Regulation Order, and the publication of a notice in local press to that effect

For: Decision

Cabinet Portfolio and Cabinet Member:
Councillor Keith Henson, Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services and Carbon Management

Introduction

It is considered important to understand why it has been necessary to propose the changes to the traffic regulation orders contained in this report before considering the outcome of the statutory consultation that ended on 24/04/2024.

The introduction of changes to the parking restrictions contained in this report are a result of design work that Officers have been progressing as part of the Levelling Up Funding (LUF) grant award of £10.8M to Ceredigion County Council in 2021.

The scheme is split into two distinct components that complement each other in delivering the goals that were set out in the original application bid document. An element of the grant award was to Aberystwyth University to deliver the refurbishment of the Old College and £4.8M was to be used to fund active travel connectivity improvements between the Castle, the Old College, and the Harbour area. The improvements should also deliver on the Council's strategic goals of reaching carbon net zero by 2050 and encouraging healthy lifestyles.

The design parameters that have been used for the improvement plans have been taken from the Active Travel Guidance (2021) which was introduced following the introduction of the Active Travel Act 2013, and which placed a statutory duty on Local Authorities to secure continuous improvements to active travel routes and remove barriers to the public in making this choice of travel.

The proposed width along the promenade is based on the number of pedestrians and cyclists that we would expect to utilise the promenade once the work has been completed. The university undertook a survey when they had an event on before any improvements began and counted over 8,000 people a day walking outside the Old College on the promenade. This statistic has been used in the business case for funding the changes to Old College which includes the LUF contribution.

An increase in the numbers of pedestrian will therefore need to be accommodated by the public infrastructure, as well as having available parking space through turnover of spaces nearby to the Old College for those with mobility problems is part of the solution considered in this report.

Since parking in any historical town centre will always be limited, the LUF Promenade scheme will be designed to accommodate a significant number of additional people using the Council's larger car park facilities along Park Avenue and then using the route along NCR 81 and from the Rheidol Trail. Improving the connectivity across the roadway for all users to the Castle from the prom and Old College area is considered to be beneficial to the town's vibrancy.

In relation to this scheme there are other pieces of work being undertaken in parallel, such as investigation into extending the Maes-yr-Afon car park into the old Arriva site with the potential to increase available spaces by over 150, and it should be noted that this car park is actually closer to the centre of Aberystwyth (at 400m) and a more level walk than the parking currently provided between the Hut and Castle Point.

The existing active travel cycle route along the seafront roads are already part of the National Cycle Route (NCR 81), but there is insufficient width afforded to cyclists, bearing in mind that two-way traffic flow is permitted through a carriageway width of about 4.0m - 4.5m. This means that the existing NCR is not Active Travel compliant and squeezes the space cyclist are given or intimidates them if vehicles are following or are met head on, which is far from ideal.

The Highway Code requires vehicles to allow at least 1.5m space when passing or overtaking cyclists at speeds of up to 30mph <https://highwaycode.org.uk/rule-163/>, which cannot be accommodated within the existing carriageway whilst retaining the current use.

Therefore, creating space on the promenade for them makes for a safer environment, but also, if cyclists continue to choose to use the carriageway, there will be more space without the danger of vehicles opening their doors or overtaking very close.

Clearly the available highway space between the sea wall and the Castle wall needed to be redistributed and the most obvious element to remove was the parking as this did not impinge on the available promenade width or the carriageway width that should be available to allow traffic to flow freely and safely.

The width on the prom for shared use will always remain a compromise but the proposals will be a significant improvement. Pedestrians need 2.0m minimum width, so to make this shared use, the absolute minimum cycle width requirement (2.0m) was chosen alongside minimum pedestrian width (2.0m) giving a 4.0m nominal shared use unobstructed width.

Carriageway widths have been designed using guidance contained in Manual for Streets and the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges. The recommended carriageway width for two-way traffic flow is 5.5m (this can be reduced where flow numbers are low or are not distributor roads). Single way traffic flow lane widths need to be designed as being 4.0m wide to account for large vehicles such as refuse lorries

and fire engines. A parking bay width of 2.0m has also been used to determine the design widths of the available space required.

When all the above was considered the final design widths below have been proposed.

In summary:

	Old College	Cor y Castell	Castle Priority Section	South Marine Terrace
Existing effective prom width	3.4m - 3.8m	4.3m - 8.4m	3.2m - 3.5m	2.5m - 2.7m
Existing effective carriageway width	5.5m + 2m parking bay	4.0m + 2m parking bay	3.8m + 2m parking bay	5.0m - 5.2m + 2 x 2m parking bays
Proposed effective prom width	as existing	4.3m - 8.4m	4.5m - 5.0m	3.5m - 4.0m
Proposed effective carriageway width	5.5m + 2m parking bay	5.5m	4.0m	4.8m + 2 x 2m parking bay*

* Parking on the seaward side of South Marine Terrace was reinstated following discussion with the Town Council, which resulted in a reduced two-way carriageway width (4.8m rather than 5.5m)

These proposals were presented to the Town Council the Local Members for Morfa a Glais and Rheidol and the portfolio holders for Highway and Environmental Services and Economy and Regeneration in October 2023.

Following the discussions held, changes to the proposals were made to the design that retained the parking along South Marine Terrace. The resulting design has been used to propose the changes to the parking restriction that will be necessary to achieve a safer, better flowing and more connected region of Aberystwyth.

To enable the design proposals to be introduced, it is estimated that 229m of on-street parking between South Road and King Street will be removed. This is the equivalent of 42 spaces based on a 5.5m long space (minimum for disabled is 6.6m). To enable better turnover of spaces around the Old College parking restrictions will be amended along 300m which is the equivalent of 55 spaces.

Changes to the Traffic Regulation Orders

The First and Second Stage Consultation has been conducted on the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

The effect of this Order is to introduce multiple changes to parking restrictions on part of Aberystwyth seafront and some adjoining streets. This is part of a scheme to reallocate inadequate space for two-way traffic on part of the seafront and to provide a shared use path compliant with the Active Travel Act 2013.

The reasons for this proposal are therefore to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using these roads or preventing the likelihood of such danger arising, to facilitate passage on the roads (including for pedestrians), and to improve the amenities of the area.

To date 327 objections have been received in response to both stages of consultation, including one from the Local Member within whose ward the proposal falls, and from Aberystwyth Town Council, the Coastguard, Aberystwyth, and District Civic Society, and from Hywel Dda Health Board.

An online petition titled *Reject the Proposed Council Changes in Aberystwyth* containing 726 names and addresses, including some from outside Wales but no actual signatures, has also been received. Actual statements providing grounds for opposition were only provided for 33 individuals. The title and text of the petition were ambiguous, and as a result reasons for objections included reference to charges for parking (which lie outside the scope of this proposal), and there is also the potential for the double counting of individuals who also submitted individual objections during the formal objection process and the petition. The petition has therefore been counted as one objection.

The TRO consultation process is accompanied by a specific, defined objection process which enables valid/appropriate objections to be easily and readily identified. This process, and the means by which objections should be lodged were clearly identified on the consultation documents and notices erected on site and published in the local press.

One full expression of support from a member of the public has been received.

Generally, grounds for almost all objections refer to the loss of parking, and impacts on businesses, residents, commuters, and tourism.

Some objectors also question the actual road safety and economic benefits that would be afforded by the scheme, and whether it aligns with the Council's strategic objective of boosting the Ceredigion economy and the elements of People, Place, and Connectivity within that strategy.

A small number feel that part of the rationale for the proposed TRO is inappropriately to assist the private development of the Yr Hen Goleg University building on the seafront.

A small number of objectors use the numbering system for individual locations in site notices to provide comments on each location, and so the site notices are included in Appendix 1.

A number of objections raise issues beyond the scope of the proposed TRO. Given the volume of objections, and the length and complexity of many of them, and that multiple items of correspondence have been received from some objectors, the following provides only an approximation of the number and percentage of objections falling into the following categories:

Category	Number of objections	Percentage of objections
Requests mitigation measures (e.g., cheaper parking in pay and displays, additional car parking elsewhere, Residents' Parking, better public transport etc	209	64%
Objector identifies as Aberystwyth resident/business	193	59%
Is concerned regarding displacement parking	177	54%
Requests wider review of parking in Aberystwyth/wider consultation with businesses and organisations	145	44%
Objects to disabled parking bay being relocated on landward side of New South Promenade from seaward side	139	43%
Feels that removal of existing pinch point by Castle Point and loss of parking there is not justified	36	11%
Specifically objects to loss of unrestricted parking on Laura Place	23	7%
Requests that Pier Street be returned to two way traffic	24	7%
Feels that the scheme will lead to Increased air pollution (e.g. due to drivers trying to find parking spaces)	21	6%
Feels that existing footpath on this section of the Prom is sufficiently wide	12	4%
Mentions/objects to charging for parking (not included in this proposal)	17	5%

Copies of objections are contained in Appendix 2.
Responses to the objections are summarised at Appendix 3.

Proposals

It is now proposed to make the necessary Traffic Regulation Order.

Wellbeing of Future Generations:

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If, not, please state why.

See appendix 4.

Summary of Integrated Impact Assessment:

Long term: The proposal will enable the improvement of active travel provision and the attractiveness of the promenade to residents and visitors in close proximity to many of the assets and attractions available within the retail and tourist areas of Aberystwyth.

Collaboration: The proposal will be the subject of consultation with other stakeholders in order to shape the final proposals put forward for public consultation.

Involvement: The proposal will be the subject of public consultation and a further Cabinet resolution before any implementation is considered.

Prevention: On-street parking is not a preventative service.

Integration: It is not considered possible to include the integration of the service with activities undertaken by other stakeholders and/or partners.

Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Cabinet approve:

- 1) the making of the necessary Traffic Regulation Order,**
- 2) the publication of a subsequent Notice of Making in the press to this effect, and**
- 3) the suggested response to objectors (Appendix 3).**

Reasons for decision:

To authorise the making of the above Traffic Regulation Order, and the publication of a notice in local press to that effect.

Overview and Scrutiny:

N/A

Policy Framework:

Producing better and safer roads

Corporate Well-being Objectives:

- Boosting the Economy, Supporting Businesses and Enabling Employment
- Creating Caring and Healthy Communities
- Providing the Best Start in Life and Enabling Learning at All Ages
- Creating Sustainable, Green and Well-connected Communities

Finance and Procurement implications:

Grant funded under the Levelling Up Funding from UK Government

Procurement of implementation work to use SWWRCEC NEC3 Framework

Legal Implications:

Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, plus amendments.

Staffing implications:

Enforcement of the new parking arrangements will be the responsibility of the Council's Parking Services.

Property / asset implications:

The associated road markings, signs, new kerbs and crossing points etc. will become Highways assets and require maintenance.

Risk(s):

The outputs that the UK Government Levelling Up Funding grant will be severely diminished which will affect the Council's ability to demonstrate that the scheme has delivered the goals that were set out at the beginning i.e., to provide Active Travel complaint connectivity improvements to the promenade. Withdrawal of funding by UK Government may result from the reduced delivery output of this scheme.

Statutory Powers:

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Background Papers:

Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Site notices indicating the proposed TRO with location numbers

Appendix 2 – Anonymised correspondence received

Appendix 3 – Summarised responses

Appendix 4 – Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)

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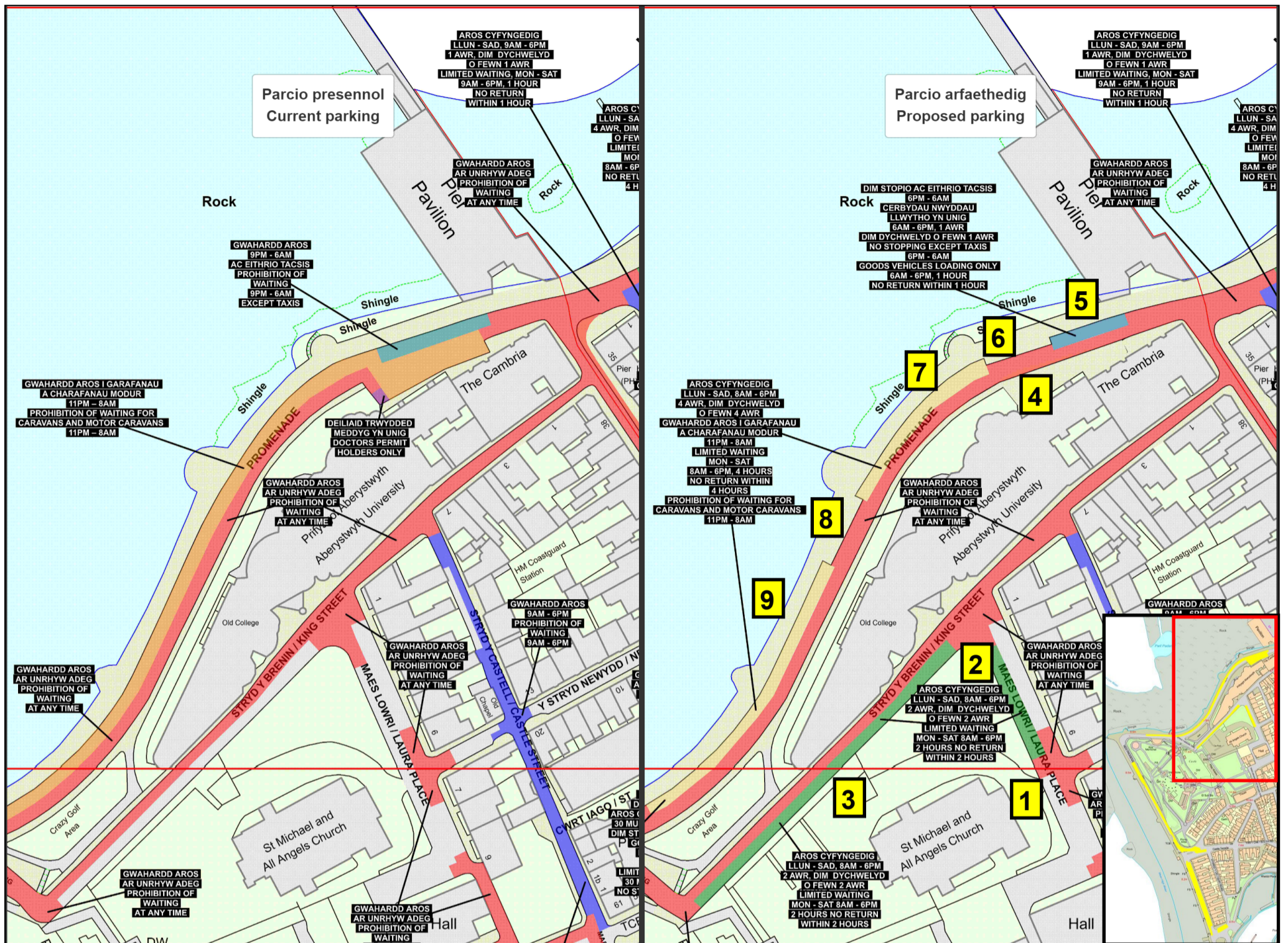
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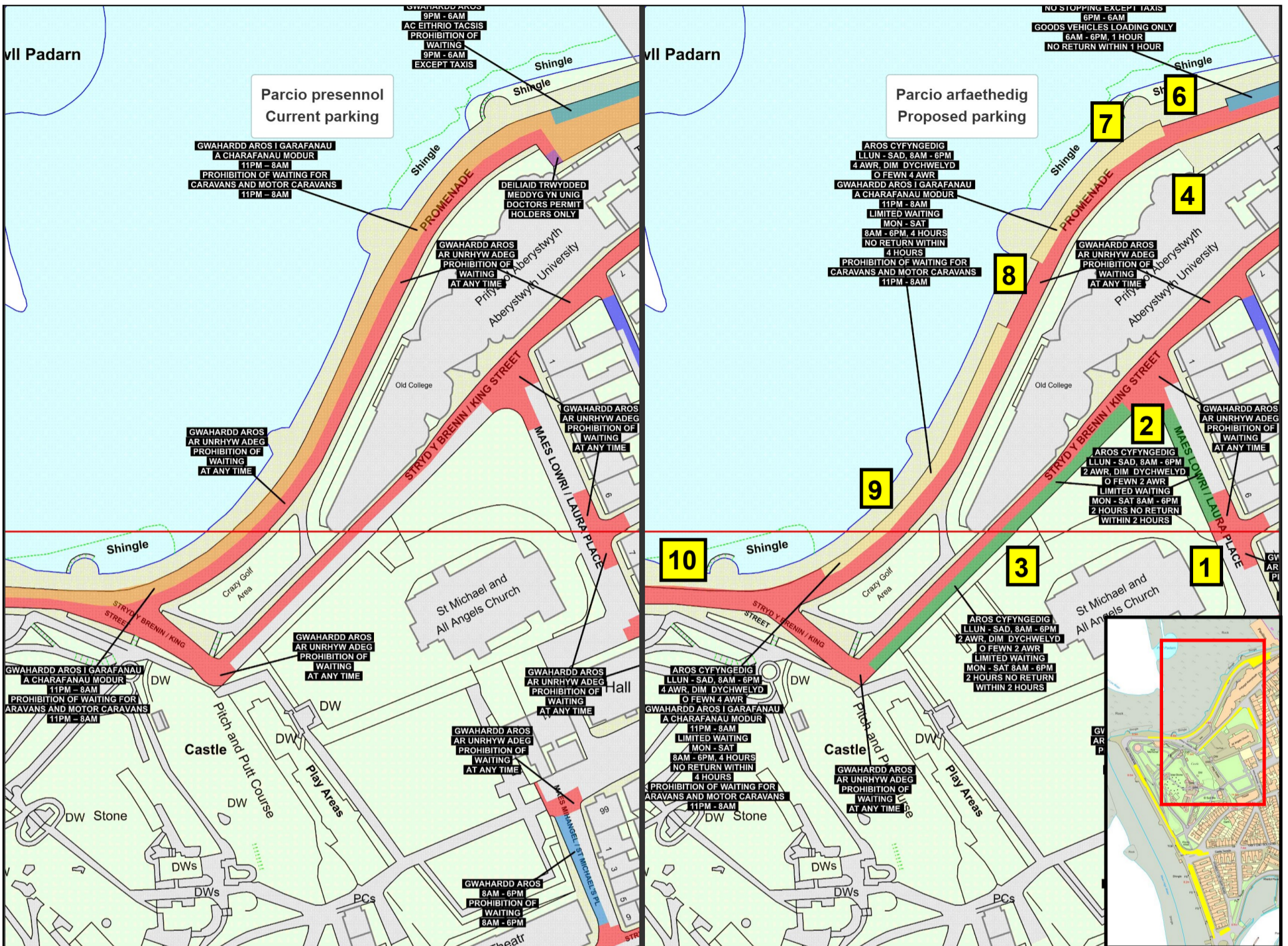
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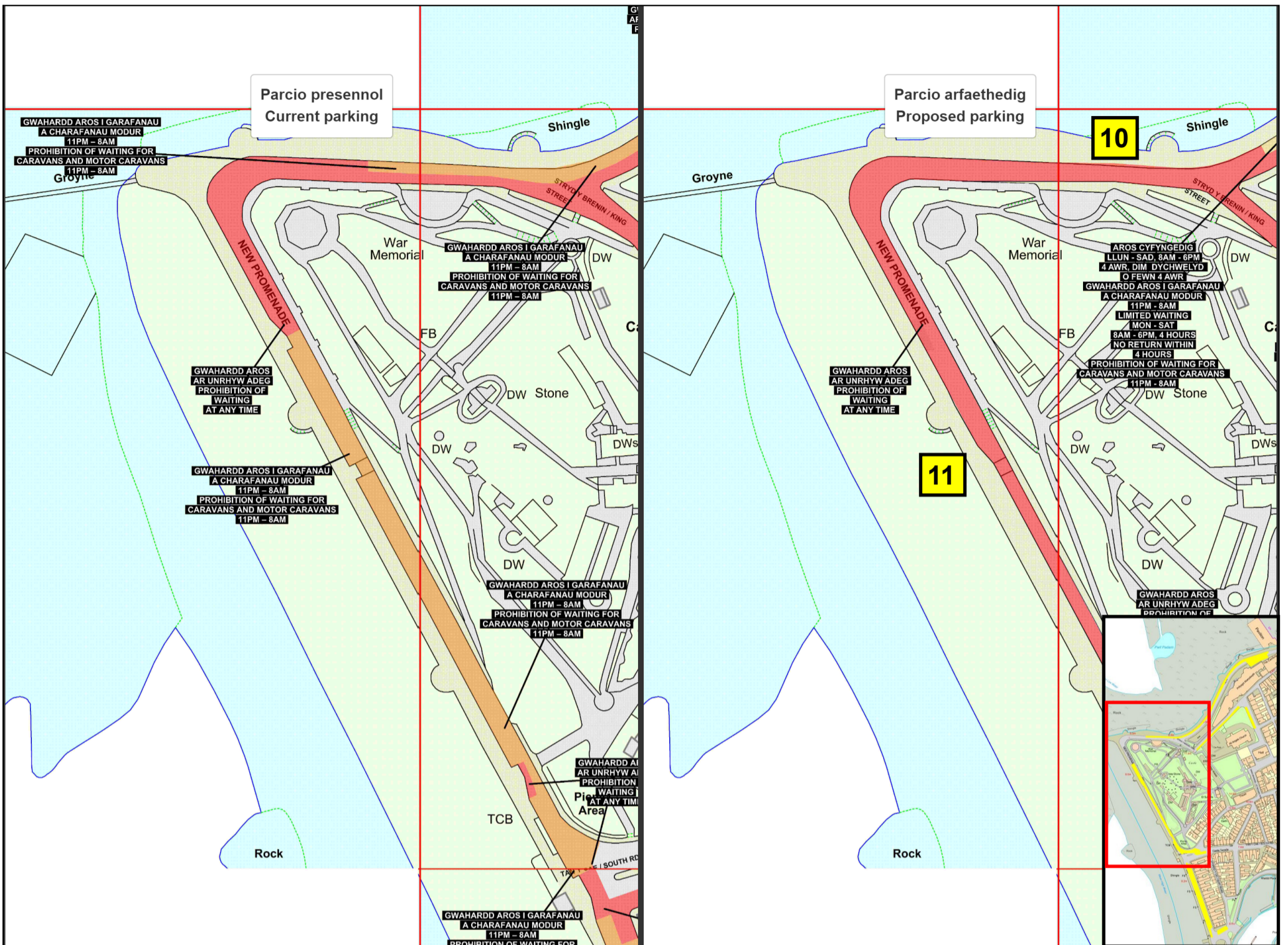
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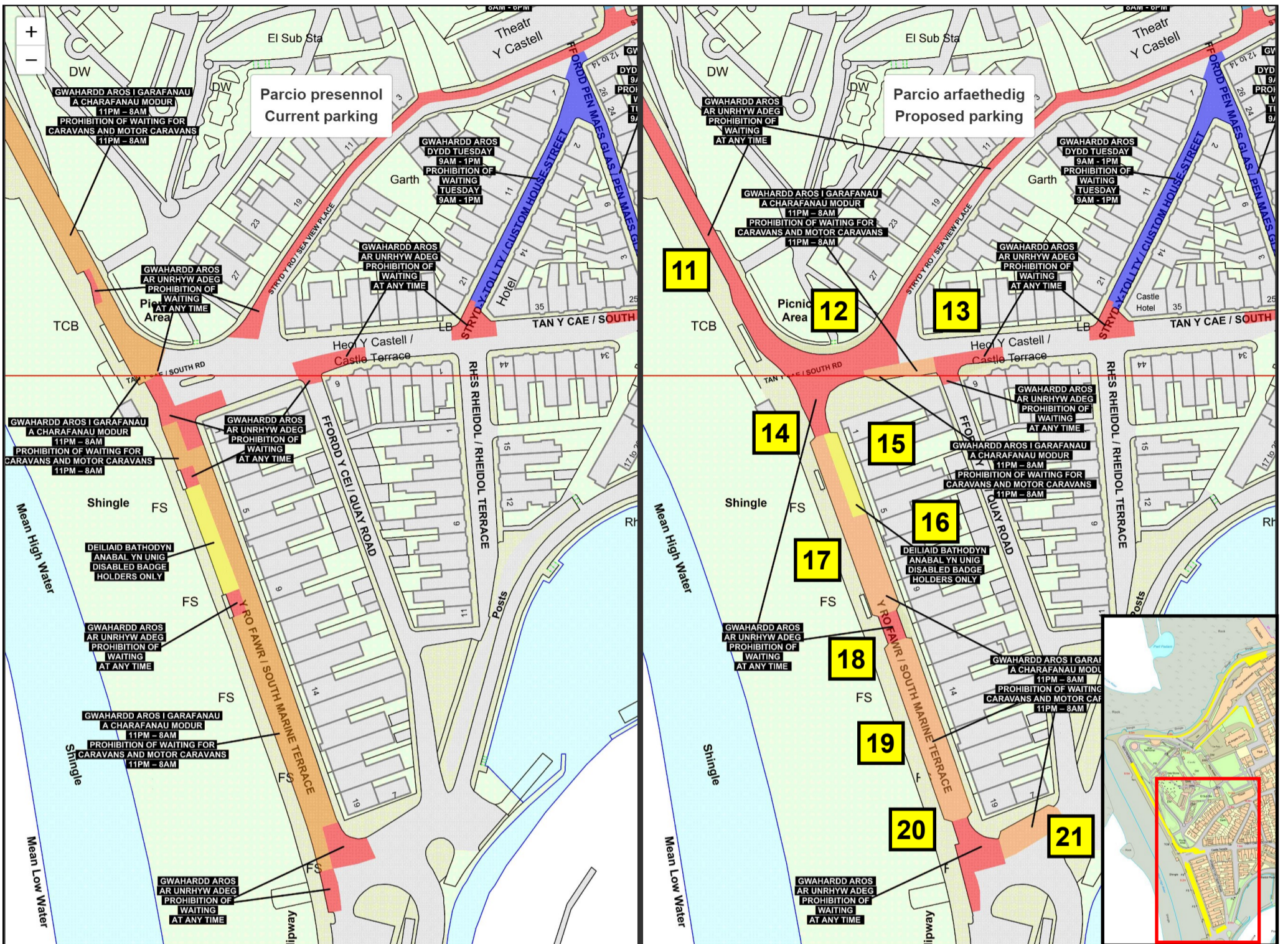
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2	Ochr orllewinol Maes Lowri tua'r gogledd o ben gogleddol yr uchod am tua 36m i'r gyffordd â Stryd y Brenin	Aros Cyfyngedig Newydd Llun-Sad 8am - 6pm 2 awr dim dychwelyd o fewn 2 awr, yn lle'r parcio digyfyngiad sy'n bodoli eisoes
3	Heol y Brenin ar ochr y tir o ddiwedd y Gwaharddiad presennol ar Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg ar y gyffordd â Maes Lowri tua'r de-orllewin am tua 109m i ddiwedd y Gwaharddiad presennol ar Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg trwy fynediad i gerddwyr i'r maes chwarae	Aros Cyfyngedig Newydd Llun-Sad 8am - 6pm 2 awr dim dychwelyd o fewn 2 awr, yn lle'r parcio digyfyngiad sy'n bodoli eisoes
4	Rhodfa Newydd ar ochr y tir ger y Cambria ac adeilad Prifysgol Aberystwyth	Gwaharddiad Newydd ar Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg, disodli'r cilfachau parcio sy'n bodoli eisoes (a gwaharddiad ar aros am garafannau a charafannau modur 11pm – 8am) a chilfach meddygon oherwydd newidiadau i aliniad y briffordd (colli tua 12 lle parcio)
5	Rhodfa Newydd ochr y môr ger y pier, cilfach tacsis sy'n bodoli eisoes 9pm - 6am	Cilfach i'w lleihau o ran hyd o tua 10m i 24m a chyfyngiadau newydd Cerbydau nwyddau yn llwytho dim ond 6am – 6pm, 1 awr, dim dychwelyd o fewn 1 awr; tacsis yn unig 6pm – 6am.
6	Rhodfa Newydd ochr y môr yn union i'r gorllewin o'r gilfach uchod am bellter o tua 21m tua'r gorllewin	Gwaharddiad Newydd ar Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg, er mwyn gwella diogelwch symudiadau croesfannau i gerddwyr
7	Rhodfa Newydd ochr y môr, yn union i'r gorllewin o'r uchod am tua 55m tua'r gorllewin (tua 10 lle parcio)	Aros Cyfyngedig Newydd Llun - Sad, 8am - 6pm, 4 awr, dim dychwelyd o fewn 4 awr gyda'r Gwaharddiad presennol ar Aros am garafannau a charafannau modur 11pm - 8am yn cael ei gadw
8	Rhodfa Newydd ochr y môr, yn union i'r de-orllewin o'r uchod am tua 20m	Gwaharddiad Newydd ar Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg yn lle'r Gwaharddiad presennol ar Aros am garafannau a charafannau modur 11pm - 8am, er mwyn gwella diogelwch ar gyfer symudiadau croesfannau i gerddwyr (colli tua 4 lle parcio)
9	Rhodfa Newydd ochr y môr, yn union i'r de-orllewin o'r uchod am tua 90m	Aros Cyfyngedig Newydd Llun - Sad, 8am - 6pm, 4 awr, dim dychwelyd o fewn 4 awr gyda'r Gwaharddiad presennol ar Aros am garafannau a charafannau modur 11pm - 8am yn cael ei gadw
10	Rhodfa Newydd ochr y môr, yn union i'r gorllewin o'r uchod am tua 55m i ddechrau'r Gwaharddiad presennol ar Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg	Gwaharddiad Newydd ar Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg yn lle'r Gwaharddiad presennol ar Aros am garafannau a charafannau modur 11pm - 8am, (colli tua 10 lle parcio)
11	Rhodfa Newydd y ddwy ochr i'r ffordd o ddiwedd y Gwaharddiad presennol ar Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg i'r de o Drwyn y Castell i gyfeiriad deheuol am tua 220m i'r gyffordd â Than-y-Cae	Gwaharddiad Newydd ar Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg, yn lle'r gwaharddiad presennol ar aros am garafannau a charafannau modur 11pm – 8am (colli tua 40 o leoedd parcio)
12	Ochr ogleddol Tan-y-Cae o'r gyffordd â Rhodfa Newydd tua'r dwyrain am tua 15m i ddechrau'r Gwaharddiad presennol ar Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg ar Stryd y Ro	Gwaharddiad Newydd ar Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg i annog pobl i beidio â pharcio ar y gyffordd.
13	Ochr ddeheuol Tan-y-Cae o ddiwedd y Gwaharddiad presennol ar Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg ar y gyffordd â'r Ro Fawr tua'r dwyrain am tua 16m i ddechrau'r Gwaharddiad presennol ar Aros Ar Unrhyw Amser ar y gyffordd â Ffordd y Cei	Gwaharddiad Newydd ar Aros am garafannau a charafannau modur 11pm – 8am (yn cwmpasu tua 3 lle parcio)
14	Dwy ochr y Ro Fawr o ganol y gyffordd â Than-y-Cae tua'r de am tua 15m	Diwygio maint y Gwaharddiad ar Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg i atal parcio ger y gyffordd
15	Ochr y tir y Ro Fawr o ben yr uchod tua'r de am tua 20m (ffurfio y tu allan i Rif 1 i ran o'r ffordd y tu allan i Rif 5)	Cilfach Newydd i Bobl Anabl (tua 5 lle parcio)
16	Y Ro Fawr ar ochr y tir o ben deheuol y Gilfach Anabl newydd arfaethedig uchod am tua 25m i'r de	Diwygio maint y Gwaharddiad presennol ar Aros am garafannau a charafannau modur 11pm - 8am
17	Y Ro Fawr ar ochr y môr o tua 15m i'r de o ganol y gyffordd â Than-y-Cae am tua 45m tua'r de (tua'r lefel gyda'r ffin i Rifau 8 a 9)	Diwygio maint y Gwaharddiad presennol ar Aros am garafannau a charafannau modur 11pm - 8am, yn lle'r Gilfach Anabl sy'n bodoli eisoes ar ochr y môr
18	Y Ro Fawr dwy ochr y ffordd o ben deheuol y Gwaharddiad uchod diwygiedig ar Aros am garafannau a charafannau modur 11pm - 8am am tua 10m i'r de	Gwaharddiad Newydd ar Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg i wella diogelwch symudiadau croesfannau i gerddwyr
19	Y Ro Fawr dwy ochr y ffordd am tua 45m tua'r de i ymyl/gyferbyn â Rhif 19	Diwygio maint y Gwaharddiad presennol ar Aros am garafannau a charafannau modur 11pm – 8am (tua 8 lle parcio)
20	Y Ro Fawr ochr y môr o ben deheuol yr uchod am bellter o tua 10m tua'r de i'r Gwaharddiad presennol ar Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg	Gwaharddiad Newydd ar Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg yn lle'r gwaharddiad presennol ar aros am garafannau a charafannau modur 11pm – 8am, (colli tua 2 lle parcio)
21	Ffordd y Cei ar yr ochr ogleddol o ddiwedd y Gwaharddiad presennol ar Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg ar y gyffordd â'r Ro Fawr am tua 15m i'r gogledd-ddwyrain	Gwaharddiad Newydd ar Aros am garafannau a charafannau modur 11pm – 8am i du allan i Rif 7 (tua 3 lle parcio)

Location number	Location	Description
1	Laura Place western side from northern side of access to St Michael and All Angels Church northwards for approx 6m	New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time
2	Laura Place western side northwards from northern end of above for approx 36m to by junction with King Street	New Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 8am - 6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours, replacing existing unrestricted parking
3	King Street landward side from end of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time by junction with Laura Place south westwards for approx 109m to end of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time by pedestrian access to playground	New Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 8am - 6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours, replacing existing unrestricted parking
4	New Promenade landward side by The Cambria and Aberystwyth University building	New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time, replacing existing parking bays (and prohibition of waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am) and Doctors' bay due to alterations in highway alignment (loss of approx 12 parking spaces)
5	New Promenade seaward side by the pier, existing taxi bay 9pm - 6am	Bay to be reduced in length by approx. 10m to 24m and new restrictions Goods vehicles loading only 6am – 6pm, 1 hour, no
6	New Promenade seaward side immediately west of above bay for distance of approx. 21m westwards	New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time, to improve safety for pedestrian crossing movements
7	New Promenade seaward side, immediately west of above for approx. 55m westwards (approx 10 parking spaces)	New Limited Waiting Mon – Sat, 8am – 6pm, 4 hours, no return within 4 hours with existing Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and
8	New Promenade seaward side, immediate southwest of above for approx. 20m	New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time replacing existing Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am, to improve safety for pedestrian crossing movements (loss of approx 4 parking spaces)
9	New Promenade seaward side, immediately southwest of above for approx. 90m	New Limited Waiting Mon – Sat, 8am – 6pm, 4 hours, no return within 4 hours with existing Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and
10	New Promenade seaward side, immediately west of above for approx. 55m to start of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any	New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time replacing existing Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm –
11	New Promenade both sides of road from end of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time south of Castle Point in a southerly direction for approx. 220m to junction with South Road	New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time, replacing existing prohibition of waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am (loss of approx 40 parking spaces)
12	South Road north side from junction with New Promenade eastwards for approx. 15m to start of the existing Prohibition	New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time to discourage parking on junction.
13	South Road south side from end of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time at junction with South Marine Terrace east for approx. 16m to start of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time at junction with Quay Road	New Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am (covering approx 3 parking spaces)
14	South Marine Terrace both sides from centre of junction with South Road southwards for approx. 15m	Amendment to extent of Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time to prevent parking by junction
15	South Marine Terrace landward side from end of above southwards for approx. 20m (form outside Number 1 to part	New Disabled Bay (approx 5 parking spaces)
16	South Marine Terrace on landward side from southern end of proposed new Disabled Bay above for approx. 25m	Amendment to extent of existing Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am
17	South Marine Terrace on seaward side from approx 15m south of centre of junction with South Road for approx. 45m	Amendment to extent of existing Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am, to replace existing Disabled Bay
18	South Marine Terrace both sides of road from southern end of above amended Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor	New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time to improve safety for pedestrian crossing movements
19	South Marine Terrace both sides of road for approx 45m southwards to by/opposite Number 19	Amendment to extent of existing Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am (approx 8 parking spaces)
20	South Marine Terrace seaward side from southern end of above for a distance of approx 10m southwards to existing	New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time replacing the existing prohibition of waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm –
21	Quay Road on northern side from end of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time at junction with South Marine Terrace	New Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am to outside Number 7 (approx 3 parking spaces)

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Dear Sir / Madam

Re: Consultation on the following proposal.

“That The Council proposes to make the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting And Loading And Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No. 11) 2024 to introduce changes to parking restrictions.”

Please see below my response to this consultation.

1/ Once again Ceredigion County Council is approaching matters surrounding traffic flow and parking in Aberystwyth on a piece meal basis.

2/ The last changes made to the traffic flow around Aberystwyth were made in response to the Covid pandemic. The changes were made on health grounds, with the proposals being encouraged and financially supported by the Welsh Government. Consideration as to the impact on the town’s residents, its economy and traffic flow were secondary to what was the most pressing matter at the time,

3/ There was both support and opposition to what was implemented, that view point determined to a large extent on the attitude of the individual towards the access and use of vehicles within the town.

4/ It could be argued that implementing traffic orders to make permanent the “Covid” parking and traffic flow changes, was as much to do with justifying the decisions taken during Covid, as they were to address Aberystwyth’s traffic and parking issues.

5/ It was at that stage that a fundamental flaw was made by the authority, in that it did not have a strategic traffic management plan in place for Aberystwyth. A strategy that would be the reference point on which all traffic management issues would be determined.

6/ It appears that traffic management decisions were and are being taken on a reactionary and ad-hock basis, without considering the un-intended consequences of what was or is being proposed and undertaken.

6/ One consequence of the "Covid" traffic order changes, that soon became apparent, was the increase of vehicular traffic along the promenade, from the Pier to the junction with South Road. The increase of traffic travelling in both directions led inevitably to congestion and frayed tempers.

7/ This increase in traffic was as a result of the decision taken by the authority to make the traffic flow along Pier St one way, from East to West. All promenade traffic, travelling from the direction of Albert Place, towards the Pier, and having passed the turning for Terrace Road are now obliged to travel the whole length of the Promenade as far as South Road.

8/ Having created the problem, Ceredigion Council is now trying to resolve the matter by removing dozens of much needed parking spaces. Again this is being done without any strategic traffic plan being in place and without any consideration on the impact that this will have on local residents and the wider economy of Aberystwyth.

9/ What will be next. Will it be removing parking spaces from South Road and High Street to facilitate better traffic flow from the increased traffic directed into those streets due to Pier Street being one way, East to West.

10/ With the authority finding itself under financial constraints, there is a risk that what is being proposed is driven by the possibility of financial support from the Welsh Government as part of a road safety initiative. In that there is a recognisable traffic problem along the seafront and again rather than initiating a traffic study the local authority will draw down Welsh Government funding for a sticking plaster solution as against doing something that is better suited for the town and its residents.

11/ Please reconsider this proposal, at least until a fully independent traffic and parking survey has been undertaken in Aberystwyth,

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Regards

Hello,

The Aberystwyth and District Civic Society committee has instructed me to write to object most strongly to the proposed introduction of new Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time orders for sections of the New Promenade, specifically locations numbers 10 and 11 of the Amendment Order No. 11 referred to above.

The introduction of these parking restrictions will remove about 50 parking spaces. This will make it even more difficult for Aberystwyth residents and people working in Aberystwyth to find parking spaces, which is already a major problem in Aberystwyth. Also, it will

discourage visitors to Aberystwyth. The combined effect will be devastating for the economy of Aberystwyth, and of Ceredigion more widely, at a time when everything possible should be done to improve the economy of this area.

Furthermore, the stated aim of this proposal is to avoid danger to persons and other traffic in the area, whereas this proposal will have exactly the opposite effect. At the moment, the parked cars on these stretches of New Promenade act as a natural traffic calming measure, forcing traffic to proceed very slowly. If the parked cars are removed then this will encourage drivers to proceed at excessive speed along these sections of the Promenade, which will be very dangerous to pedestrians and children in particular.

Dear Ceredigion County Council,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

While I acknowledge the importance of enhancing the promenade and supporting active travel initiatives, I must oppose these changes if they come at the expense of parking. Below are my key concerns regarding the proposal:

1. Significance of Parking: Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.
2. Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town.
3. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.
4. Impact on Commuters: Many individuals who work in Aberystwyth commute from surrounding areas with insufficient public transport, necessitating the use of cars for transportation and parking within the town.
5. Inadequate Public Transport Infrastructure: The current state of public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces.
6. Displacement of Parking Pressures: The loss of parking along the South promenade will only shift parking pressures onto other nearby streets, exacerbating existing issues.
7. Wider Parking Review: I urge for a comprehensive review of parking in Aberystwyth, including consultation with Aberystwyth University to explore options such as offering parking at the university campus to reduce congestion in the town centre.
8. Timing of Consultation: Given that UKSPF funding for this project must be spent by March 2025, it is concerning that consultation is taking place at such a late stage, raising doubts about the meaningfulness of the process.
9. Alternative Allocation of Funds: There are alternative areas where the allocated funding could be better utilised, particularly to address bottlenecks that impede cycling and active travel along the promenade.

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Dear Sir / Madam,

Consultation: Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

On behalf of Hywel Dda University Health Board I would like to respond to Ceredigion County Council's proposals to change parking restrictions in Aberystwyth's town centre and object to its implementation.

Whilst Hywel Dda University Health Board is supportive in principle of enhancement to the promenade and of active travel improvements, it objects to these being to the detriment of car parking availability. I wish to highlight the following issues with the proposals:

- Parking is consistently one of the most important issues to patients, visitors and staff attending our healthcare services.
- This proposal will result in the loss of around 40-60 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, many of which are used by our patients, visitors and staff when accessing the Pantyfedwen building on Market Street.
- The Health Visiting Team, the Children's Disability Health Team, together with Paediatric Diabetic staff are based at the Pantyfedwen building. Due to the nature of their roles they are often required to travel back and for to the office during the day to attend house visits. In addition, staff must often carry equipment and supplies from the office to their vehicles. The removal of 40 – 60 car parking spaces in the area will compound an already difficult parking situation and reduce access to this site.
- Patients and visitors attending clinics in the Pantyfedwen building will also be impacted by the reduction in parking. For example, there are a minimum of five clinics held per week encompassing Speech & Language therapy, Physiotherapy and Health Visiting clinics.
- In addition to staff based at the Pantyfedwen site, there are also several other community services that would need swift access to residences located within this area. These include our District Nursing and Acute Response teams, as well as emergency and non-emergency ambulance services. A reduction in parking space availability would reduce the efficiency of these services and potentially impact business continuity.

- Whilst we encourage our staff, patients, and visitors to access our sites by sustainable means (e.g. by local bus and active travel), the rurality of the surrounding area combined with the distances involved and the lack of suitable public transport often means staff and patients have no alternative other than to use a motor vehicle to access our healthcare sites. Our recent staff and patient travel surveys have highlighted 87% of staff and 88% of patients access our healthcare sites by car.

- As no alternative solution is offered to this proposed loss of unrestricted/all-day car parking, a better approach may be to first improve public transport provision in the locality thus providing an alternative to the motor vehicle before introducing these new parking restrictions. Whilst Hywel Dda University Health Board has several concerns with the changes proposed to the car parking in Aberystwyth town centre, the Health Board would welcome working in partnership with Ceredigion County Council to help identify other possible solutions to the car parking challenges for the benefit of our patients, staff, and visitors.

Yours faithfully

Annwyl Syr/Fadam,

I am writing in relation to your proposed changes to parking arrangements in Aberystwyth.

First, may I take the opportunity to thank you for advertising this consultation so clearly, and for providing maps and descriptions both physically and online. These steps have made it much easier to understand what is being proposed, although if I may suggest an improvement for future consultations, some explanation of the reasoning behind each change would be very useful (I have seen the overall 'statement of reasons', but this seems rather generic, and I struggle to understand the motivation for some particular proposed alterations).

Unfortunately, my views regarding the content of these proposals is not so positive, so I feel I must engage in this consultation process and register my objections with you. I have read a number of other responses (for example, the Aberystwyth Town Council template), some points of which I disagree with, but I largely support. For clarity, I have used your 'location number's below, I hope this is helpful.

1. No objections to this, it should help protect visibility for vehicles leaving the church car park (I assume this was the intention) although I have to ask why wasn't this replicated on the other side of the access?
2. I presume this is an attempt to manage displacement parking from the Promenade? If so, I can understand the intention, but it seems that the majority of the properties along Laura Place have no off-street parking, so I think it is likely that a significant proportion of the vehicles parked here are owned by residents (even during the proposed hours of operation). I would be surprised if this does not result in further displacement parking further into town, where parking for residents is already at a premium.
3. As per point 2 above.
4. This section does make sense – the existing spaces seemed poorly used (and the doctors' bay was hardly enforced?) and of course the construction works on the college, once completed, would benefit from an improved footway, which appears to be the intention here. However, should consultation on this change not have been completed before construction began? Whilst I do not have a particular objection to this change, I must therefore object on constitutional grounds – the outcome of consultation (for this alteration at least) has been pre-judged, or is intended to be ignored.
5. I am not affected particularly by this change, although the Pier may appreciate the new specific loading space. I do not know how well-used this bay is by taxis, but presume they have their opportunity to object themselves. The loss of 'general parking' through the day is unfortunate, but not particularly concerning, and the additional 'room' near this junction (when no goods vehicles are loading) does probably improve safety.
6. The loss of parking is unfortunate, but it seems as though this is a proposed pedestrian crossing of some sort? As above, I do not have a particular objection to this, but as it seems so closely linked with the College development, I object on constitutional grounds on the basis that consultation should have been completed before the start of construction works.
7. I can only assume that the addition of the 'limited waiting' restrictions is intended to reduce or eliminate parking by those who work in Aberystwyth (4 hours is enough for a shopping trip, or for a fairly quick seaside visit by tourists), presumably hoping that more space will be available for tourist parking? I imagine you will have already received a copious quantity of objections to this from commuters (and residents) who currently park here, but I also suggest that there are other issues with this proposal. If this proposal is implemented as-is, commuters could feasibly move their cars half way through the day from one set of bays to another (for example, from location 7 to location 9, or visa versa) and remain within the regulations. This would result in the bays still being used for commuter parking, but with the additional of increased traffic volumes in the middle of the day (likely a sharp peak, as everyone's 4 hours will expire at roughly the same time. Also, the majority of these drivers will be rushing to move their cars and get back to work as quickly as possible, therefore perhaps driving aggressively, and putting more effort into looking for a parking space than driving carefully). I suggest that this could significantly increase the risk to pedestrians.

I am also aware that there have been proposals to introduce charges for parking on the promenade. Again, I can understand this from the point of view of trying to encourage tourism, but any efforts to prevent commuter parking here (which is,

admittedly, a prime seafront location!) will be catastrophic to businesses and their employees in Aberystwyth, unless some mitigation (ie, alternative parking) is provided. Residents across the wider area will also be affected by displacement parking.

The prohibition of caravans and campervans is, I understand, not subject to consultation as it is already in place? I do not agree with this restriction (parking up overnight on the Prom, even paying for the privilege, would be ideal for many campervan owners, and bring much business to Aberystwyth. Campervan owners generally *do not* wish to use camping facilities, and these generally require a few nights' stay at a minimum, counter to the concept of motorhomes) but accept that this may not be the time to change this, and that there are a number of Cabinet members who own camping facilities and wish to force motorhome owners to use their businesses...

In summary, I object to the current proposals to add the 4 hour 'limited waiting' restrictions to these bays, on the basis that there are better options to control demand and supply of parking on this seafront location.

8. It seems that this is intended as a pedestrian crossing to facilitate access to the College? Again, I object on constitutional grounds, as consultation should have been completed before construction works started.

9. As per location 7 above.

10. From the map, it appears that new footway is also being planned, to improve access to the 'Starling shelter'? If so, I cautiously approve, although it is unfortunate that so much parking is being lost. (although I appreciate that some of this is opposite a junction, so less than ideal)

11. This alteration appears to me to be poorly conceived, and I struggle to understand the motivation. I can only assume that it is intended to improve traffic flow over the current long priority system? Whilst it may indeed make it easier for vehicles to travel along this stretch, I suggest that this is *not* a suitable goal for this location. Removing obstructions along this length of road is likely to increase traffic speeds significantly, increasing the risk to pedestrians attempting to cross between the Prom and castle, and any other vulnerable users (for example, young children, who are perhaps to be expected in greater numbers than normal, next to a beach).

In fact, it strikes me that this location would be ideal for overnight (and even daytime) campervan use – it is on the seafront, and away from residences who might find campervan presence objectionable. Charging for campervans (and/or all vehicles) could be implemented to provide funding for the Council.

Reducing the uninterrupted length of the priority system along here would make it easier for vehicles to pass along this stretch, without increasing traffic speeds. This could be quite simply achieved by splitting the priority system into two, with a 'gap' in parking near the middle to permit vehicles to pass. This would of course still result in a loss in parking, but to a much lesser extent, and without the risk of increasing traffic speeds.

12. I have no objections to this, people should not be parking here in any case (the proposed alterations to the junction layout will probably discourage parking here anyway, but it does make sense to formalise the restrictions as part of the works) The existing junction is really too wide!

13. It seems strange to alter parking restrictions here and not on the rest of South Road, but where do you draw the line... No specific objections here, above those noted above.
14. This looks to be just adjusting the parking restrictions to suit the new junction layout. No objections to that.
15. Moving the disabled bay from the beach side of the road seems nonsensical. Not only do blue badge holders now have to cross the road to access the seafront (and back again to their cars), but this also prevents general parking outside the B&B businesses here! What is the motivation for this change?
16. This appears to be adjusting bay lengths to accommodate a new crossing point? No objections if so.
17. As point 15 above. Madness...
18. No objections to a new pedestrian crossing point (although it is too far from the new disabled bay location, if that was the intention)
19. As point 16 above.
20. This seems to be a minor adjustment to suit a new junction layout. No objections.
21. It appears that this simply prevents campervan parking overnight? I would have no particular objections, assuming this has been requested by residents or the community council, although it would appear to me to not be a particularly bad place for campervans to stop, being away from windows and out of sight of most residences.

I also have a few comments regarding the proposals in general. I am concerned that some proposed changes appears to benefit the University/Old College in particular, and that consultation on these was not carried out before works started. I am surprised that this was not a condition of planning permission, and I am slightly worried that public funds may now be spent to improve access to a private facility.

I note that Aberystwyth Town Council (who have presumably received more information about the proposals) link the changes to the Levelling Up Fund, but raise concerns about the deadlines for this, and imply that consultation is being rushed and the changes to be pushed through to satisfy funding requirements. If this is the case, I would like to add my voice to those objecting in the strongest terms, as that would make this whole scheme in violation of democratic principles. I trust, however, that the Welsh Government would not permit their funding to be used on a scheme that had not been properly consulted upon.

On a related note, I have been unable to find mention in the published reports from your Cabinet meetings that the 1st stage of consultation had been concluded, and that Cabinet had approved this public consultation, as appears to be the normal process. This change appears very concerning (has the first stage of consultation been completed? The responses from Aberystwyth Town Council would suggest so. Were the responses reported to the Cabinet for consideration?), especially in relation to the above constitutional/democratic concerns, and perhaps lends weight to the suggestion that someone is trying to push these changes through without proper oversight and consideration.

Finally, it is clear that parking in Aberystwyth is very much at a premium, this is simply a legacy of development pre-dating the widespread ownership of motor vehicles. It does, however, mean that any changes to parking provision can have significant and wide-ranging results, effecting businesses, residents and visitors across the town. I am sure that your engineers are aware of this, so am unable to understand why a wide-area review of parking has not been completed (as called for by Aberystwyth Town Council, and as undertaken by Ceredigion County Council in previous years), unless of course the above is true and the changes are being pushed through to take advantage of funding...

In any case, managing parking on the seafront in Aberystwyth *is* going to be necessary, and I suspect that introducing parking charges is likely to be the most suitable method – this allows some flexibility (different charging rates for different classes of vehicles, lower costs for short-term parking, higher costs for all-day parking, which tourists would still be happy to pay, possible overnight parking in some areas) which the fixed ‘4 hour limited waiting’ lacks. But trying to introduce these proposed changes, even as an interim solution, is likely to introduce increased traffic circulation (and pollution, and risk to pedestrians), increased displacement parking, and animosity towards the County Council, with limited benefit.

It is for the above reasons that I wish to register my objection to these proposals.

Yours sincerely,

To whom it may concern,

I am writing with regards to the proposed amendments to the order, either in protest or seeking further clarity on mitigating actions on the knock-on effect this will have upon residents in the South Road/Rheidol Terrace/South Marine Terrace areas.

As is well documented, as it stands now current parking in the area for residents is a “free for all” on the best of days – during peak summer months and with the influx of new students each year it gets harder for residents in the afore mentioned areas to find adequate parking close to their properties, I fear the proposed changes will further exacerbate things.

Could the council, perhaps, advise on any proposed mitigation for those residents who will be affected the most by these changes (particularly those in the afore mentioned areas of South Road, South Marine Terrace & Rheidol Terrace)?

In particular may I comment on behalf of all residents in this area who volunteer with either the RNLI, HM Coastguard Rescue Team and as Retained Fire Fighters who need quick access to their vehicles at all times when in residence? Would there be, perhaps, scope for passes for the vehicles of this demographic so that they can park, if not outside their home, but certainly in the immediate vicinity on the promenade as so many currently do?

If there is no scope for my above suggestion, and no thought for any other mitigation then I wholeheartedly object to the proposed changes, which will undoubtedly have an adverse impact upon response times for those who are in the direst need of help.

Kind regards

Good afternoon,

I am writing to you today to demonstrate my objection to the proposed changes to the current parking situation on the seafront.

Whilst I understand that changing the current situation, you may make money, which may go towards improving the town, I highly doubt that this will be the case. We've seen tax prices increase annually with no amendment to town. I wrote to yourselves back in 2020 asking about the progress of the bridges at the historical area of the Aberystwyth Castle, it has now been four years since then and the situation has only gotten worse, with no indication of improvement. Pot holes in the roads in Ceredigion have not improved significantly and the community is crying out for improvement, with no response. The high street is in dire need of repairing; whilst I understand that it is down to property owners to fund the appearance of buildings, the price of rates leaves them in no position to, especially for small business owners. If rates were more affordable, small businesses, which would prove niche attractions to the high street, would make the place flourish and add elements of culture to the town. We used to have flower beds and workers who created an eye catching and charming area for locals and tourists to enjoy. Why do you no longer care for these things? But are able to employ more staff to penalize locals and tourists wishing to enjoy our area? Surely that investment of staff would be more costly than aesthetically uplifting our deteriorating town? Please correct me if I am wrong about any of the points I have raised as I'd like to be better informed for conversation.

This leads me to believe that by cutting the amount of unrestricted parking in this area, not only would you crush the already diminished hope we have that the council cares about our town, you would directly impact the lives of many drivers in the local area. It is already a nightmare to find somewhere to park in Aberystwyth, for locals and tourists. This reduces the desire to come and spend time in the town for tourists, who, as we know, provide much needed finance to the town and small businesses within it. Tourists would have less time to browse and enjoy the area and become acquainted with the lovely things that we have to offer. People will leave before a couple of hours of being here, making it a place where people pass by rather than cherish and create experiences and memories to pass on to others. Furtherly, by taking away these much-needed car parking spaces, you are taking away 68 other spaces that are needed by others. Locals who work from home are at risk, locals who work long shifts at the hospital will be fined whilst working to provide healthcare for the public, people who just simply have a day off and need to do things at home,

who already struggle to do so without private parking, have to worry more about moving their cars at risk of penalties and so on.

Please show some understanding of the people in your town, who are funding this change with no, absolutely no, benefit to themselves. We are tired of begging for improvement but please don't make us beg for unwanted changes to happen. These changes will directly impact what little morale and faith we have left.

Kind regards,

I would like my objection to the above proposal to be included in the consultation process.

I object to the removal of any parking spaces throughout the town as it is becoming increasingly hard to find a space to park. I rely on my car to get me around as my husband and I have mobility problems . Finding available parking on the prom ,which is so far from any car park, is already a problem . Taking away more parking spaces will mean that many people with mobility problems will be at a disadvantage and not be able to enjoy the seafront .

It is not explained why the aspect of the disabled parking bays on South Marine Terrace will be moved to across the road? This will make it additionally difficult for those with an impairment to access the prom putting them in increased danger , whilst the reason given for all of these new proposals is about public safety ? The pavement is not as wide on that side and there will be a busy road to cross right next to a junction.

The reasons given for these changes mention public safety but not the intention of introducing a cycle path and the net zero carbon strategy that the Council is working towards. I think these are the main reasons behind the changes which will have a detrimental affect on the local economy and a significant impact on the ability for older people and those with an impairment to enjoy the best part of our town. Having little if no affect on zero carbon as traffic will be moving at a slow pace through out our town looking for parking.

Trying to discourage traffic from our town is driving businesses to closure . Lessons should be learned from the recent changes to our pavements and parking and road directions in Aberystwyth and more joined up thinking for the longer term encouraged.

We have an increasing older people population we need our town to be accessible for all.

I would like to highlight the Thriving Communities Scrutiny Committee meeting minutes of 23/10/23 agenda item 3. Parking Proposals and Opportunities.

Although this concerned proposed parking charges for Aberystwyth seafront a number of points raised in the report from Cllrs and Stakeholders refer to the need for and shortage of parking spaces on the seafront and generally in the town.

They also mention the detriment to local businesses that could be caused by a lack of an available parking space or a charge .

The comments in the report also raise awareness of problems for residents and those that live further afield but work in the town and need to park.

This report also includes proposed charges on the parking spaces that the above RTO consultation intends to remove. I can only surmise that this proposal if it goes ahead will have an impact on the amount of money expected to be raised by the other proposal?

Therefore, by having this information to hand, it is a ludicrous proposal to remove 67 parking spaces from the seafront and surrounding area and very concerning that this costly RTO is taking place at a time when the County Council is making cuts to essential services.

Dear Sirs

I am writing to object to the proposal of the above named order which will negatively affect the parking available in Aberystwyth Town centre. The proposed changes will have negative consequences for the residents of the town centre, local residents who live in the surrounding areas of town and the surrounding villages, and as a result local businesses.

There is already insufficient parking in town for its residents and for the local population who wish to visit to shop or use the town's recreational facilities. The plans appear to be designed to ensure that there is no accessible, free, short-term parking for the majority of the visitors to the town.

As a parent to a young child, who is as yet unable to walk the 1.5 miles to town from our home, the proposals are effectively ensuring that we will be unable to continue to visit the town and support our local businesses on a weekly basis.

Parking charges in the Council owned car parks are prohibitively expensive, with a day ticket for car parking in Aberystwyth priced at £6.00. For my own and many other local families, this means that we would no longer be able to afford to support our local town centre in future.

In short, the proposals appear short-sighted, and will further fuel the decline of Aberystwyth town centre. To thrive, a town needs to be seen to be welcoming, both to its residents and its visitors. The changes proposed will make the town seem unwelcoming to both.

Yours

Objecting to charges for parking, not the subject of this consultation, but received in response to this consultation

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed parking fees on the promenade in Aberystwyth. As a resident and frequent visitor to this beautiful area, I believe implementing parking fees would have several detrimental effects on the community and the overall experience of Aberystwyth's residents and visitors.

First and foremost, the promenade is a cherished public space enjoyed by locals and tourists alike. It serves as a vital recreational area where families gather, individuals exercise, and people come to enjoy the natural beauty of the coastline. Introducing parking fees would create a barrier to accessing this space, particularly for those who may not have the financial means to pay for parking.

Furthermore, Aberystwyth relies heavily on tourism to support local businesses and stimulate economic growth. Imposing parking fees could deter visitors from choosing Aberystwyth as a destination, leading to a decline in foot traffic for local shops, restaurants, and attractions. In the long term, this could have serious repercussions for the economic vitality of our community.

Additionally, introducing parking fees may disproportionately affect residents who live in the vicinity of the promenade. Many residents rely on street parking for their vehicles, and the introduction of fees could create an additional financial burden for them.

I urge Ceredigion County Council to reconsider the proposal to implement parking fees on the promenade. Instead, I encourage you to explore alternative solutions to address any concerns regarding parking management, such as promoting public transportation options, implementing time limits on parking spaces, or offering resident parking permits.

It is crucial that any decisions regarding parking management take into account the diverse needs and interests of Aberystwyth's residents and visitors while preserving the accessibility and appeal of our beloved promenade.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I hope that together we can find a solution that benefits our community as a whole.

I would like to withdraw the previous case, and replace it with this one, as the deadline for submission is not yet closed. Here is my revision:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please see below. I am a local stakeholder, and am told now is the time for you to read my email, as it was passed-over the last time I sent it.

I have read your website plan. My responses, in line with the below, as follows:

- 1 Laura Place western side from northern side of access to St Michael and All Angels Church northwards for approx 6m New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time

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| <p>2 Laura Place western side northwards from northern end of above for approx 36m to by junction with King Street</p> <p>3 King Street landward side from end of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time by junction with Laura Place south westwards for approx 109m to end of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time by pedestrian access to playground</p> | <p>New Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 8am - 6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours, replacing existing unrestricted parking</p> <p>New Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 8am - 6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours, replacing existing unrestricted parking</p> |
| <p>4 New Promenade landward side by The Cambria and Aberystwyth University building</p> | <p>New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time, replacing existing parking bays (and prohibition of waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am) and Doctors’ bay due to alterations in highway alignment (loss of approx 12 parking spaces)</p> |
| <p>5 New Promenade seaward side by the pier, existing taxi bay 9pm - 6am</p> | <p>Bay to be reduced in length by approx. 10m to 24m and new restrictions Goods vehicles loading only 6am – 6pm, 1 hour, no return within 1 hour; taxis only 6pm – 6am.</p> |
| <p>6 New Promenade seaward side immediately west of above bay for distance of approx. 21m westwards</p> | <p>New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time, to improve safety for pedestrian crossing movements</p> |
| <p>7 New Promenade seaward side, immediately west of above for approx. 55m westwards (approx 10 parking spaces)</p> | <p>New Limited Waiting Mon – Sat, 8am – 6pm, 4 hours, no return within 4 hours with existing Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am retained</p> |
| <p>8 New Promenade seaward side, immediate southwest of above for approx. 20m</p> | <p>New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time replacing existing Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am, to improve safety for pedestrian crossing movements (loss of approx 4 parking spaces)</p> |
| <p>9 New Promenade seaward side, immediately southwest of above for approx. 90m</p> | <p>New Limited Waiting Mon – Sat, 8am – 6pm, 4 hours, no return within 4 hours with existing Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am retained</p> |
| <p>10 New Promenade seaward side, immediately west of above for approx. 55m to start of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time</p> | <p>New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time replacing existing Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am, (loss of approx 10 parking spaces)</p> |
| <p>11 New Promenade both sides of road from end of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time south of Castle</p> | <p>New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time, replacing existing prohibition of waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm</p> |

- Point in a southerly direction for approx. 220m to junction with South Road – 8am (loss of approx 40 parking spaces)
- South Road north side from junction with New Promenade eastwards for approx. 15m to start of the existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time on Sea View Place
- 12 South Road south side from end of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time at junction with South Marine Terrace east for approx. 16m to start of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time at junction with Quay Road
- 13 New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time to discourage parking on junction.
- South Marine Terrace both sides from centre of junction with South Road southwards for approx. 15m
- 14 New Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am (covering approx 3 parking spaces)
- South Marine Terrace landward side from end of above southwards for approx. 20m (from outside Number 1 to part way outside Number 5)
- 15 Amendment to extent of Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time to prevent parking by junction
- South Marine Terrace on landward side from southern end of proposed new Disabled Bay above for approx. 25m southwards
- 16 New Disabled Bay (approx 5 parking spaces)
- South Marine Terrace on seaward side from approx 15m south of centre of junction with South Road for approx. 45m southwards (to approx. level with boundary to Numbers 8 & 9)
- 17 Amendment to extent of existing Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am
- South Marine Terrace both sides of road from southern end of above amended
- 18 Amendment to extent of existing Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am, to replace existing Disabled Bay on seaward side
- Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am for approx. 10m southwards
- 19 New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time to improve safety for pedestrian crossing movements
- South Marine Terrace both sides of road for approx 45m southwards to by/opposite Number 19
- 20 Amendment to extent of existing Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am (approx 8 parking spaces)
- South Marine Terrace seaward side from southern end of above for a distance of approx 10m southwards to existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time
- 21 New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time replacing the existing prohibition of waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am, (loss of approx 2 parking spaces)
- Quay Road on northern side from end of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time at junction with South Marine Terrace for approx 15m north eastwards
- 22 New Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am to outside Number 7 (approx 3 parking spaces)

1: There seems absolutely no reason for this. I object. Aberystwyth Seafront generally is a beautiful and inclusive site of health, wellbeing and social cohesion.

2: Locals depend upon this parking being unrestricted, for our livelihoods. We are working people needing to carry self-employed goods in Vans.. I object

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4: Vans and Camper Vans are part of our town's international cultural fabric. I object to this council lowering our community profile in this way. It's a betrayal of a world-leading agenda in Wales of community values, openness, and circular economics. We are the ones who live here. It feels like this should be better managed, and merits the consideration of allocating resources to a seafront warden position. It seems to neglect the community.

5: Locals depend upon this parking being unrestricted, for our livelihoods. We are working people needing to carry self-employed goods in Vans.. I object. Also, Vans and Camper Vans are part of our town's international cultural fabric. I object to this council lowering our community profile in this way. It's shameful. We are the ones who live here. Better county council management could easily lead to pay (almost nothing) for a seafront warden position. Why should the community take the hit for 'Goods Vehicles' which will serve the elite inside the OldCollege, whilst excluding the community? This may be construed as a wealthy few, who are planning to consume so much 'Goods' that they need special delivery bays which will take parking from local working people.

6: There is no lack of safety for any of us 'pedestrians', especially with the 20MPH law. Please abandon this idea. To me, it seems spurious.

7: Locals depend upon this parking being unrestricted, for our livelihoods. We are working people needing to carry self-employed goods in Vans.. I object. Also, Vans and Camper Vans are part of our town's international cultural fabric. I object to this council lowering our community profile in this way. It makes me ashamed. We are the ones who live here.

8: Locals depend upon this parking being unrestricted, for our livelihoods. We are working people needing to carry self-employed goods in Vans.. I object. Also, Vans and Camper Vans are part of our town's international cultural fabric. I object to this council lowering our community profile in this way. We are the ones who live here.

9: Locals depend upon this parking being unrestricted, for our livelihoods. We are working people needing to carry self-employed goods in Vans.. I object. Also, Vans and Camper Vans are part of our town's international cultural fabric. I object to this council lowering our community profile in this way. Many of us invest a lot of our time and resources in the seafront, to make it welcoming and inclusive. We want to be proud of it. We are the ones who live here.

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and Camper Vans are part of our town's international cultural fabric. I object to this council lowering our community profile in this way. It's needless. We are the ones who live here.

11: Locals depend upon this parking being unrestricted, for our livelihoods. We are working people needing to carry self-employed goods in Vans.. I object. Also, Vans and Camper Vans are part of our town's international cultural fabric. I object to this council lowering our community profile in this way. We are the ones who live here.

12: We are working people and need this road to park. There are never any accidents here, and people are going slowly. We will not be able to earn money to pay the council tax if you take away our livelihoods. We are aware that our council tax is more than some London borough's, and that this is not accounted for by the bilingual modality of Ceredigion alone. Many of the people on the road use a van or car for work. We cannot live here without them.

13: There is never any problem with Camper Vans on this part of the road. I live here, and enjoy them being here. It is sociable, and they improve the quality of our lives. They contribute majorly to the local WELLBEING agenda, and provide public and child education on inter-cultural sensitivity and understanding. (SDG 4 [education for sustainable development](#) and global citizenship).

14: There is NEVER a problem with parking on the junction here. How about 3M if anything at all. Why 15 Metres?

15: Where is the proof that all these disabled bays are needed? How about Two there? The existing ones are rarely used. Whereas working vehicles are constantly trying to park. Ban cars (not vans) by all means, but first, invest in public transport.

16: I have been told that you can't buy your view. Is this some objection from local residents? If so, why this preferential treatment? If not, again, Vans and Camper Vans are part of our cultural fabric and wellbeing.

17: 45 Metres? Locals depend upon this parking being unrestricted, for our livelihoods. We are working people needing to carry self-employed goods in Vans.. I object. Also, Vans and Camper Vans are part of our town's international cultural fabric. I object to this council lowering our community profile in this way. We are the ones who live here.

18: Again, pedestrians are very safe especially with the 20mph law.

19: Vans and Camper Vans are part of our town's international cultural fabric. I object to this council lowering our community profile in this way. It's needless, and undermines social cohesion and community values. We are the ones who live here. Is this some objection from local residents? If so, why this preferential treatment? We object.

20: Vans and Camper Vans are part of our town's international cultural fabric. I object to this council lowering our community profile in this way. Is this some objection from local residents? If so, why this preferential treatment? We object.

21: Possibly the only point we don't object to, particularly. But again, is it necessary?

More details:

It seems like these parking revisions are an attempt to monetise Aberystwyth Seafront for a cash-poor but asset-rich community (average wages in Aberystwyth are low, quality of life is high). I would like to raise an objection as a local resident on many fronts, but I also consider that there are better ways to manage resources, and hope that these can be considered positively.

Campervans and small motorhomes are a central part of cultural (and multicultural) life of the seafront, and a part of the international identity of Aberystwyth as a lifestyle destination of liberal wellbeing. The seafront signifies a place where community assets and cultural capital are prioritised over financial gain, competition, and ostentatious wealth. Welsh Internationalism is something to be unequivocally proud-of, and the seafront is a site of folk memory and community heritage strongly showcasing the priceless features of our now World-Famous Future Generations Act.

The council's plans to monetise the Seafront are in direct contravention of this Wellbeing Agenda, not to mention highlighting a shameful lack of transparency or accountability as to where the revenue will be going. We are not seeing good planning here, as a tax-paying community. There are no benefits to residents for changing the situation as it stands. Not with resident parking or with hosting, or with enjoying cultural diversity on the seafront.

I noted recently a pitiable amount being advertised for toilet cleaners (on a part-time basis). I have worked extensively in disaster and emergency environments, where major priorities are disease prevention through public convenience availability. It is a disgrace that a council charging as much as some top London boroughs have a 'pay per use' public toilet policy which actively promotes open defecation, deploys badly-designed digital systems which do not work, and does not engage with the community to provide a public service which is a basic human right.

So: Anyone who has been involved in urban/peri-urban planning, human-centred design, or wellbeing policy around the world will see an obvious solution to 'overstay' or 'public safety' issues on the seafront. A decently-paid council role of public amenity 'Warden' could, just as it does in other countries, encompass monitoring/managing long-stay vans/camper-vans on the seafront, mitigating anti-social/untidy behaviour, rubbish or noise, and be a public-presence and contact-point for our beautiful town.

We are well aware as a community that this proposed monetisation is not to do with "safety", but with the Old College making revenue for its new but painfully-slow and overbudget venture. People are very well-aware that the original premise of the grant included a 'cultural centre' for the benefit of the community. We have watched this agenda subtly change over the years into something which excludes the community

and promotes not "Well-Being", but Elitist Corporate Wealth". It is an imposition on the community of the town, which at the same time excludes us.

As for "the Active Travel Act 2013", the council have avoided supporting public transport over the same period, and we have seen rural bus-routes reduce public transport access to town to three days per week or less. Our old people now have to drive to town, and many need the seafront as therapy for the rural isolation imposed upon them by such public neglect. For many people, free parking (on a public highway they already paid to use in their vehicle tax) along the seafront is a therapeutic lifeline which keeps them sane, healthy, and out of hospitals. In an economy featuring high on the Wales Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD), charging people for this basic right will incur many health burdens. It is clearly ill-conceived.

In any case, the seafront along the Promenade is already a beautiful, highly functional space, with four to six meters of activity width for all forms of pedestrian and leisure traffic. It is loved by many international visitors from other global "riviera" locations, where promenading is also a highly-valued aspect of their lifestyle, health, society and wellbeing. It is clear that the citation of this act is at best cursory, and de-facto, misleading. Please dignify your public with better qualification of such claims in future.

Some attention to the town jetty might engender a little more public goodwill, as might using the seafront more creatively for bandstand/public events, a registry office presence, or seafood festivals/open markets. This would feel a little less like a betrayal of our pride in this unique "Alternative", "Circular Economy" town.

Best wishes,

You asked for public consultation on this proposal, although it would seem from last experience that is only something that you have a legal duty to put in your tick box.

Losing the large number of parking places, and the charging for parking on the sea front will quite obviously have many knock on effects.

In your haste to suck as much money from the citizens of Ceredigion and beyond, your proposed actions will make life that bit harder for residents, town shoppers, local tourism, and persons and businesses local to the area trying to make a living.

As a result of your ,(C.C.C.) seeming ever increasing demands for council tax and charges for basic amenities such as parking, toilets, etc. you are risking a perception of being out of touch with the people you are supposed to serve.

Surprise me and reject this proposal to make parking on the prom simple, free at point of use, and available for us to be able to pop to the town shops, and for local people to be able to park their cars as they have been able to previously.

If you need to make savings, rejoin the old Dyfed county and work together with the other counties, as before. Trim the absurd executive pay of Chief Officers, we are far too small a population to cope with these grandiose positions.

Anyway, I'm objecting to the proposal on the prom, though I doubt it will matter not a fig. Looks like it's all in hand to be rubber stamped. Thanks for taking the time to read this objection.

This is my objection to:

The Council proposes to make the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting And Loading And Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No. 11) 2024 to introduce changes to parking restrictions detailed below.

I would like my objection to the above proposal to be included in the consultation process.

I object to the removal of any parking spaces throughout the town as it is becoming increasingly hard to find a space to park and it is showing to be increasingly detrimental to the viability of the town.

Should Tesco or Matalan change their parking restrictions there will be no parking left in the town.

Finding available parking on the prom, which is so far from any car park, is already a problem, this is a greater issue when taking my mother into the town as she has severe mobility issues and despite the number of disabled parking bays they are often always full or used by non blue badge holders. Taking away more parking spaces will mean that many people with mobility problems will be at a disadvantage and not be able to enjoy the seafront or the rest of the town.

It is not explained why the aspect of the disabled parking bays on South Marine Terrace will be moved to across the road? This will make it additionally difficult for those with an impairment to access the prom putting them in increased danger, whilst the reason given for all of these new proposals is about public safety? The pavement is not as wide on that side and there will be a busy road to cross right next to a junction.

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our town looking for parking.

Trying to discourage traffic from our town is driving businesses to closure . Lessons should be learned from the recent changes to our pavements and parking and road directions in Aberystwyth and more joined up thinking for the longer term encouraged.

We have an increasing older people population we need our town to be accessible for all.

The sea front is all that is left attracting people to the town and to make it all but inaccessible will kill off the small amount of remaining tourist trade.

Thank you

I am writing to object to the proposed changes to parking at Aberystwyth, including the promenade. As a local homeowner the proposed changes will greatly impact residential parking on streets such as [street name removed]. To put forward proposals without considering the needs of local residents is short-sighted and conveys a level of incompetence of the part of the council.

I request that the council puts in place a residents parking scheme to ensure that homeowners / council tax payers are prioritised. Failure to consider residents' needs may result in collective legal action.

I wish to add my name to the strong objections to the above proposals. I have seen and read many of the objections that have been sent to you including those by Aberystwyth Town Council, [personal references removed]. I do not wish to repeat those comments but I do fully endorse them.

You just need to take a stroll in my beloved Aberystwyth to know that it is in a sorry state in so many respects. I feel for local businesses who are struggling to keep their heads above water. To unnecessarily take away so many parking spaces will mean that many people will only visit Aberystwyth for essential journeys. Businesses will certainly suffer as more and more people will shop online.

Driving from the pier to the marina was never a problem while barriers were in place half way along that enabled cars to pull in. Now that the Council has removed the barriers it has become a nightmare at times. I can recall an incident last summer when a tour coach that had been facing the pier tried to find a way out of town by turning up to Sea View Place causing a traffic nightmare. Motorists facing the same direction often turn around near the Chinese Restaurant into the face of oncoming traffic, putting their own safety at risk. The only alternative would be to travel to the marina and to turn around safely

There is definitely a need to return Pier Street to two way travel like it was prior to the Covid outbreak.

In a town where parking spaces are at a premium it is in my view crazy to remove so many. Many elderly people like to park on the sea front and enjoy a stroll on the prom at all times of the year. Where will these people park if so many parking spaces are removed?

I hope that those councillors who do not live in the Aberystwyth understand the strong feelings of those people who live in the town and reject what is being proposed.

Yours sincerely,

I am a local resident and I am responding to the proposed changes Ceredigion County Council have planned for parking in Aberystwyth.

I am a local resident who travels every week day into Aberystwyth Town Centre for work and I strongly object to the proposed changes for the following reasons:-

1. Parking has been a problem in Aberystwyth for some considerable time for workers travelling into Aberystwyth Town Centre, local residents, local businesses and also tourists/visitors and these changes only result in exasperating the problems.
2. The changes result in a large reduction of all-day parking spaces, which will put extra pressure on local residents and workers within Aberystwyth Town Centre.
3. The proposed changes do not offer residents and workers in the Town Centre any other solution for the large reduction in all-day parking spaces.
4. With the reduction in public transport, so not a viable option for all commuters, increased pressure is going to be placed on limited resources (parking spaces) which are becoming even more limited should these proposed changes be actioned. Public transport is not viable for myself, as my car is needed for my work.
5. As a worker on minimum wage the Council owned car parks, which charge for parking are unaffordable for someone like myself. The daily, weekly or yearly charges are beyond my budget and if I was forced to consider this as an option would place me under a lot of financial pressure. The proposed changes are not offering any other solution for all-day parking, other than paying for parking and therefore placing exceptional pressure on families/individuals whose finances are already under extreme pressure.

I am extremely worried about these proposed changes to the parking in Aberystwyth and how it will negatively affect workers, local residents, local businesses and

tourists/visitors and I urge Ceredigion County Council to rethink the proposed changes.

Yours sincerely

So why cut the amount of parking in town, is there a glut of spaces making the place look untidy? Your bright idea is to reduce the parking spaces by ~60 spaces thus exacerbating the issue for residents, and thus allow the parking wardens to make you more money along with the 14% increase in council tax, is this the bright idea? There needs to be a reason why to make this change and i can't see it. The town already has issues for parking, and you wish to make it worse for residents who will fight for spaces amongst each other, not mentioning that when tourists arrive it gets worse. Where do you expect them to park? The sea?

You have a highstreet that looks desolate, the Bell Vue being an eyesore on the promenade, the paddling pool being in a state of disrepair, and half the castle being barricaded off, is the plan to piss off the residents to vote you out of a job?

Not to add you have the Boulevard St Briec Car Park which was never full and you have the price of parking being £6 up from ~£1.60 years ago. It doesn't take an economics degree to understand that the way to incentivise people to use the car park would be to lower the cost not increase it, along with the fact it is no longer a park and ride. So why would tourists park there and walk all the way to the promenade when they can park in the same places as the local residents.

A sensible thing to do would be a residents parking permit for the town. But i suppose such a sensible approach is unobtainable for yourselves.

I look forward to getting a nothing reply, and for you to ignore the concerns of the residents who live in the town.

As a [business name removed] owner and also i live above my [business name removed] ,i'm extremely concerned about the proposals to remove many parking spaces from Aberystwyth sea front and other parking changes and charges around the town .My business is already struggling with high costs but now many of my clients will have problems parking near my shop ,some of my services such as [service type removed] can take hours and clients need places to park for long periods.Also my 2 staff need to park close to work.I have a child i need to take to school in the morning so i need my vehicle close by where i live in [street name]. So

where am i supposed to park my car if there's no space. The parking situation in Aberystwyth has always been ok but i feel that changes will destroy business in town and it's already suffering. Regards

Dear Sir/Madam,

I find myself writing to you with regard to your proposed changes to parking and traffic movement on Aberystwyth Promenade.

I have read the objections raised by Aberystwyth Council, and fully agree with the listed objections.

As the operator of [business name removed] on South Promenade and previous owner of [business], I do feel that I am well experienced in the Tourism industry here in Aberystwyth, with extensive knowledge of the difficult challenges businesses are facing in these times.

My primary concerns are the removal of some 67 parking spaces from the areas concerned in these proposals. Aberystwyth already has chronic parking problems, where are people visiting our town, going to park ???

Just from a tourist side of things, we will lose a massive amount of footfall, these people bring trade to all of the businesses in the town, they in particular walk the Promenade, visiting the numerous businesses in place. Long standing businesses that rely on the income generated by these customers. If there isn't sufficient parking then where will these people go. It's potentially another nail in the coffin of Aberystwyth, a town that is dilapidated already. Where is the sense in this?

It should be noted that people park in these spaces, to walk the Promenade to enhance their own well being.

With regards to the reasons given for these proposals of safety, when was the last time anybody was injured by a vehicle in this area? I have lived here for 57 years, and I can't recall any accidents.

One point that isn't being touched on here....

The only way off the Main Promenade if you are driving from Constitution Hill towards the Pier, is to continue around Castle Point and turn opposite the Hut, up South Road, then High St, and so on through the Town. Unless you have taken the Terrace Road turning.

Before Covid, when Pier Street was two way, then people leaving the Promenade, would drive up Pier Street, Down Great Darkgate and exit the Town.

In my opinion it's a massive mistake making Pier Street one way, leading to congestion down the South Promenade...

There are other potential problems, where will residents park???

Finally I urge the Council to listen to us, the people, that's what consultation is for, surely this is an important part of democracy.

Thank you,

Annwyl Gyfeillion

Ysgrifennaf i fynegi gwrthwynebiad i rif 11 isod. Byddai colli cymaint â hynny o lefydd parcio yn lleihau mynediad i'r prom, yn enwedig i bobl hŷn a phobl â phlant ifanc a fyddai'n ei chael yn anoddach i gerdded o feysydd parcio sydd ymhellach. Byddai hyn hefyd yn cael effaith negyddol ar fusnesau canol y dref ar adeg lle mae angen pob cefnogaeth arnynt er mwyn cynnal busnesau cynaliadwy.

Os cwtogir nifer y llefydd parcio ar y prom, dylai'r Cyngor weithio mewn partneriaeth ag eraill i ail-gyflwyno gwasanaeth bysus gwennol, neu barcio a theithio, o leiaf yn ystod y gwanwyn a'r haf.

I would like to object to the removal of 60 + parking spaces on the promenade.

Parking on the promenade is not just for tourists, it is important to those of us who live in rural Ceredigion. It is important that we can park near to amenities of Aberystwyth. If I visit the dentist, the library, the museum I need to be able to park. Parking in supermarket car parks is limited to short stays. You removed the large pay and display car park when land was sold to Tesco.

As I get older I no longer want to walk for miles to access services.

Are you offering alternative parking facilities? Over the years it would seem to me there are more vehicles and less car parking.

There is no longer a park and ride service and now you intend to make parking more difficult, there are rarely spaces on the promenade during the day. Where are all the people using Aberystwyth meant to park. Please do not suggest we use public transport, AS there is no bus service from my village of devil's Bridge.

When I worked it was important to be able to park for longer than 3 hours, this is still needed for those working in the town.

These changes are unfair because reducing the number of parking spaces will have an impact on local retail and tourism.

I live in Tregaron which has a very poor bus service, so often there is no option but to drive to Aberystwyth instead of using public transport. Less parking spaces available will make it even more difficult.

Please reconsider your plans.

Diolch

I have this evening read through the proposed parking changes for Aberystwyth Promenade, South Marine Tce, South Road, Laura Place and King St. Responding to your points on the document named in the Subject line above.

1. No comment.

2-3: Impacts residents' parking, should go back to unrestricted.

4. We do not need to lose 12 spaces for parking.

5. No comment.

6. A pelican crossing would work instead.

7. Should remain unrestricted parking.

8. Should remain unrestricted parking.

9. Should remain unrestricted parking.

10. Should remain unrestricted parking.

11. Should remain unrestricted parking.

12. Yes

13. Yes

14. Yes

15. The proposed disabled parking on South Marine Terrace - no 15 - is not going to work, because disabled people will have to cross the road to the seafront. It should be on the sea-ward side.

16. No - see 15

17. No - see 15

18. No comment

19. Yes.

20. Should remain unlimited parking, no loss of parking spaces

21. Should remain unlimited parking., no loss of parking spaces

My general comments:

- Aberystwyth is being unfairly discriminated against by this Council. Aberaeron and New Quay are not facing what we are facing.
 - People who work in town have no access to all-day parking. This affects the shops and will impact on visitors.
 - If parking is removed from the Promenade as a whole, then people will look for parking in the streets behind, which are already narrow and crowded.
 - If there is no parking on the Promenade as a whole for visitors, an income stream is profoundly affected. We need the tourist trade for the sake of our economy.
 - Please do not restrict parking in Aberystwyth which has hitherto been unrestricted. Help us to help our town, don't hinder us.
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To whom it may concern,

I'm am writing to object to the proposal to remove 67 parking spaces and the imposition of limited waiting parking.

As a resident of Aberystwyth for over the last 10 years, parking within the town is already difficult as it currently stands. Having lived and parked in the proposed affected area for several years, I struggle to see where I will be able to park my vehicle if this was to go forwards.

I know of several people, including myself previously, who commute into Aberystwyth for work.

Many of these people park within the area that the limited waiting parking will change. Even with the existing paid parking on North Road, there ain't enough spaces to be able to cope with this. It will affect those who live and work in Aberystwyth more than the problems it will solve.

I truly hope that people's objections to these changes are heard, as it will have a large negative impact on the town and people who reside and work here.

Regards,

Good afternoon

I would like to email my objection to the plan to remove 67 spaces from south prom in aberystwyth, as well as the introduction of limited wait times.

These spaces are used by working people to park for their work day and the removal of them will put local residents with already limited parking in a worse position.

Tourists also use these spaces and bring much needed business to local businesses.

Kind regards

Dear Officers & Ceredigion Council Officials,

I wish to object to your proposed alterations to sea front parking generally, and in particular making the road between the war memorial and the snack bar two way.

You claim this is safer I disagree, by leaving the parking in place traffic fumes are further away from pedestrians enjoying a healthy stroll along the promenade, the council's changes would double the pollution having two way traffic all the time.

Also young children on cycles or toys along the promenade are safer further away from traffic and pollution with parked cars adjacent the kerb and not moving two way traffic.

You don't need to cater for traffic movement if your planning to take away parking spaces.

Also your spending money you don't have.

Please leave things alone to our beautiful Aberystwyth Sea Front which is unique.

Kind regards

I wish to raise an objection to these plans. I recognise that parking and traffic management generally within Aberystwyth is an issue, but these plans will do nothing to improve the situation for the town as a whole; it will simply result in parking and traffic problems being exacerbated elsewhere in the town, especially for residential streets which currently have no parking restrictions. I live on High Street and parking anywhere close to my house is already a real problem; delivery vans and service vehicles are often forced to load/unload when simply stopped in the middle of the street due to no road-side parking or loading spaces being available; cars are often 'parked' up on the pavement at the narrow part of the street (especially in the evening) thereby blocking the pavement for pedestrians with mobility scooters, prams etc. The reduction of parking options in non-residential areas can only lead to further problems being incurred to residential areas, as above.

I would be very happy to support measures to improve accessibility and use of the town for pedestrians, and would welcome the introduction of pedestrianised zones; however, such initiatives need to be considered as part of a greater strategy for traffic management: e.g. the development and encouragement of parking facilities on the outskirts of the town, with priority for access to the town centre given to residents, businesses and blue-badge holders; the development of out-of-town campervan parks (for example) would also be a great help (eg following the lead shown by the local rugby club); greater efforts to ensure that 'through traffic' is diverted away from the town centre. The plans as currently put forward do not seem to have any consideration of any such wider strategy; and as such need to be rejected until a more coherent strategy is developed.

Regards

I would like to object to the proposed changes to parking on Aberystwyth seafront (ammendment order number 11). My objections are as follows:

1. These proposals result in a dramatic reduction in the number of free long-stay parking spaces available in central Aberystwyth and will make it very difficult for me to continue volunteering for any length of time in the town. (N.B. I understand this consultation is not itself about the introduction of charges, but this proposal will by itself reduce the number of free long-stay parking spaces available).

2. Removal of parking spaces on South Promenade will reduce the accessibility of the castle grounds as well as access to south beach for dog walking. This will reduce the number of times I visit central Aberystwyth and shop in the town.

I suggest the following as actions which could be taken to mitigate the impact of the proposed changes:

1. Consider retaining the parking spaces along the seafront but convert the road into a one-way system beginning at the junction with South Road and ending near to the junction with Pier Street. This should remove the traffic problems experienced along South Beach.

2. Supplement the number of free long-stay parking spaces available in central Aberystwyth by removing parking charges permanently in the 'New Promenade'/Harbour car park, or alternatively in the Maesyrafon car park.

Thanks,

I would like to express my strongest possible objections to removal of parking spaces on South Marine Terrace and other parts of Aberystwyth town. I feel this will have a very detrimental effect on the residents and visitors to Aberystwyth town.

I was in the early stages of joining a consortium of investors and planning on opening a new shop in Aberystwyth town. The shop would have brought customers in to Aberystwyth and would have employed local people. However, due to the decline of town and also the proposed removal of parking spaces I feel that the project would not be viable and Aberystwyth will be losing out on a new shop . If Aberystwyth town cannot accommodate the existing shops and new shops, residents and visitors will shop elsewhere.

As a resident of Aberystwyth, parking is a problem anyway down the promenade due and I feel that removing spaces will remove peoples access to shops, healthcare and will affect revenue and mental well-being of people.

Please acknowledge my objections and keep me updated on the situation.

As a resident and worker in Aberystwyth this proposal is ridiculous. Where are we supposed to park?

It's an ill conceived and moronic proposal... it's not for me to outline why . If your have looked into the plan with any unbiased effort the stupidity of the idea will be obvious and apparent to you . So don't bloody do it .

Kind regards.

Dear Ceredigion Council,

Please rethink the removal of parking along South Prom Aberystwyth and the changes to parking restrictions on King Street and Laura place.

Parking is already a problem in Aberystwyth with very few options for all day parking without restrictions. This already affects local people, local businesses and commuters from rural places who work in town who all waste time and petrol competing with each other driving around trying to find parking. The process is already stressful, time consuming and wastes emissions by keeping more traffic driving around.

Removing over 60 parking spaces with no plan in place for replacing them will push Aber over a tipping point where these people already driving around looking for parking simply will not be able to park at all. I would like to ask what research has been done on the consequences of this, and what plans are being put forward to deal with the fallout as it will create a huge problem that will affect locals, workers, commuters and businesses all over Aber.

We do need a greener future with less cars, but due to Aber's position as the local town that serves a large rural area there are not enough alternatives available yet. Aber is surrounded by fast B and A roads, often not safe for cycling, and bus routes do not run widely and often enough for commuters. The train only serves a limited amount of places and tourists are often staying in caravan parks and holiday lets only accessible by car.

People who cannot park do not have alternative ways to travel into town and once they cannot park in town they will stop coming into town and the consequences for Aber will be felt in lots of ways but most immediately financial. Aber is a fantastic place but has struggled recently with the absolute basics, with repairs to infrastructure and issues with even being able to get its rubbish collected.

I am a manager at a local independent business on the side of town closer to the prom. Local businesses in Aber have struggled through COVID, long winters and a very quiet spring and are not helped at all by the current parking restrictions in the centre of town. 30 minutes or an hour is not long enough to run errands and shop locally between different local businesses and it is a source of great relief that people can still park on the seafront at a push.

The parking in town is already skewed towards the big Tesco's and Aldi where people can park and conveniently shop in chain stores without even coming into the rest of the town. The locally owned and run businesses over towards the seafront rely on customers being able to park for free and unrestricted on the prom and by the castle to mitigate this. The businesses that give Aber its flair and independent spirit, that draw tourists and students to keep coming back, are the ones who will be most affected by this.

Staff and workers in town also rely on being able to park to then come to work. It is unfair to expect workers to pay extra for parking once they already have paid for petrol, road tax insurance and other costs in a cost of living crisis that includes rises in bills, food and especially our local council tax.

The limit in Tesco is 3 hours, Aldi is only 1h30. A two or four hour limit is also useless if you are at work all day. The roads left unrestricted after these plans are small, residential and already full. There are simply no other options, drivers already know all the places where they might find a spot.

Please reconsider this proposal. I know it has been put forward for safety reasons but there are other ways to make that road safer that don't have such a negative ripple effect.

In a town crying out for investment, it is extra-galling for us residents to see good money spent on something that will make the town a more difficult and costly place to live, work and visit.

I wish to register my objection to the proposed changes. There does not seem to have been any consideration of the knock-on effect of removing these parking spots. As a disabled resident of a nearby street, I am concerned that the failure to consider other measures, such as resident parking permits, will simply lead to more congested streets with dangerous parking making pavement access difficult for the disabled. I urge the council to delay this change until it is part of a comprehensive review of parking.

Dear sir/madam

I wish to voice my objection to the proposed removal of 67 parking spaces on south prom, and the imposition of a 2-4 hour waiting limit on the remaining spaces around the prom and surrounding side streets. I feel it will have a detrimental effect on Aberystwyth as a whole. As not everyone can afford the fees for the carparks especially if parking all day due to work etc, and limiting the availability and time frame people are allowed to park in the remaining spaces in my opinion could harm trade and tourism in the town

Kind regards

Dear Ceredigion County Council

I strongly disagree with the proposal to remove 67 parking spaces from South Promenade area of Aberystwyth and the imposition of any other limited waiting parking times on the Promenade.

This will inevitably cause major parking issues within the town and nearby areas which will negatively impact the residents and the hard working people of this town.

I live in a quiet street in the town which I've always been able to park relatively close to my house for the last 12 years, but if these new proposals come to life, then it is certain it will cause major issues for parking for the residents in this town.

Suggestion

Would it not be a sensible idea to reopen Pier Street for two lane traffic rather than the current one-way system that was changed during Covid? This would allow traffic travelling along Marine Terrace to exit via Pier Street and back down Great Darkgate Street instead of being forced down to South Marine Terrace and then via High Street (which is not ideal for heavy traffic). This would also improve pedestrian safety.

It seems the people of Aberystwyth are not being listened to and it is clear that we do not want these new restrictions to be forced through by the few who do not even live in this town. Council tax has shot up and our money is not being seen to improve this town, but to spoil it.

I hope to hear back from you on this matter

Regards

I am contacting you to raise my objection to the above proposal to reduce the number of parking spaces on the seafront in Aberystwyth.

I am a self-employed tradesperson who visits business premises in the town throughout the day and it's difficult enough to find parking near my customers now, without having further parking spaces in the town removed. Parking in town was made worse when the town centre streets were reorganised after covid without reducing parking spaces even further.

Returning Pier Street to two-way traffic flow would be a better option to reduce the number of vehicles using the south section of the prom.

Please take the views of those who must drive and park in the town for the purpose of earning a living into consideration when making these decisions.

These proposals are ridiculous. We need more not less parking near the seafront to attract visitors especially those with young families. Tourism is a major source of this town's prosperity.

We have a park and ride with no ride! Try getting 3 small children plus beach gear from the present park avenue parking to the beach

Make Pier street two way again. To prevent the current issues with two way traffic around Castle Point why not a set of traffic lights?

Please rethink

Hi

I am writing to object to the council changing the parking on Aberystwyth promenade. There is already insufficient parking in Aberystwyth and as we are a tourist town I think this will also impact tourism.

Our town is already dying.

Concerned resident

Hi,

As Ceredigion city council has already objected in better detail than myself, I strongly oppose the new changes to parking in Aberystwyth. I am a doctor, a new mum, and a local living in [street name removed]. Parking has always been an issue for me and my family, and having a little one it is not easy to park several streets away from my house, while bringing the shopping and the little one.

I believe you should be focusing on creating more parking solutions, ie resident permits or resident only parking areas, instead of removing what little parking we have available.

I sincerely hope you look into this matter as a matter of urgency tasking into account The residents views on the matter.

Kind regards,

Hello.

I hear you intend to put some restrictions or carpark payment on our Aberystwyth promenade

Please don't. We need as many car parking spaces as we can on the prom. We need to encourage more people to come into our town. This will not help matters. Our businesses need this, so please don't restrict parking or charge for parking on our prom.

Thank you.

I have recently seen that you have plans to place double yellow lines along the south beach road. This is a shocking arrangement as small businesses such as the hut will lose significant amount of business. Additionally there are very few places to park in Aberystwyth, especially in the summer. This is an absurd proposal and should not be carried through.

I would like to express that I strongly disagree with the proposal to remove 67 parking spaces from South Prom area of Aberystwyth and the imposition of limited waiting parking (2-4 hours) on the prom and near by areas.

This will be extremely detrimental to Aberystwyth tourism and economic activity which the town desperately needs to improve.

Dear Sir/Madam

I'm writing to you today about the current situation with the parking meters coming to the prom. As someone who works in this town and brings business to this very much dying town it is absolutely disgusting, Our local council is yet again trying to bleed its people dry of everything thing we have. The very few businesses left in this town are just about keeping it a float and our local council isn't helping and is just making it worse. Maybe if you didn't give your top boss a pay rise of an extra £20,000 then maybe this town would have a little bit more money. STOP bleeding the very people of this town dry and take a look at the people inside the council. I've lived in Aberystwyth all my life (28 years) and to see the council do this to people during a time where money is scarce is just terrifying!

Dear Ceredigion Council

I strongly object to the parking changes you are proposing in Laura Place, King St, and the Promenade. This will cause unimaginable mayhem and distress to not only the local families but, students and holidaymakers (which bring in money to spend). If you are trying to generate income in your deficit it will be a drop in the ocean. It will

also cause anger and despair towards the council by locals, who are trying very hard to just survive in these hard times. Please re-think this idea. Yours sincerely

I'm writing to voice my objection to the council's plan of reducing parking on the prom in Aberystwyth. Parking anywhere in Aberystwyth is a nightmare but with reduced parking spaces, it will be made even worse. Wasn't it bad enough that the streets were closed in with wider pavements? Heaven knows why that was needed, as Aberystwyth is fast becoming a ghost town. I feel desperately sorry for local businesses, as more people will decide it's not worth the hassle of coming into the town or visiting the seaside.

Dear Sir/madam

I wish to object to the proposal to charge for car parking on Aberystwyth Prom.

The loss of car parking spaces and proposed charging will in my view be detrimental to small businesses as well as tourists and locals wishing to enjoy the town.

Parking is already dire in Aberystwyth and more research needs to be done about the potential repercussions before implementing the charges.

Yours sincerely

I am a resident of Ceredigion and I park in Aberystwyth frequently.

I'm writing to voice my objections to the proposed imposition of parking charges in Aberystwyth.

1. As a resident of Ceredigion I already pay a hearty sum in council tax and as we live in a rural area receive very little in the way of services. If this scheme is to proceed I think it only fair that Ceredigion council tax payers be issued a parking permit allowing free parking in the county.

2. Aberystwyth is in a dire state and desperately needs to attract visitors. Making people pay for parking will deter some, not all, of those thinking of coming here. The town cannot afford that loss.

3. People will just park further away and walk into town, thereby causing issues for residents in an already congested parking environment.

I hope that these concerns can be raised with the relevant body.

I am disabled and imagine my disgust at the way we the disabled are being treated with you idiotic plans for Aberystwyth promenade you always underhanded shaft the disabled people of Aberystwyth with your fake or (as Covid measures proved illegal)consultation methods drummed up by a corrupt councillor/planner you will I'm sure be pulled up about this and if not I'm sure people will seek full disclosure of yet again ccc corruption

Good morning,

As a local resident and supporter of local businesses in Aberystwyth i feel that I must strongly object to your proposal of change of traffic regulations relating to the parking on the promenade at Aberystwyth.

From what I can calculate from your proposal this would equate to the lose of 55-60 parking spaces that contribute greatly to the local economy and provide spaces for local workers who, bear in mind are the people who are on minimum wages and can't afford to park at the council car park which charge a ridiculous fee.

It seems that the locals are again being punished for trying to make ends meet.

What I see is that the people that are trying to make ends meet are being pushed out of free parking to the these money pots for the council.

For example

A person who works 4hrs a day 4 days a week cannot park for free anywhere. Your charging structure in your car parks is such that it does not allow this unless you pay a full day rate wasting valuable money it's totally unfair and wasteful.

Almost 25% of your daily pay has gone on parking fees to make a living

As a visitor recently to Ynys mon it was refreshing to see a car paring fee in the council car park of £2 for 4 hrs parking

This proposal will alienate locals, penalise local small businesses and deter visitors from stopping ti spend money within the local businesses.

RIP ABERYSTWYTH IT WAS WAS NICE WHILST IT LASTED

I urge you to reconsider your proposal

Dear Councillors,

I strongly object with the change in parking spaces on Aberystwyth Prom. Why the need to change something if it's not broken? On who's recommendations is this move being made? Under an FOI I would like to know the names of the 8 councillors who are making this decision.

This will have a terrible effect on an economy that's already struggling.

Yours sincerely,

Reply sent 08/04/24:

This will be reported to the Council's Cabinet following the end of the public consultation period on 24th April 2024, when a decision will be taken as to whether or not to proceed with the proposed Traffic Regulation Order. I can confirm that a copy of your correspondence has also been forwarded to Highways and Environmental Services who will respond to you after Cabinet has made its decision to inform you of the outcome.

I am writing to express my deep concern and frustration regarding the proposed changes to parking in Aberystwyth, specifically the potential loss of 40-60 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces. As a resident of Aberystwyth, I am gravely concerned about the negative impact this will have on our community, commuters, visitors, and local businesses.

First and foremost, the proposal fails to offer any alternative solution to the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking. Many commuters rely on these spaces, as public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate. The Welsh Government funding for public transport is insufficient, making driving and parking in town the only viable option for many individuals who work in Aberystwyth but live in surrounding towns and villages.

Moreover, the relocation of disabled parking spaces to the opposite side of the road on South Marine Terrace poses a significant safety concern. Disabled visitors will now have to navigate a busy road to access the beach, which is unacceptable and potentially dangerous.

Additionally, there is already overwhelming support for a free or affordable residents' parking permit system. Utilizing Ceredigion County Council car parks, such as Canolfan Rheidol, could alleviate some of the parking pressure in the town center. I

urge you to consider implementing this as part of a broader review of parking in Aberystwyth.

Furthermore, the timing of this proposal is deeply concerning. With UKSPF funding set to be spent by March 2025, it is alarming that consultation on these proposals is happening so late in the process. It gives the impression that decisions have already been made, regardless of the consultation outcome.

Lastly, I believe that the allocated funding could be better utilized elsewhere. Investing in improving public transport infrastructure or addressing bottlenecks that impede cycling and active travel on the promenade would benefit the community more than the proposed parking changes.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the proposed parking changes and to prioritize the needs of Aberystwyth residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses. It is essential to explore alternative solutions and to engage in meaningful consultation with the community before making any decisions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

While I like everyone else who lives in Aberystwyth wish to see the town improve, I must strongly object to the current proposals to reduce considerably the number of unrestricted car spaces available to people living in Aberystwyth.

These proposals must take note of the voice of local people at the very least before any proposal is taken any further.

Parking has been an issue for a number of years and this proposal if followed through with will just add to the anxiety of residents living with the area of Rheidol Ward. It was also effect commuters working or visiting Aberystwyth.

The loss of over 60 unrestricted parking spaces is going to increase the anxiety of people like myself who already struggle to park anywhere near where I actually live.

[street] where I live , for the purposes of refuse collection one day a week all cars are moved out of the road and the only free space for a 4 hour period is usually on the seafront . You are now asking me to pay to be there? This makes no sense. Also it will add further restrictions to me as a pensioner who lives in the area and increase the costs of living here.

This proposal is also encouraging visitors to Aberystwyth to move their vehicles further up the town taking more spaces from residents of Aberystwyth.

This proposal does not include any thought for the residents parking situation at all. There are no proposals issued to take into account local residents in Aberystwyth who work and support the local economy and are a great asset to the town.

I would suggest if you issue residents at least with a permit so residents can park in any restricted spaces free of any fee encumbrance so that they are not financially impacted, this would go some way towards reducing the anxiety and further council generated costs for residents of Aberystwyth.

I do not believe the proposals will encourage visitors to Aberystwyth in any way. Welsh Government funding for public transport should be a way forward or for visitors to park in under used council car parks such as Canolfyn Rhiedol.

With Regards

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First and foremost, the proposal fails to offer any alternative solution to the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking. Many commuters rely on these spaces, as public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate. The Welsh Government funding for public transport is insufficient, making driving and parking in town the only viable option for many individuals who work in Aberystwyth but live in surrounding towns and villages. The very concept that someone working for an 8-hour shift will be able to move their vehicle every couple of hours is ludicrous- and this is on the back of changes over the last decade or so, including the loss of the Bath Street car park, the demise of the park and ride scheme and the imposition of 2-hr limits on retail park car parks. Furthermore, the allocation of numerous parking limitations around the side streets of Aberystwyth to short-stay restrictions also impacts on the potential amount of places available for daily commuters. Finally, throughout town, bays have been allocated as EV charging points in many areas (Plascrug, Tesco, Lidl), again impacting the number of spaces for non-EV drivers (of which there are a higher proportion in rural areas), even if these were not time-limited places.

Moreover, the relocation of disabled parking spaces to the opposite side of the road on South Marine Terrace poses a significant safety concern. Disabled visitors will now have to navigate a busy road to access the beach, which is unacceptable and potentially dangerous (both in terms of vehicle usage,, but also the risk of injury to wheelchair/restricted mobility users given the appalling state of the road surface) . Additionally, there is already overwhelming support for a free or affordable residents'

parking permit system. Utilizing Ceredigion County Council car parks, such as Canolfan Rheidol, could alleviate some of the parking pressure in the town centre. I urge you to consider implementing this as part of a broader review of parking in Aberystwyth. Furthermore, the timing of this proposal is deeply concerning. With UKSPF funding set to be spent by March 2025, it is alarming that consultation on these proposals is happening so late in the process. It gives the impression that decisions have already been made, regardless of the consultation outcome.

Lastly, I believe that the allocated funding could be better utilized elsewhere. Investing in improving public transport infrastructure or addressing bottlenecks that impede cycling and active travel on the promenade would benefit the community more than the proposed parking changes.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the proposed parking changes and to prioritize the needs of Aberystwyth residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses. It is essential to explore alternative solutions and to engage in meaningful consultation with the community before making any decisions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Identical response received from two objectors

Dear CCC

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed parking changes along Laura Place and Kings Street, as well as to suggest an alternative solution on Corporation Street.

While I understand the need for managing parking in the area, I believe the proposed changes along Laura Place and Kings Street may have adverse effects on local residents and businesses. These changes could potentially inconvenience residents who rely on street parking and negatively impact the accessibility of businesses in the area. Therefore, I object to these proposed changes.

However, I would like to propose an alternative solution for managing parking in the town centre. I suggest converting Corporation Street from an all-day parking zone to a one or two-hour parking limit. This change should include the two parking spaces at the side of the Baptist Church which are frequently abused and cause issues to the disabled users of the church and residents of Crynfryn. This change would free up approximately 12 parking spaces.

This adjustment would still allow for turnover in parking spaces, is close to the promenade and still ensuring accessibility for visitors and customers, while also addressing any potential issues of long-term parking.

I would also suggest that the all day bay outside the Baptist Church be changed to a disabled bay like the one behind it, this would add an additional disabled bay in the town centre.

By implementing this change, we can strike a balance between addressing parking concerns and maintaining the vibrancy of the local community. I believe this solution would be more equitable and beneficial for all stakeholders involved.

Thank you for considering my feedback. I hope that you will take these suggestions into account when finalising the parking changes in the area.

Sincerely,

Dear councillors

I am writing to register my very strong feelings regarding the proposal of the removal of the parking spaces to our already dying town. Please either organise the reintroduction of a larger park and ride or leave the situation as it is. Small businesses cannot be damaged further; this is very serious and will have a knock on effect to all. Already the parking issue is ridiculous and when I walk around the town I notice the same cars circling round searching for a parking space. Lowering emissions is the way to go. Give over the farmers market site for extra parking and bring that back into town.

Yours sincerely

Parking along Aberystwyth promenade, all we need is a set of traffic lights starting at the castle by our fabulous war memorial and ending at the hut, if you ban parking on the promenade you will kill Aberystwyth, which together with the neglect of our town local people think that's what you are trying to do, it's very depressing, I would like to know what our local County councillors are doing to help us, do they have any say about our town or is it all down to one man who doesn't care about our beautiful town. Our rates are huge and we feel like any money is spent elsewhere

Good afternoon CLIC

I am writing to raise some objections to the plan which entails removing 67 parking places from Aberystwyth town prom and surrounding area..

.In brief, my objections are:

What is going to happen to all the people who work and street park in Aberystwyth every day. Not everyone will be in a position to cycle to work. Buses and trains are options but not every route will have a convenient timetable. Also, being a rural area, access to bus stops is not always easy.

Park and Ride has proved too expensive and where do people park their cars?

This lack of footfall could sound the death knell for the few remaining independent businesses in Aberystwyth.

Local people will avoid the town centre to save themselves the hassle, likewise visitors are going to be reluctant to come if they can't park easily, or at reasonable cost

Perhaps the self contained camper vans will still come.

The maps provided make it plain that the existing disability parking zone on South Marine Tce. is just over five houses long whereas the proposed bay is roughly four house widths making it a loss of disabled parking.

The moving of the disabled parking bays in South Marine Tce to the other side of the road also takes them out of their bays and onto the road close to a junction, arguably making it more dangerous for blue badge holders.

People with Blue Badges are currently able to park on the Prom. If the Prom becomes a no-parking zone it will make it more difficult for people with mobility difficulties to access the Prom, as they are not restricted to parking in disabled bays only. Is the intention to make it an able bodied only zone?

How can the principle behind these measures be safety when the only car accident I can recall on the Prom involved a rally car. Also, you can get seriously injured as a pedestrian who is in collision with a pedal cycle.

Best regards

I strongly object to remove parking along this road, at present you as a County Council are killing Aberystwyth

Please- no more parking restrictions in town!

It is already so hard for us locals to park in town to not only shop but to enjoy walking around town- not everyone wants to just pop in and grab one of the few unrestricted short stay spaces- some of us live a little further out and want slightly more than two hours to shop locally then enjoy meeting with friends for a cuppa and a natter...

No, I don't want to park in Tescos all the time, just to park on the street somewhere - there are so many disabled spaces and removed spaces already it's crazy! I had a parking ticket for using the doctors spaces in Church Road on a Sunday afternoon for ten minutes whilst queuing to collect a prescription in Boots recently- daft when the doctors aren't even open at the weekend and there was literally nowhere else within walking distance in the rain- and the traffic warden was still issuing it when I came out

Are the Council really trying their level best to destroy all the shops and drive us all to online shopping or just using the major shops with their car parks?

When I moved to Aberystwyth nearly 20 years ago almost all of the shops were open and thriving and tourists flocked here (I ran a local guesthouse so know the statistics we had) - now you can walk through town almost any day and there is very little footfall..

Closing and charging for public toilets doesn't help either

I strongly disagree with the proposal to remove 67 parking spaces from South Prom area of Aberystwyth and the imposition of limited waiting parking (2-4 hours) on the prom and near by areas. There is already very little to attract visitors to Aberystwyth and an inability to park in order to walk on the Prom will further discourage them. Also there are a number of businesses that rely on access to the prom and the nearby streets and this proposal will disadvantage them at a time when businesses are struggling to survive. Yours Sincerely

Hi

I am a local resident who has recently moved to the town to work at the University. I am impressed with Aberystwyth and what it has to offer in a small area - its impressive.

Its appears to me that with more and easier parking Aberystwyth would be even more attractive to tourists and this would improve the towns economy.

Therefore I was amazed that there is a proposal to reduce the number of parking spaces by at least 65. This will definitely have an huge impact on the local economy and adversely affect the local residents.

I would urge you to reconsider this proposal and potentially look to new areas that could be used for parking so that the town and beach can be more accessible to visitors. Please lets not limit access to our wonderful town!

Best wishes

Good afternoon, I would like to express my concern to the potential changes to parking along Aberystwyth seafront.

I am a solo full time foster carer who looks after vulnerable children with additional learning needs and heavy trauma based behaviours.

We live just outside of the main town so have to drive and park in town.

The young person who lives with me loves to spend his days in the arcade on the pier and walking along the seafront and up constitution hill to play mini golf, and I enjoy the social aspect of being in town, as we live in a rural setting and rarely see other people.

[personal information removed] we like to have therapeutic days by the sea.

We also have many appointments with opticians, dentist, doctors, hospital, [personal information removed] the list goes on.

As it stands, we can only find a free parking space if we get to town early in the morning. If we miss that we have to park in Tesco or Matalan and continuously move the car every couple of hours as to not get a fine, [personal information removed] this can be extremely difficult, and doesn't allow us time to relax, [personal information removed], and sometimes gets in the way of getting to appointments.

As I'm sure you are aware, my line of work is extremely under paid and isn't affordable to be paying for parking on a regular basis. Along with getting rid of many parking spaces, and reducing the permitted hours of parking, I fear it will lead to us not being able to spend time in town recreationally, and have to prioritise the appointments only.

I urge you to please reconsider the proposed changes, as this could seriously affect the young persons quality of life, along with my own. My job is 24/7, 7 days a week, and doing it alone with little to no support is tough, and to take away the little social interaction I have would make things a lot tougher.

Thank you for your time and I hope you come up with another solution.

I am registering my **STRONG OBJECTION** to the proposed charge for parking on the prom in Aberystwyth. The town shopping is suffering enough without driving shoppers and hotel residents away. Perhaps we should have a CEO that does not cost the town £134,000 or spend so much on unwanted 20mph speed limits...

Regards

I wish to object to the proposal to remove parking place on the prom as short sighted and a detrimental to the town.

Aberystwyth as a holiday and student town has a chronic shortage of long stay parking. The Prom is a popular destination for locals and tourists. The town needs to get people out of their cars and enjoying themselves spending money not causing traffic jams circling trying to find somewhere to park.

The recent reversal and implementation of one way streets leading off the prom is now causing traffic on to the prom who don't want to be there.

If the town loses these spaces where would the town expect people to park when they come to Aberystwyth for the day?

I suspect people just won't bother coming.

Your sincerity

Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed changes to the waiting and Loading Order 2019 (amendment no 11 2024. On Aberystwyth seafront

People with mobility problems who need to use a car to access the prom for wellbeing and exercise reasons will find it harder to do so with less parking spaces available.

Businesses and cafes in the town centre will be adversely affected as both visitors to Aberystwyth and locals use the prom to park on and then take a walk and also spend money.

If people feel they are unable to find parking, they will go elsewhere.

Local residents also rely on this unrestricted parking as there is so little of it in the town centre.

Aberystwyth is falling behind other Ceredigion towns and needs investment to encourage footfall and not reduce it.

Many thanks

Dear Ceredigion County Council,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

While I acknowledge the importance of enhancing the promenade and supporting active travel initiatives, I must oppose these changes if they come at the expense of parking. Below are my key concerns regarding the proposal:

1. Significance of Parking: Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.
2. Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of

approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town.

3. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.
4. Impact on Commuters: Many individuals who work in Aberystwyth commute from surrounding areas with insufficient public transport, necessitating the use of cars for transportation and parking within the town.
5. Inadequate Public Transport Infrastructure: The current state of public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces.
6. Displacement of Parking Pressures: The loss of parking along the South promenade will only shift parking pressures onto other nearby streets, exacerbating existing issues.
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8. Residents' Parking Consideration: There is strong support for implementing a free/affordable residents' parking permit system, utilizing existing Ceredigion County Council car parks such as Canolfan Rheidol.
9. Wider Parking Review: I request a comprehensive review of parking in Aberystwyth, including consultation with Aberystwyth University to explore options such as offering parking at the university campus to reduce congestion in the town centre.
10. Timing of Consultation: Given that UKSPF funding for this project must be spent by March 2025, it is concerning that consultation is taking place at such a late stage, raising doubts about the meaningfulness of the process.
11. Alternative Allocation of Funds: There are alternative areas where the allocated funding could be better utilised, particularly to address bottlenecks that impede cycling and active travel along the promenade.

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

106 identical responses received from different objectors.

Annwyl Cyngor Sir Ceredigion,

Rwy'n ysgrifennu i fynegi fy ngwrthwynebiad i'r gwelliannau arfaethedig a amlinellwyd yn yr Ymgynghoriad ynghylch Gorchymyn Cyngor Sir Ceredigion (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Aros a Llwytho a Dadlwytho) 2019 (Glan Môr Aberystwyth) (Gorchymyn Diwygio Rhif 11) 2024.

Er fy mod yn cydnabod pwysigrwydd gwella'r promenâd a chefnogi mentrau teithio llesol, rhaid imi wrthwynebu'r newidiadau hyn os ydynt yn dod ar draul parcio. Isod mae fy mhryderon allweddol ynghylch y cynnig:

1. Arwyddocâd Parcio: Mae parcio'n parhau i fod yn fater hollbwysig i drigolion lleol, cymudwyr, ymwelwyr a busnesau fel ei gilydd.

2. Colli Mannau Parcio: Bydd y diwygiadau arfaethedig yn arwain at gollu tua 50-65 o fannau parcio anghyfyngedig drwy'r dydd, gan effeithio'n fawr ar drigolion a gweithwyr y dref. Mae hyn yn hollol annerbyniol heb gynnig opsiynau eraill ymarferol ar gyfer trigolion.
3. Diffyg Dewisiadau Eraill: Ni chyflwynwyd unrhyw atebion ymarferol eraill i liniaru'r golled o barcio anghyfyngedig/drwy'r dydd.
4. Effaith ar Gymudwyr: Mae llawer o unigolion sy'n gweithio yn Aberystwyth yn cymudo o'r ardaloedd cyfagos heb ddigon o drafnidiaeth gyhoeddus, sy'n golygu bod angen defnyddio ceir ar gyfer cludiant a pharcio o fewn y dref.
5. Seilwaith Trafnidiaeth Gyhoeddus Annigonol: Mae cyflwr presennol y seilwaith trafndiaeth gyhoeddus yn Aberystwyth a'r cyffiniau yn annigonol i gefnogi gostyngiad mor sylweddol mewn mannau parcio.
6. Dadleoli Pwysau Parcio: Bydd colli lleoedd parcio ar hyd promenâd y De ond yn symud pwysau parcio i strydoedd cyfagos eraill, gan waethygu'r problemau presennol.
7. Pryderon Hygyrchedd: Mae symud mannau parcio anabl i ochr arall y South Marine Terrace yn creu heriau hygyrchedd, gan ei gwneud yn ofynnol i ymwelwyr anabl groesi ffordd brysur i gael mynediad i'r traeth.
8. Parcio i Breswylwyr Ystyriaeth: Mae cefnogaeth gref i weithredu system trwydded barcio am ddim/fforddiadwy i breswylwyr, gan ddefnyddio meysydd parcio presennol Cyngor Sir Ceredigion megis Canolfan Rheidol.
9. Adolygiad Parcio Ehangach: Rwy'n pwysu am adolygiad cynhwysfawr o barcio yn Aberystwyth, gan gynnwys ymgynghori â Phrifysgol Aberystwyth i archwilio opsiynau megis cynnig parcio ar gampws y brifysgol i leihau tagfeydd yng nghanol y dref.
10. Amseriad yr Ymgynghori: O ystyried bod yn rhaid gwario arian yr UKSPF ar gyfer y prosiect hwn erbyn mis Mawrth 2025, mae'n destun pryder bod ymgynghoriad yn digwydd mor hwyr, gan godi amheuon ynghylch pa mor ystyrion yw'r broses.
11. Dyrannu Cronfeydd Amgen: Mae meysydd eraill lle gellid gwneud gwell defnydd o'r cyllid a ddyrannwyd, yn enwedig i fynd i'r afael â thagfeydd sy'n rhwystro beicio a theithio llesol ar hyd y promenâd. Hyderaf y byddwch yn ystyried y gwrthwynebiadau hyn yn ofalus ac yn eu hystyried yn ystod y broses benderfynu. Diolch ichi am eich sylw at y mater hwn. Yr eiddoch yn gywir,

The template letter has also been received yn Gymraeg.

Dear Ceredigion County Council,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

While I acknowledge the importance of enhancing the promenade and supporting active travel initiatives, I must oppose these changes if they come at the expense of parking. Below are my key concerns regarding the proposal:

1. Significance of Parking: Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.
2. Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town.
3. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.
4. Impact on Commuters: Many individuals who work in Aberystwyth commute from surrounding areas with insufficient public transport, necessitating the use of cars for transportation and parking within the town.
5. Inadequate Public Transport Infrastructure: The current state of public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces.
6. Displacement of Parking Pressures: The loss of parking along the South promenade will only shift parking pressures onto other nearby streets, exacerbating existing issues.
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8. Residents' Parking Consideration: There is strong support for implementing a free/affordable residents' parking permit system, utilizing existing Ceredigion County Council car parks such as Canolfan Rheidol.
9. Wider Parking Review: I urge for a comprehensive review of parking in Aberystwyth, including consultation with Aberystwyth University to explore options such as offering parking at the university campus to reduce congestion in the town centre.
10. Timing of Consultation: Given that UKSPF funding for this project must be spent by March 2025, it is concerning that consultation is taking place at such a late stage, raising doubts about the meaningfulness of the process.
11. Alternative Allocation of Funds: There are alternative areas where the allocated funding could be better utilised, particularly to address bottlenecks that impede cycling and active travel along the promenade.
12. Impact to businesses on the promenade.

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Very similar to the above template letter, but with point 12 added

10 April 2024

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

1. It should be noted that the noun "promenade" is defined as a paved or similar public WALK WAY along a seafront at a resort or as a verb to have a leisurely walk to meet other people. South promenade is suited for this as it is well provided with

seating at strategic intervals allowing those with health problems that limit the distance they can walk to still maintain mobility free from traffic related hazards. Such people still need a car and parking to avail themselves of this facility – remember we are an aging population so it could be you, as councillors, who may rue your own current actions if you enact Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

While I acknowledge the importance of enhancing the promenade particularly improving flood defences and providing safe walking opportunities for all residents I must oppose any changes that come at the expense of parking organised such that they prevent people of all ages from safely accessing the promenade.

Parking: Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.

2. Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-67 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town. Any current traffic flow problems on this part of the promenade could be mitigated by a suitably programmed traffic light system. A crude version was operated during the early stages of the Old College refurbishment.

3. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.

4. Impact on Commuters: Many individuals who work in Aberystwyth commute from surrounding areas with insufficient public transport, necessitating the use of cars for transportation and parking within the town.

5. Inadequate Public Transport Infrastructure: The current state of public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces.

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8. Residents' Parking Consideration: There is strong support for implementing a free/affordable residents' parking permit system.

9. Wider Parking Review: I urge for a comprehensive review of parking in Aberystwyth, including consultation with Aberystwyth University to explore options such as offering parking at the university campus to reduce congestion in the town centre.

10. Timing of Consultation: Given that UKSPF funding for this project must be spent by March 2025, it is concerning that consultation is taking place at such a late stage, raising doubts about the meaningfulness of the process.

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Similar to the above template letter, but with additional detail on points 1, 2 and 7

Dear Ceredigion County Council,

As a resident of Aberystwyth

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

I believe this proposal to be very short sighted, and does not consider local residents and businesses, as well as tourists who bring in revenue for the town.

Money needs to be spent on enhancing our town, completing the many repairs needed, to encourage people to come, before we turn into a sad seaside ghost town and not to penalise with parking charges.

We need to be proud of Aberystwyth not saddened by its demise.

While I acknowledge the importance of enhancing the promenade and supporting active travel initiatives, I must oppose these changes if they come at the expense of parking. Below are my key concerns regarding the proposal:

1. Significance of Parking: Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.
2. Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town.
3. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.
4. Impact on Commuters: Many individuals who work in Aberystwyth commute from surrounding areas with insufficient public transport, necessitating the use of cars for transportation and parking within the town.
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11. Alternative Allocation of Funds: There are alternative areas where the allocated funding could be better utilised, particularly to address bottlenecks that impede

cycling and active travel along the promenade.

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Similar to the template letter above, but with additional detail in the opening paragraphs.

Dear Ceredigion County Council,

I can imagine you've had many emails about the parking proposals in Aberystwyth, before you take all the following points into consideration I would also like to add that on a daily basis for the last few years it takes me the same amount of time to try and find a parking space as it does to commute in from my house 20 mins away.

It is extremely frustrating on a daily basis driving around and around town trying to find an all day parking space now as it is, if you take away that many spaces it is going to be chaos!

Please reconsider, at the moment I work from home one day a week as it is to save the stress and if this proposal comes into play then I will consider relocating my business out of Aberystwyth. Closing yet another business and also every single one of the people that on a daily basis visits my [personal information redacted] will not be coming into town and therefore other businesses will lose their custom.

I would also like to know if the people that are in charge of this proposal and who's idea it is works or lives in Aberystwyth? If they did there is no way they would think of taking away any spaces at all.

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- I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.
- Thank you for your attention to this matter.
- Yours sincerely,

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I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

While I acknowledge the importance of enhancing the promenade and supporting active travel initiatives, I must oppose these changes if they come at the expense of parking. Below are my key concerns regarding the proposal:

Primary objection - introducing parking restrictions will force more people to park on the already highly congested residential streets denying local residents the opportunity to park in close proximity to their own properties.

In addition:

1. Significance of Parking: Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.
2. Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town.
3. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.

4. Impact on Commuters: Many individuals who work in Aberystwyth commute from surrounding areas with insufficient public transport, necessitating the use of cars for transportation and parking within the town.
 5. Inadequate Public Transport Infrastructure: The current state of public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces.
 6. Displacement of Parking Pressures: The loss of parking along the South promenade will only shift parking pressures onto other nearby streets, exacerbating existing issues.
 7. Accessibility Concerns: Moving disabled parking spaces to the opposite side of South Marine Terrace poses accessibility challenges, requiring disabled visitors to cross a busy road to access the beach.
 8. Residents' Parking Consideration: There is strong support for implementing a free/affordable residents' parking permit system, utilizing existing Ceredigion County Council car parks such as Canolfan Rheidol.
 9. Wider Parking Review: I urge for a comprehensive review of parking in Aberystwyth, including consultation with Aberystwyth University to explore options such as offering parking at the university campus to reduce congestion in the town centre.
 10. Timing of Consultation: Given that UKSPF funding for this project must be spent by March 2025, it is concerning that consultation is taking place at such a late stage, raising doubts about the meaningfulness of the process.
 11. Alternative Allocation of Funds: There are alternative areas where the allocated funding could be better utilised, particularly to address bottlenecks that impede cycling and active travel along the promenade.
- I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.
- Thank you for your attention to this matter.
- Yours faithfully,

Similar to the template letter, but with additional detail in the opening paragraphs

Dear Ceredigion County Council,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

While I acknowledge the importance of enhancing the promenade and supporting active travel initiatives, I must oppose these changes if they come at the expense of parking. Below are my key concerns regarding the proposal:

1. Significance of Parking: Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.
2. Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town. We live on [personal information redacted] and already find it incredibly difficult to park our car. To park near our house we have to move our car every 2 hours. To avoid this issue we currently park our car on the back roads

behind south beach. All this plan will do is push more visitors into streets further back from the Prom and make residents parking even more difficult.

3. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking. There is already insufficient unrestricted parking and NO residents parking. We do not need to be able to park outside our houses (although that would help those of us who would like to transition to electric cars), but we do need to be able to park without having Parking Fines issued.

4. Inadequate Public Transport Infrastructure: The current state of public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces.

5. Displacement of Parking Pressures: The loss of parking along the South promenade will only shift parking pressures onto other nearby streets, exacerbating existing issues. This will be particularly bad for residents in these streets. You might think that the town centre is full of HMOs in which students live. However, families and young people are now residing in the centre of town and we need to be able to park.

6 Residents' Parking Consideration: There is strong support for implementing a free/affordable residents' parking permit system. Without resident's parking, how can we make the necessary transition to Electric Vehicles? I have recently relocated to Aberystwyth from Bristol where residents parking permits were standard and affordable. This system which is implemented in many towns and cities across the UK needs to be considered for the residents of Aberystwyth.

7. Wider Parking Review: I urge for a comprehensive review of parking in Aberystwyth, including consultation with Aberystwyth University to explore options such as offering visitor park and ride schemes at the university campus to reduce congestion in the town centre.

8. Timing of Consultation: Given that UKSPF funding for this project must be spent by March 2025, it is concerning that consultation is taking place at such a late stage, raising doubts about the meaningfulness of the process.

9. Some areas of the prom (road not pavement) are very wide. I think there is room for parking spaces to be turned by 90 degrees to make significantly more (not less) spaces.

10. Proper marked bays. Throughout the town, parking bays are not individually marked. This leads to very bad parking with cars sometimes taking up what could be two spaces. If bays were properly marked, you could increase the number of bays available.

11. Doctors Parking on Portland St. Portland Street has many parking variations. One of these are spaces outside the surgery (which is very good). However, at bank holidays and weekends and evenings, when the surgery is not open, these bays could offer unrestricted or time restricted options.

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Similar to the above template letter, but with additional detail in many paragraphs. Two copies of this response received from different addresses

Dear Ceredigion County Council,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

While I acknowledge the importance of enhancing the promenade and supporting active travel initiatives, I must oppose these changes if they come at the expense of parking. Below are my key concerns regarding the proposal:

1. Significance of Parking: Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.
2. Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town.
3. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.
4. Impact on Commuters: Many individuals who work in Aberystwyth commute from surrounding areas with insufficient public transport, necessitating the use of cars for transportation and parking within the town.
5. Inadequate Public Transport Infrastructure: The current state of public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces.
6. Displacement of Parking Pressures: The loss of parking along the South promenade will only shift parking pressures onto other nearby streets, exacerbating existing issues.
7. Accessibility Concerns: Moving disabled parking spaces to the opposite side of South Marine Terrace poses accessibility challenges, requiring disabled visitors to cross a busy road to access the beach.
8. Residents' Parking Consideration: There is strong support for implementing a free/affordable residents' parking permit system, utilizing existing Ceredigion County Council car parks such as Canolfan Rheidol.
9. Wider Parking Review: I urge for a comprehensive review of parking in Aberystwyth, including consultation with Aberystwyth University to explore options such as offering parking at the university campus to reduce congestion in the town centre.
10. Timing of Consultation: Given that UKSPF funding for this project must be spent by March 2025, it is concerning that consultation is taking place at such a late stage, raising doubts about the meaningfulness of the process.
11. Alternative Allocation of Funds: There are alternative areas where the allocated funding could be better utilised, particularly to address bottlenecks that impede cycling and active travel along the promenade.
12. The removal of car parking slots is not being undertaken without the addition of alternative parking arrangements.

There is a dire need for more car parking slots along Aberystwyth Promenade in the future.

Ceredigion County Council are deterring people from visiting Aberystwyth especially in the summer !

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Similar to the above template letter, but with the addition of point 12 and the following paragraph

Dear Ceredigion County Council,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

While I acknowledge the importance of enhancing the promenade and supporting active travel initiatives, I must oppose these changes if they come at the expense of parking. Below are my key concerns regarding the proposal:

1. Significance of Parking: Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.
2. Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town.
3. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.
4. Impact on Commuters: Many individuals who work in Aberystwyth commute from surrounding areas with insufficient public transport, necessitating the use of cars for transportation and parking within the town.
5. Inadequate Public Transport Infrastructure: The current state of public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces.
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9. Wider Parking Review: I urge for a comprehensive review of parking in Aberystwyth, including consultation with Aberystwyth University to explore options such as offering parking at the university campus to reduce congestion in the town centre.
10. Timing of Consultation: Given that UKSPF funding for this project must be spent by March 2025, it is concerning that consultation is taking place at such a late stage, raising doubts about the meaningfulness of the process.
11. Alternative Allocation of Funds: There are alternative areas where the allocated funding could be better utilised, particularly to address bottlenecks that impede cycling and active travel along the promenade.

I have been a business owner in Aberystwyth for the last 15 years, and I have never known the town to be so quiet and business so difficult than it has been the last 8 months. My colleagues have been in business for 30+ years, and have also never known it so quiet and difficult, even through significant economic recessions.

As previously stated, these changes will have a detrimental impact on Aberystwyth business, who are already struggling. The amount of closed buildings and businesses are enough to reflect the current struggles we are facing, without this further restriction (And that's also without mentioning the rise in council tax, in which we still have potholes covering the streets of Aberystwyth, the industrial estate and Penparcau, which causes damage to many cars and is a further incentive not to use the roads and come into town).

The lack of bus services available to people further restrict customers access to local business and business owners to their current customers and potential customers. I live in [personal information redacted] and cannot get a bus that arrives in town before 9am. My only options to get into work for 9am is to drive and struggle to park (which takes up petrol, energy, patience and additional money), walk (which isn't always an option as I'm 7 months pregnant with back problems), or a car share if available (which again is restricted to conditions of availability).

There is already so much for local businesses to fight against, factors such as the rise in business costs (ranging from stock to energy prices), the already restrictive parking options available and a lack of incentive for customers to come into town and spend any disposable income they have, due to these existing parking restrictions and the state of Aberystwyth roads and streets. Furthermore, it will also affect the tourism Aberystwyth thrives on during half terms and school holidays. Last week we had a half term and usually it's thriving in the town centre, but it was so quiet, you couldn't even tell the children were off.

While there are some car park options, such as the one by the football club, old park and ride and St Micheals Church, there are several factors which make these options inaccessible for customers, businesses and residents, which include the price, lack of park and ride bus, and current building work being carried out.

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Similar to the above template letter but with additional detail following point 11.

Dear Ceredigion County Council,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

While I acknowledge the importance of enhancing the promenade and supporting active travel initiatives, I must oppose these changes if they come at the expense of parking. Below are my key concerns regarding the proposal:

1. Significance of Parking: Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.
 2. Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town.
 3. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.
 4. Impact on Commuters: Many individuals who work in Aberystwyth commute from surrounding areas with insufficient public transport, necessitating the use of cars for transportation and parking within the town.
 5. Inadequate Public Transport Infrastructure: The current state of public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces.
 6. Displacement of Parking Pressures: The loss of parking along the South promenade will only shift parking pressures onto other nearby streets, exacerbating existing issues.
 7. Accessibility Concerns: Moving disabled parking spaces to the opposite side of South Marine Terrace poses accessibility challenges, requiring disabled visitors to cross a busy road to access the beach.
 8. Residents' Parking Consideration: There is strong support for implementing a free/affordable residents' parking permit system, utilizing existing Ceredigion County Council car parks such as Canolfan Rheidol.
 9. Wider Parking Review: I urge for a comprehensive review of parking in Aberystwyth, including consultation with Aberystwyth University to explore options such as offering parking at the university campus to reduce congestion in the town centre as well as disincentivising students bringing cars to the town when they live within walking distance of their study locations.
 10. Serious consideration should be given to a multi storey car park within the town to address the loss of parking places experienced over the last few years and in advance of further reduction of spaces on the promenade.
 11. Timing of Consultation: Given that UKSPF funding for this project must be spent by March 2025, it is concerning that consultation is taking place at such a late stage, raising doubts about the meaningfulness of the process.
 12. Alternative Allocation of Funds: There are alternative areas where the allocated funding could be better utilised, particularly to address bottlenecks that impede cycling and active travel along the promenade.
- I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.
- Thank you for your attention to this matter.
- Yours sincerely,

Similar to the above, but with point 10 added

Dear Ceredigion County Council,

As someone who has lived in the middle of town and regularly visits the town for work and leisure, I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

While I acknowledge the importance of enhancing the promenade and supporting active travel initiatives, I must oppose these changes if they come at the expense of parking. Below are my key concerns regarding the proposal:

1. Significance of Parking: Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.
2. Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town.
3. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.
4. Impact on Commuters: Many individuals who work in Aberystwyth commute from surrounding areas with insufficient public transport, necessitating the use of cars for transportation and parking within the town.
5. Inadequate Public Transport Infrastructure: The current state of public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces.
6. Displacement of Parking Pressures: The loss of parking along the South promenade will only shift parking pressures onto other nearby streets, exacerbating existing issues.
7. Accessibility Concerns: Moving disabled parking spaces to the opposite side of South Marine Terrace poses accessibility challenges, requiring disabled visitors to cross a busy road to access the beach.
8. Residents' Parking Consideration: There is strong support for implementing a free/affordable residents' parking permit system, utilizing existing Ceredigion County Council car parks such as Canolfan Rheidol.
9. I would like to understand the reasoning for the 90 minute restriction at Lidl. With new spaces added, will negotiations take place to allow for any all day parking? This has been a long-standing issue since this restriction was added.

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Generally similar to the template letter, but some points removed and point 9 added

Dear Ceredigion County Council,

I am writing to express my objections to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

I oppose these proposed amendments and loss of parking spaces for the following reasons:

1. Detrimental effect on well-being - I use south prom most days for my well-being (I like to walk on south prom and I also regularly swim off south beach in the summer) and walk with my husband daily as part of his rehabilitation from illness. It is not an exaggeration to say that the prom is one of the few outdoor spaces in Aberystwyth that my husband can still reliably access. During the summer there are frequently occasions when there is nowhere to park and we have to return home without being able to enjoy "what is on our doorstep", and for which we pay a very high council tax to Ceredigion County Council. Removing the 50-65 spaces will make the South prom inaccessible to many elderly, infirm and disabled people who are unable to walk the distance from other car parks.
2. This will also negatively impact the sense of local community – there are many who rely on the social interaction experienced on south prom and enjoy a coffee etc at The Hut throughout the year. Easy access to shared spaces like the Prom is a crucial part of maintaining a local community and these changes will only make this more difficult.
3. The Tesco car park is already very full at times and these proposed changes are going to make this situation worse. There are already occasions when I am unable to park to shop in this car park as it is full and this situation causes traffic congestion which extends to Park Avenue as vehicles queue to leave or enter the car park. Have Tesco and Marks and Spencer been consulted on whether they have sufficient parking capacity to absorb this increased pressure on their infrastructure?
4. Significance of Parking: Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.
5. Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents, workers in the town, locals wishing to support the businesses on the prom and visitors.
6. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.
7. Impact on Commuters: Many individuals who work in Aberystwyth commute from surrounding areas with insufficient public transport, necessitating the use of cars for transportation and parking within the town.
8. Inadequate Public Transport Infrastructure: The current state of public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces.
9. Displacement of Parking Pressures: The loss of parking along the South promenade will only shift parking pressures onto other nearby streets, exacerbating existing issues.
10. Accessibility Concerns: Moving disabled parking spaces to the opposite side of South Marine Terrace poses accessibility challenges, requiring disabled visitors to cross a busy road to access the beach. How does moving the disabled parking bays from the Hut side of the south prom to the other side of the road improve pedestrian safety? - Pedestrian safety could be improved by making Pier Street two way as it was previously and reverting to priority to traffic on the prom Road and not priority to Pier Street traffic.
11. Residents' Parking Consideration: There is strong support for implementing a free/affordable residents' parking permit system, utilizing existing Ceredigion County Council car parks.
12. Wider Parking Review: I urge for a comprehensive review of parking in Aberystwyth, including consultation with Aberystwyth University to explore options

such as offering parking at the university campus to reduce congestion in the town centre.

13. Timing of Consultation: Given that UKSPF funding for this project must be spent by March 2025, it is concerning that consultation is taking place at such a late stage, raising doubts about the meaningfulness of the process.

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely

Similar to the above template letter, but with points 1 2 and 3 added.

Dear Ceredigion County Council,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

While I acknowledge the importance of enhancing the promenade and supporting active travel initiatives, I must oppose these changes. They do not support active travel if there are no safe alternative solutions presented.

Personally, my nearest bus stop only has a bus to town on a Monday and a Wednesday, and does not support commuting 5 days a week, it is also 7miles away from my home. The park and ride is challenging for pregnant women, women with children and bags, standing in wild weather before a long day, and as it doesn't seem to have a 'ride', the buses are infrequent and inflexible to support a modern life. Although the current parking situation in town is not ideal, the removal of spaces will only make this worse and put me off from working in the town and visiting.

There appear to be a lot of free empty car parks at both the government offices, so it seems high and mighty, and completely disconnected, to make this decision without proposing a solution.

Below are my key concerns regarding the proposal:

1. Significance of Parking: Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.
2. Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town.
3. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.
4. Impact on Commuters: Many individuals who work in Aberystwyth commute from surrounding areas with insufficient public transport, necessitating the use of cars for transportation and parking within the town.
5. Inadequate Public Transport Infrastructure: The current state of public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces.
6. Displacement of Parking Pressures: The loss of parking along the South promenade will only shift parking pressures onto other nearby streets, exacerbating existing issues.

7. Accessibility Concerns: Moving disabled parking spaces to the opposite side of South Marine Terrace poses accessibility challenges, requiring disabled visitors to cross a busy road to access the beach.
 8. Residents' Parking Consideration: There is strong support for implementing a free/affordable residents' parking permit system, utilizing existing Ceredigion County Council car parks such as Canolfan Rheidol.
 9. Wider Parking Review: I urge for a comprehensive review of parking in Aberystwyth, including consultation with Aberystwyth University to explore options such as offering parking at the university campus to reduce congestion in the town centre.
 10. Timing of Consultation: Given that UKSPF funding for this project must be spent by March 2025, it is concerning that consultation is taking place at such a late stage, raising doubts about the meaningfulness of the process.
 11. Alternative Allocation of Funds: There are alternative areas where the allocated funding could be better utilised, particularly to address bottlenecks that impede cycling and active travel along the promenade.
- I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.
- Thank you for your attention to this matter.
- Yours sincerely,

Similar to the template letter, but with additional detail added in the opening paragraphs

Dear Ceredigion County Council,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

While I acknowledge the importance of enhancing the promenade and supporting active travel initiatives, I must oppose these changes if they come at the expense of parking which is already a massive issue in the town. Below are my key concerns regarding the proposal:

1. Significance of Parking: Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.
2. Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town.
3. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.
4. Impact on Commuters: Many individuals who work in Aberystwyth commute from surrounding areas with insufficient public transport, necessitating the use of cars for transportation and parking within the town.
5. Inadequate Public Transport Infrastructure: The current state of public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is incredibly inadequate and

- completely unable to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces.
6. Displacement of Parking Pressures: The loss of parking along the South promenade will only serve to shift parking pressures onto other nearby streets, exacerbating existing issues.
 7. Accessibility Concerns: Moving disabled parking spaces to the opposite side of South Marine Terrace poses accessibility challenges, requiring disabled visitors to cross a busy road to access the beach.
 8. Residents' Parking Consideration: There is strong support for implementing a free/affordable residents' parking permit system, utilizing existing Ceredigion County Council car parks such as Canolfan Rheidol **especially considering the extortionate increase from £2 a day to £6 a day which happened over night, with no warning, last March!**
 9. Wider Parking Review: I urge for a comprehensive review of parking in Aberystwyth, including consultation with Aberystwyth University to explore options such as offering parking at the university campus during the holidays to reduce congestion in the town centre.
 10. Timing of Consultation: Given that UKSPF funding for this project must be spent by March 2025, it is concerning that consultation is taking place at such a late stage, raising doubts about the meaningfulness of the process.
 11. Alternative Allocation of Funds: There are alternative areas where the allocated funding could be better utilised, particularly to address bottlenecks that impede cycling and active travel along the promenade.

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Similar to the template letter, but with additional detail in point 8

Dear Ceredigion County Council,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

While I acknowledge the importance of enhancing the promenade and supporting active travel initiatives, I must oppose these changes if they come at the expense of parking. Below are my key concerns regarding the proposal:

1. Significance of Parking: Parking remains a **critical** issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.

2. Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town.

3. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.

4. Impact on Commuters: Many individuals who work in Aberystwyth commute from surrounding areas with insufficient public transport, necessitating the use of cars for transportation and parking within the town.

5. Inadequate Public Transport Infrastructure: The current state of public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces.

6. Displacement of Parking Pressures: The loss of parking along the South promenade will only shift parking pressures onto other nearby streets, exacerbating existing issues.

7. Accessibility Concerns: Moving disabled parking spaces to the opposite side of South Marine Terrace poses accessibility challenges, requiring disabled visitors to cross a busy road to access the beach.

8. Residents' Parking Consideration: There is strong support for implementing a free/affordable residents' parking permit system, utilizing existing Ceredigion County Council car parks such as Canolfan Rheidol. - **residents should be issued a free residents' unrestricted parking permit in Aberystwyth.**

9. Wider Parking Review: I urge for a comprehensive review of parking in Aberystwyth, including consultation with Aberystwyth University to explore options such as offering parking at the university campus to reduce congestion in the town centre.

10. Timing of Consultation: Given that UKSPF funding for this project must be spent by March 2025, it is concerning that consultation is taking place at such a late stage, raising doubts about the meaningfulness of the process.

11. Alternative Allocation of Funds: There are alternative areas where the allocated funding could be better utilised, particularly to address bottlenecks that impede cycling and active travel along the promenade.

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,
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PS: Only a nutter who does not have to live or work in Aberystwyth would support this scheme!

Similar to the template letter with additional detail added in point 8 and at the end

Dear CCC,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

As a current resident on the promenade, I directly see the benefits the current parking arrangements have on locals and tourists alike. The proposed revisions to this will be, in my view, a nail in the coffin for the town centre and goes against all current local, national and funding initiatives to boost and revitalise town centres.

While I acknowledge the importance of enhancing the promenade and supporting active travel initiatives, I must oppose these changes if they come at the expense of parking. Below are my key concerns regarding the proposal:

1. Significance of Parking: Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.
2. Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town.
3. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.
4. Impact on Commuters: Many individuals who work in Aberystwyth commute from surrounding areas with insufficient public transport, necessitating the use of cars for transportation and parking within the town.
5. Inadequate Public Transport Infrastructure: The current state of public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces.

6. Displacement of Parking Pressures: The loss of parking along the South promenade will only shift parking pressures onto other nearby streets, exacerbating existing issues.

7. Accessibility Concerns: Moving disabled parking spaces to the opposite side of South Marine Terrace poses accessibility challenges, requiring disabled visitors to cross a busy road to access the beach.

8. Residents' Parking Consideration: There is strong support for implementing a free/affordable residents' parking permit system, utilizing existing Ceredigion County Council car parks such as Canolfan Rheidol.

9. Wider Parking Review: I urge for a comprehensive review of parking in Aberystwyth, including consultation with Aberystwyth University to explore options such as offering parking at the university campus to reduce congestion in the town centre.

10. Timing of Consultation: Given that UKSPF funding for this project must be spent by March 2025, it is concerning that consultation is taking place at such a late stage, raising doubts about the meaningfulness of the process.

11. Alternative Allocation of Funds: There are alternative areas where the allocated funding could be better utilised, particularly to address bottlenecks that impede cycling and active travel along the promenade.

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Similar to template letter, but with additional detail in opening paragraphs

I am writing to voice my concern and register my OBJECTION to the parking changes proposed for Aberystwyth seafront.

I know it's important to improve the prom and support active travel initiatives but don't believe this should happen at the expense of parking.

My main concerns are:

1. Significance of Parking: Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike. Businesses need people and people need to get to Aberystwyth - there are limited public transport options so viable car access is vital.

2. Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town. It's hard enough to find a space in the winter let alone when tourists are visiting.

3. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking. Where can I park if I want to visit or work. There simply aren't enough spaces.

4. Impact on Commuters: Many individuals who work in Aberystwyth commute from surrounding areas with insufficient public transport, necessitating the use of cars for transportation and parking within the town. This is especially difficult for people who work on Saturdays and Sundays where many weekend services have been cut.

5. Inadequate Public Transport Infrastructure: The current state of public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces. Certain areas are well served but others are completely cut off.

6. Displacement of Parking Pressures: The loss of parking along the South promenade will only shift parking pressures onto other nearby streets, exacerbating existing issues. At least the parking pressure on town is now eased by so many people parking "out of town" on South Prom. Also it encourages people to use the beach in this area (even though it's quite a distance from the town centre and shops) relieving pressure on North Beach.

7. Accessibility Concerns: Moving disabled parking spaces to the opposite side of South Marine Terrace poses accessibility challenges, requiring disabled visitors to cross a busy road to access the beach.

8. Residents' Parking Consideration: There is strong support for implementing a free/affordable residents' parking permit system, utilizing existing Ceredigion County Council car parks such as Canolfan Rheidol. It's hard to make living in town look attractive when there is constant stress worrying about where you can leave your car and whether it will be safe when it's such an important tool for earning a living and preventing isolation.

9. Wider Parking Review: I urge for a comprehensive review of parking in Aberystwyth. Some creative thinking is needed and partnership working to ease this issue. For example consultation with Aberystwyth University to explore options such as offering parking at the university campus to reduce congestion in the town centre

10. Timing of Consultation: Given that UKSPF funding for this project must be spent by March 2025, it is concerning that consultation is taking place at such a late stage, raising doubts about the meaningfulness of the process.

11. Alternative Allocation of Funds: There are alternative areas where the allocated funding could be better utilised, particularly to address bottlenecks that impede cycling and active travel along the promenade.

I accept that these are common themes for objections but no less valid because of it. I expect these points to be actively considered and debated as my representation is one of many voices of concerned residents. It is our environment that this will impact and our opinions should be important in the decision making process.

Yours sincerely,

Similar to template letter, but additional detail on most points.

I wish to object to the proposed changes. As a regular commuter into Aberystwyth for work it is extremely difficult to park and this proposal will cause further difficulties. I am unable to travel by public transport as the timetable does not correspond with my working pattern. I urge you to reconsider

I would like to register my objection to these proposals to introduce changes to existing parking on the seafront, promenade, Marine Terrace. These proposals will result in the loss of a large number of parking spaces. I believe this will deter tourists from visiting Aberystwyth. Finding parking within reasonable walking distance of the beach is already very difficult.

I manage a small shop in Aberystwyth. For the past 8 years I have been able to find free parking in this area. For many people like myself, working part time on low wages, the cost of petrol plus the cost of all day parking, would be a disincentive to working in the town.

I fully support the objections put forward by the Town Council. Removing car parking spaces without providing reasonable alternatives can only have a negative impact on Aberystwyth.

As a resident near Aberystwyth's promenade I would like to write to you about the proposed removal of over 60 parking spaces near the promenade. Parking is already a concern for residents and visitors alike in Aberystwyth, and the removal of 60 more spaces without due consideration of unintended consequences is not supported by myself or other residents.

Having spoken to colleagues at work who live in Aberystwyth, and local residents, we have the following concerns:

- there is not sufficient space to park our car in the area at present, removing 60 car parking spaces will make parking in the adjacent residential streets impossible. How to you plan to mitigate that? You should prepare a Parking Strategy to understand the knock on consequences. Any mitigation measures, such as residential permit parking, should be discussed and implemented PRIOR to the above scheme.

- The prom is ALSO used by people who struggle to walk long distances, or have heavy equipment such as surfboards etc. How will they be able to continue to enjoy the prom is there is limited (impossible) parking available at South Beach? Not everyone with mobility issues are entitled to a Blue Badge.

- The Hut is a valued local business who relies on nearby parking for their customers, this proposal would effectively make it impossible for customers to stop off and get a cup of coffee on their way somewhere. How will you mitigate this?

- The businesses in Aber are already failing. Have you seen how many closed shops there are? How do you think removing parking will effect in-coming trade? Effectively people won't come, more businesses will shut down and Aber will become another ghost town. More unintended consequences!

- The Levelling up funds should be used to benefit the community, not make it worse. There are many improvements to the Prom that could be proposed instead and removing parking should not be one of them. Have you asked people what they want? We don't want to see more business's shut down as people can't access Aber, as there is limited and ever reducing bus service, the train service barely works and is likely to be shut down due to sea level rise. How do you expect people to get in and out of Aber if not by car?

I look forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely,

Prynhawn da,

Ysgrifennaf ar ran elusen [personal information removed] i fynegi pryderon ynghylch bwriad Cyngor Sir Ceredigion i wneud Gorchymyn Cyngor Sir Ceredigion (Gwahardd A Chfyngu Ar Aros A Llwytho A Dadlwytho) 2019 (Glan Môr Aberystwyth) (Gorchymyn Diwygio Rhif 11) 2024.

Mae [personal information removed] yn ddibynnol ar wirfoddolwyr er mwyn cynnal ein siop elusennol ar [personal information removed], Aberystwyth.

Fel [personal information removed], mae nifer o'r unigolion sy'n gwirfoddoli yn y siop yn poeni ynghylch effaith y bwriad i leihau'r gofod fydd ar gael i barcio ar y ffordd ger y castell a chyflwyno uchafswm amser o bedair awr.

Mae'r gwirfoddolwyr fel arfer yn gweithio sifftiau o dros bedair awr yn y siop, a'r ardal o dan sylw oedd un o'r ardaloedd prin yn Aberystwyth ble mae modd iddynt barcio'n ddi-dal am gyfnod estynedig ar hyn o bryd. Mae uchafswm amser o dair awr ym maes parcio Tesco, ac mae prinder gofod parcio wrth Eglwys San Mihangel ers y newidiadau diweddar i'r maes parcio yno.

Os bydd parcio'n mynd yn anoddach yn nhref Aberystwyth, rydym yn pryderu y bydd hyn yn effaith ar ddymuniad rhai unigolion i wirfoddoli yn siop [personal information removed].

Gobeithiaf y byddwch yn cymryd y pryderon hyn i ystyriaeth.

Yn gywir,

I am opposing the above restrictions on parking in King Street and Laura Place as no consideration or alternatives are proposed for residents without parking facilities in their homes. Many properties in the area are flats and need the spaces to park cars. Other streets in the town are always full so parking further away is not an option. The promenade or king street is the default option for parking for many of us town residents. Please do not remove this option.

Thank you

Greetings,

I am a local resident.

Parking demand VASTLY exceeds supply in and around [personal information removed] Cliff Terrace, next to the Cliff Railway.

[Residents] regularly get a parking charge notice for parking outside or near to homes. They have no choice due to lack of parking. Carrying heavy goods such as shopping, babies etc. requires parking nearby. As a local resident I am sometimes forced to park literally two miles from my own house and walk in the howling rainstorms.

ANY reduction in parking WHATSOEVER in Aberystwyth will reduce supply and thus increase demand. This demand will predictably shift to our residential streets. This applies to removal of parking or time-based restrictions or any other restriction. That is utterly unacceptable.

We need more parking.

I object to the parking restrictions imposed during the lockdowns. These were supposed to be temporary. Now there is an overnight parking ban along and near the seafront. This has decimated the welcome trade of visiting campervan tourists. This has already increased the demand and competition for parking on our residential streets.

Sincerely,

I am writing to ask you to reconsider the proposed parking restrictions in Laura Place & King Street.

These currently unrestricted parking spaces are much used and highly valued by residents and businesses in this part of town. For many of us there is no viable alternative.

As spaces become vacant they are promptly re-occupied, there is a constant turnover of vehicles. Many regular users of the spaces are known to each other and the same vehicles can be seen in the area over a period. We accept that parking near to home is always going to be a challenge for us, but to take away this resource is going to be to the disadvantage of many people.

I have looked at the proposals in detail and in my view they represent a significant loss of amenity to the area with no tangible benefit to anyone. The vehicles currently using the area will be pushed out to the surrounding streets with a knock-on effect to the residents of those streets. This was demonstrated recently when roadworks were carried out in Laura Place. For several weeks the resulting loss of parking led to vehicles orbiting the area trying to find a vacant space which increases traffic and pollution in the area.

I would be happy to attend a site meeting with members of your staff where I hope I can demonstrate the importance of these parking facilities and how they contribute to the vitality and sustainability of the town.

I wish to object in the strongest terms to the changes proposed to the seafront and locality parking. In the area that is being discussed, there are many HMOs, hotels and student lets. All of these properties could have more than one car owner, as indeed could family homes in the area. By losing valuable parking spaces and adding even more restrictions, visitors to the area will undoubtedly roam the narrow residential streets, creating chaos, congestion and taking up the few spaces remaining for residents. Instead of this bizarre proposal, why not charge for parking in those areas, as is done in other resorts, and provide residents with free parking badges? In this way a revenue stream is created for the council and residents will not be further limited in their parking options. Moreover, parking in the narrow streets around the proposed area could be designated 'resident only'. Frankly, I am

astounded by the lack of the councils insight into the problems already facing residents. The proposals were obviously made by people who have ample parking available to them. I would ask that you please investigate better solutions that benefit the people who pay their Council Tax in the area rather than burdening them further. Thank you.

I am a local resident. The parking in the narrow streets leading down to the prom is already a problem. Restrictions on prom parking will only make life more difficult for locals. It is not only visitors who use our streets but local workers who park here all day. The only solution now will have to be Resident Permit Only.

I see the way traffic behaves locally and the present system of Give Way by The Hut works. The parked cars along the Prom below the castle act as a traffic calming measure. One feels safe walking on the prom. A clear run would be serious temptation for more speed.

The present car park at the far end of South Beach would not provide sufficient spaces. A lot of it is often unusable because of tide conditions. The pavement there is positively dangerous at present and the road is in a terrible condition.

On my daily walk along the prom today there was not a single parking space available from the pier to the jetty. Cutting down on spaces will bring havoc and misery to locals and a really unattractive and unwelcoming look to visitors.

I am responding to the consultation as resident of Aberystwyth residing on South Marine Terrace, and also as a member of staff with the NHS [personal information removed] in Aberystwyth. I strongly oppose the alterations on a number of grounds: - the loss of over 50 parking places with no suitable alternative will have a profound adverse effect upon residents, commuters, businesses in Aberystwyth and the tourist industry. And in context of my work and safeguarding the public / residents of Aberystwyth [personal information removed] visiting patients at home is a necessity, we do this in unmarked vehicles and we are not a 'blue light' service therefore are not exempt from parking restrictions, however due to the nature of our work our responses are required to be 'immediate'. My concern is by reducing the capacity for parking in this area will have a detrimental effect to patient care / ability for health professionals to access/carry out necessary home treatment and assessments at people's homes in both the direct/indirect affected areas due to the inability to park in the locality, as these changes will evidently have a knock on effect to parking availability throughout Aberystwyth, which at peak times is already at a premium and significantly limited. Access plays a massive part to the logistics and burden experienced by community services, I question if any consideration has been made to this in these plans? Permits for residents / community statutory support services would be a far more sensible approach to gauge the need before making wholesale changes to capacity. This amendment is short sighted, and will have hidden consequences that you are not considering, to the public health of Aberystwyth.

Dear Council,

As a concerned resident of North Ceredigion, I wish to register my objections to the proposed loss of car parking along South Prom, Aberystwyth.

Please don't do this.

It is not necessary, and will be a serious inconvenience to many of your council tax payers.

I hope you will see reason and not proceed with this matter.

Many thanks

Dear Sir/Madam

I object to the Council's plan to remove 67 parking spaces and add paid meters:

CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND UNLOADING) ORDER 2019 (ABERYSTWYTH SEAFRONT) (AMENDMENT ORDER NO. 11) 2024

The aim of a council should and has always been to encourage visitors, making the town a welcoming destination where visitors spend their money in local shops/restaurants, stimulating growth and prosperity which can only be good for everyone, NOT charging visitors and locals to park!

Best regards

Good afternoon,

Please find below my response to the consultation, I work full time in the centre of Aberystwyth and currently struggle to find a place with all day parking at no cost, additional charges financially would be an addition to the daily stresses of affordability of travelling to work. If these proposals are necessary, a solution to replace the loss of parking urgently needs to be put in place.

- Parking is consistently one of the most important issues to local residents, commuters, visitors and businesses.
- This proposal will result in the loss of around 40-60 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces needed for residents and those of us who work in town.
- No alternative solution is offered to this proposed loss of unrestricted/all-day parking
- Commuters are a large proportion of Aberystwyth's working economy – many people who work in Aberystwyth live in surrounding towns/villages with no/insufficient public transport and must therefore drive, and park, in town.
- There is no public transport from my home address.
- Parking along the South promenade is largely used by local residents – from both South Marine Terrace and narrow, nearby streets such as Sea View Place, Prospect Street, Custom House Street etc. This loss of parking will only compound this problem, pushing the pressures onto new areas; streets further afield will start to suffer from the same problems.
- The plans shows disabled parking spaces moving to the opposite side (East side) of the road on South Marine Terrace, meaning that disabled visitors will have to cross a busy road to get to the beach, which can be impractical and off putting for elderly disabled people who look forward for a drive out of the house. As a family we have had to give up taking my disable father to Aberaeron due to the change in layout.
- Consideration must be given for residents' parking. There is already much support for a free/affordable residents' parking permit system; use could be made of Ceredigion County Council car parks, such as at Canolfan Rheidol.
- The current one way system of Aberystwyth does not work or flow, it is nearly impossible to leave the seafront without battling side streets and other traffic to escape.
- There are always be bottlenecks that impair cycling and active travel on the promenade; establishments such as the Hut and Pier create human bottlenecks, particularly in summer months when it would be most desirable to use the promenade for cycling or other means of active travel.

Kind regards

Good Evening

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

This proposal will result in the loss of around 50-60 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces available for residents and those who work in town with no alternative solution being offered to this proposed loss of unrestricted/all-day parking. Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.

The Council are offering no viable alternative solutions to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.

There is no park and ride facility available and the Council have saw fit to increase the all-day parking fee from £2.00 to £6.00 (a 200% increase) in 2023 and by 10% to £6.60 per day in 2024.

Those business that remain in Aberystwyth are facing enough challenges in this current climate as it is without the inevitable loss of footfall to the town centre that this will cause.

There is then the current state of the public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas which (I appreciate due to withdrawal of Welsh Government funding) is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces.

Rural communities have little or no bus service that runs for people who start work between 08:00 am and 09:00 am. For example, the T21 is the first (non-school) bus from Tregaron to Aberystwyth leaving at 08:58 am arriving in Aberystwyth at 10:17 am. The school bus runs during term time only. Workers have no alternative but to come to Aberystwyth by car.

Parking along the South promenade is largely used by local residents – from both South Marine Terrace and narrow, nearby streets such as Sea View Place, Prospect Street, Custom House Street etc. This loss of parking will only compound this problem, pushing the pressures onto new areas; streets further afield will start to suffer from the same problems.

Also moving the disabled parking bays across the road at South Marine Terrace seems a backward step in that those with certain disabilities will now have to cross a very busy road (especially in the summer) to get onto the promenade.

Since the Covid restrictions were lifted, the Council have retained Pier Street as a one-way system to the promenade. This means that there are only 2 routes (discounting Albert Place, North Road) for cars to leave the promenade. As a result, more cars are travelling towards South Marine Terrace. By returning Pier Street to a 2-way system would mean another route for vehicles to leave the promenade thus vastly reducing the number of cars travelling from the new promenade down South Road, High Street etc.

There is no doubt that the large amount of student accommodation within the town centre contributes to a large volume of vehicles within the town; some remaining in situ for weeks on end. Perhaps consultation with Aberystwyth University to consider offering staff and students parking on University sites would alleviate some of this.

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely

Dear Ceredigion County Council

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

By doing this there will be significant loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town. Also No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.

As residents of 25 years living in the town centre with lack of parking anyway it is going to be even harder with the changes proposed in Laura Place & King Street to find suitable parking close to home

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Dear Ceredigion council,

As a local business owner for over 11 years.
I am very concerned about parking for me, my colleagues and clients. With taking all day parking away in various locations is there an alternative solution?

Kind regards

Dear whoever it may concern

I wish to object to the removal of parking spaces from the Pier to the Harbour on Aberystwyth promenade.

I am in the process of developing a holiday cottages complex with planning consent for 10 in total. [personal information removed]

I am extremely concerned for the success of our business and doubt whether continuing with our development will be viable. The impact of the 20mph speed limit and various new regulations (inc., FRA) have already impacted, with guests saying that it is too stressful to be focused on the unnatural speed limit along some open roads.

The feedback I am getting from guests, being made aware of Ceredigion County Council plans, are of extreme concern to me and my future success and developments are in doubt.

Strolling the prom is a huge attraction for my, mainly senior, guests, and without short term parking is going to be almost impossible for many. My guests are mainly elderly (over 70) with various disabilities, meaning they would not be able to walk a distance from a carpark and then enjoy a stroll along the prom.

Being able to park along the stretch from the Pier to the Harbour means, for many, that they can park and have a short stroll. I personally am kept extremely busy and only have time to, occasionally, take a stroll along the length of the prom – sometimes having fish & chips while looking out to sea! Simple pleasures for me being of senior years!

I feel that Ceredigion County Council are putting the cart before the horse in not providing alternative parking before removing the existing facilities.

Would it be an option to have the parking spaces along the promenade from the Pier to Constitution Hill – along Marine Terrace - at nearly 90° angle from one direction? This at least could provide some extra spaces to replace some of those you plan to remove.

Your decisions implemented, during Covid, in narrowing many streets have diminished the attraction visitors see in Aberystwyth, and it has certainly impacted on car users.

Young people say that Aberystwyth now has nothing to offer them, and consequently two of my granddaughters along with their young family, have moved to South Wales. Removal of parking spaces means that even taking children, and infants in prams, is going to be even more difficult and off-putting.

Please ensure that you provide extra parking rather than remove them.

Yours sincerely

Good Morning

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

This proposal will result in the loss of around 50-60 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces available for residents and those who work in town with no alternative solution being offered to this proposed loss of unrestricted/all-day parking. Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.

The Council are offering no viable alternative solutions to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking. There is no park and ride facility available and the Council have saw fit to increase the all-day parking fee from £2.00 to £6.00 (a 200% increase) and apparently a further increase has now been implemented.

Those business that remain in Aberystwyth are facing enough challenges in this current climate as it is without the inevitable loss of footfall to the town centre that this will cause.

The current state of the public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces and perhaps before reducing parking spaces the Council should look at promoting rural transport links and/or make using the pay & display car parks more attractive.

Rural communities have little or no bus service that runs for people who start work between 08:00 am and 09:00 am. My earliest bus on a weekday is around 9.10am from Pontrhydfendigaid which gets me into town at approximately 10.17, my working day commences at 9am. My last bus back to the village is 5.40pm

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Also moving the disabled parking bays across the road at South Marine Terrace seems a backward step in that those with certain disabilities will now have to cross a very busy road (especially in the summer) to get onto the promenade.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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I'd just like to register my objections to removing the parking spaces in Aberystwyth. There has been no alternative option for moving these parking spaces elsewhere in a town that already struggles for parking. This will have a huge effect on tourists, locals shopping and employees of Aberystwyth businesses, many who come from out of town to work.

As a business proprietor in Aberystwyth I would like to lodge my objection to the proposed parking changes in and around Aberystwyth promenade. I have several grounds for objecting:

1:

Businesses in the centre of Aberystwyth rely on people being able to easily access them. This includes both staff and customers. Currently the Prom provides for convenient parking for both all day stays for those working in town, and short stays for those wishing to make use of the town's shops. Therefore the removal and restriction of so many parking spaces can only be detrimental to the health of the town centre, especially as there are no plans to provide any viable alternatives, such as free parking in council car parks or the reinstatement of a park and ride facility.

2:

The reasons given for the proposed amendments are:

“to avoid danger to persons or other traffic and preventing the likelihood of such danger arising, to facilitate passage on the roads involved (including for pedestrians), and to improve the amenities of the area.”

I would argue that the removal and restriction of parking spaces will cause an increase in danger to pedestrians and others in those areas, as the parked cars act

as a barrier between the wide pavement of the Prom and the road itself. Also, restricting waiting times in other areas will result in an increase of traffic movement and consequential danger as people move in and out of short stay parking spaces or drive round looking for an ever decreasing number of available spaces. The introduction of restricted areas can only be seen as an effort to raise revenue from parking fines as it certainly does not fulfil the stated aims of the scheme.

3:

It is also wrong to be considering and implementing these changes before the Old College development is completed and operational. This major, flagship development will hopefully attract many more people to Aberystwyth, with consequential increased activity in the area. The impact of this needs to be assessed and carefully considered before any more changes are made to parking and routes around the town.

As my business is in the centre of Aberystwyth, I have been witness to the way Ceredigion County Council has been guilty of imposing needless changes to the layout and thoroughfares of Aberystwyth since the Covid pandemic which have had a devastating effect on the town centre, leaving it neglected, unappealing and a no-go area for many. These further changes will only hasten the decline of the town.

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I have outlined my objections under three headings: Parking; pedestrian safety and traffic facilitation and my solution is at the end.

Parking - This proposal will result in the loss of around 50-60 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces available for residents and those who work in town with no alternative solution being offered to this proposed loss of unrestricted/all-day parking. Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.

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Pedestrian crossing movements – Having lived on South Marine Terrace for over 60 years I cannot recollect any pedestrian collisions with cars. However, in my opinion, that will all change by moving the disabled bay across the road. Not only will the move penalise the less mobile by enforcing a walk across a busy road, it will increase the likelihood of a pedestrian collision.

Even if the parking was removed, due to lack of signage throughout the South Beach area, unwary drivers are unable to work their way out of the area and usually end up angry, frustrated and driving the wrong way down one-way streets (Vulcan Street in particular). This is a major pedestrian hazard.

Also, there are enough problems with youngsters who continually use the promenade, from the harbour end to Castle point and beyond, as a race track as it is. Removing the parking, and freeing up space will only exacerbate the problem and pedestrian collisions will be inevitable.

Traffic facilitation – There is no signage to direct the traffic when it gets beyond the Hut, drivers have no idea where they are supposed to be going and hold up traffic by turning back at the Castle Green, stopping to ask the way or trying to get their bearings. Removal of the parking spaces will not change this.

There is inadequate space for two-way traffic throughout South Road, Sea View Place, Custom House Street, Princess Street and Prospect Street. Hold-ups are inevitable and the removal of promenade parking spaces will not improve the situation.

There are several pinch points along South Road which will not be solved by double yellow lines. There is scant traffic warden activity in this area and people continually park on the double yellows, impeding traffic flow. Once again the removal of promenade parking will not improve the situation

Lorries and large vehicles have problems entering and exiting High Street as it is, the removal of parking spaces along the New Promenade is not going to stop this.

Princess Street is two-way! This incredibly narrow street is problematic during the winter months, it becomes even more so during the summer with the increased traffic flow. The removal of promenade parking will not improve the situation.

Solution - The simple and cheaper way to facilitate the pedestrian and traffic conditions is to re-open Pier Street to two-way. This will ensure all non-South beach traffic will exit the promenade in a timely and respectable manner and remove the problems currently being experienced by South beach residents and visitors.

Please take these objections (and solution) into account during your decision making process

Yours sincerely

Dear Councillors and Staff at Ceredigion County Council,

I am writing about the proposed changes to parking in Aberystwyth, specifically the potential loss of 40-60 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces. As a resident of Aberystwyth in Rheidol ward, I am gravely concerned about the negative impact this will have on our community, commuters, visitors, and local businesses and charities.

First and foremost, the proposal fails to offer any alternative solution to the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking. As a resident in a street with hardly any parking and that has to move my car on a Tuesday to enable refuse collection these proposals have a huge impact as a person who works and lives in Aberystwyth but has to commute to Cardigan as part of my work. I rely on the availability of parking, as public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate.

Added to this my work is for a local charity and such a proposal will also have an impact for those that work in the area. It would be far more helpful to support local businesses and charities with ability to use Local car parks in the town or Ceredigion County Council car parks, such as Canolfan Rheidol, to alleviate some of the parking pressure in the town centre. I urge you to consider implementing this as part of a broader review of parking in Aberystwyth.

I am also concerned that the consultation on these proposals is happening so late in the process and that as a local resident directly impacted by this no councillor or council officers have been in touch about these proposals. It gives the impression that decisions have already been made, regardless of the consultation outcome.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the proposed parking changes and to prioritize the needs of Aberystwyth residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses. It

is essential to explore alternative solutions and to engage in meaningful consultation with the community before making any decisions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please reconsider to help local residents.

Yours sincerely

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

This proposal will result in the loss of around 50-60 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces available for residents and those who work in town with no alternative solution being offered to this proposed loss of unrestricted/all-day parking. Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.

The Council are offering no viable alternative solutions to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.

There is no park and ride facility available and the Council have saw fit to increase the all-day parking fee from £2.00 to £6.00 (a 200% increase) in 2023 and is now £6.60.

Businesses are bound to feel the effect of the reduced footfall

Public Transport - Rural communities have little or no bus service that runs for people who start work between 08:00 am and 09:00 am. For example, the T21 is the first (non-school) bus from Tregaron to Aberystwyth leaving at 08:58 am arriving in Aberystwyth at 10:17 am. The school bus runs during term time only. Workers have no alternative but to come to Aberystwyth by car.

Parking along the South promenade is largely used by local residents – from both South Marine Terrace and narrow, nearby streets such as Sea View Place, Prospect Street, Custom House Street etc. This loss of parking will only compound this problem, pushing the pressures onto new areas; streets further afield will start to suffer from the same problems.

Also moving the disabled parking bays across the road at South Marine Terrace seems a backward step in that those with certain disabilities will now have to cross a very busy road (especially in the summer) to get onto the promenade.

Since the Covid restrictions were lifted, the Council have retained Pier Street as a one-way system to the promenade. This means that there are only 2 routes (discounting Albert Place, North Road) for cars to leave the promenade. As a result, more cars are travelling towards South Marine Terrace. By returning Pier Street to a

2-way system would mean another route for vehicles to leave the promenade thus vastly reducing the number of cars travelling from the new promenade down South Road, High Street etc.

There is no doubt that the large amount of student accommodation within the town centre contributes to a large volume of vehicles within the town; some remaining in situ for weeks on end. Perhaps consultation with Aberystwyth University to consider offering staff and students parking on University sites would alleviate some of this.

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely

I would like to register my OPPOSITION/OBJECTION to the proposal to lose parking places along South Promenade and changes to all day parking in the area, for the following reasons

My husband and I are house owners in [street name removed]. We are both in our late 60s and need a car to get around. We hope to live the rest of our lives here and want to be proud of Aberystwyth. We try to use public transport where possible but it is not regular, reliable or comprehensive enough to rely on. It is already very difficult to park in High Street and we often need to use surrounding roads or ultimately South Prom to park on - what are you going to do for local residents/ high council tax payers? This proposal just makes things more difficult. What are you offering as an alternative solution for residents, workers and visitors?

There is already a need for a free or affordable residents' parking permit scheme. We need to explore alternative solutions and have a meaningful consultation with the community.

We need people to work in our shops, cafes, restaurants etc. They will be on a minimum wage and cannot afford daily parking fees. Do you want even more businesses closing because they cannot get staff?

People with mobility issues, older people plus families need to be able to park near the seafront. We need to attract people, not put them off visiting. Without visitors businesses cannot keep running, then everybody loses out.

Can you not consider a simple stop and go traffic light system, perhaps a passing gap in the parking row, a park and ride scheme? This current proposal will only make life yet more difficult/ more expensive for local residents and local workers. Please reconsider - we need visitors and workers to come to Aber in order for it to thrive as the beautiful seaside town it could be. We then end up with happier

residents and more facilities. Rather than seemingly making everything negative and anti-Aberystwyth

Thank you

Dear Council,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to voice my strong objection to the proposed Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No. 11) 2024.

As a resident in [street name removed], the decrease in available parking spaces in seafront would significantly impact me. The current parking situation is already challenging, and any further reduction in parking availability would exacerbate the difficulties I face on a daily basis.

Given that I rely on my car for transportation due to various personal and professional commitments, the lack of available parking spaces would not only inconvenience me but also affect my ability to carry out essential tasks, such as grocery shopping, attending medical appointments, and commuting to work among others.

Moreover, reducing parking availability could lead to increased competition for limited spaces, potentially resulting in parking congestion, frustration, and safety concerns for residents like myself.

I understand the importance of managing traffic and parking effectively, but I believe there must be alternative solutions that can address any existing issues without unduly burdening residents. I urge the council to reconsider the proposed reduction in parking availability and explore alternative measures that prioritize the needs of residents in the area.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I hope that you will take my objections into account and work towards finding a solution that is equitable for all residents.

Yours sincerely,

To whom it may concern -

I live a mile outside Aberystwyth, and have done for 15 years, also visiting regularly from near Lampeter for over 20 years before that. I drive into town several times a week.

I object to the plan to make sweeping and wholesale changes to parking

arrangements in Aberystwyth in the seafront area. In fact I agree with the list of objections raised by Aberystwyth Town Council on their website, including :

1. There are already frequently more people trying to park than there are spaces.
2. Apart from the fact that there is not enough parking at the seafront, the existing road pattern there is workable, not dangerous, and does not need vast sums of money spent on changing it.
3. Further parking restrictions, especially such sweeping ones as are being proposed would certainly put visitors off visiting Aberystwyth. Our town needs all the support and custom it can get, not less.
4. Much more weight should be given to the opinions of local people who live in and around Aberystwyth and use the seafront and its parking regularly than to people who do not live here and have ideas built on theoretical ideals rather than practical knowledge.

In addition, it might help to reduce the amount of traffic arriving in Aberystwyth if there was a dependable train service, instead of one that has been extremely unreliable and apparently chaotic and badly run for years, and a bus service not in constant danger of being reduced. Money should be spent on these, not 'rearranging the deckchairs' on the seafront.

Re- CCC (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No 11) 2024

Fundamentally I have no objection to the factual interpretation of the above order. However, I do object to the wholesale loss of parking spaces, especially where the loss will affect local businesses and hence tourism. However, it would appear that the above Order may not be relevant to some of the proposed changes. i.e. to certain highway layout arrangements, as plan CE36 J16 &17. It appears that these should have been dealt with under the Highways Act 1980, and not the above-mentioned Order. Under the Highways Act 1980 Ceredigion County Council as a highway authority has a statutory duty to abate any nuisance and to resolve any unlawful interference with the free passage, use and enjoyment of the highway. It appears that Ceredigion County Council may not be complying with the 1980 Act when proposing to narrow the road between Castle Point and South Road and relocate the disabled parking bays on South Marine Terrace. There appears to be no logical reason to increase the width of the existing 4.8M wide New Promenade on a section of the highway between Castle Point and South Road. Ceredigion County Council have amassed huge debts. It would therefore appear inappropriate to spend money on highway construction works that could be deemed unnecessary. Unless, of course, the work is being funded from another source! Ceredigion County Council should be respectfully reminded that they have a duty under Section 41 of the Highways Act 1980 to maintain all highways within their authority. The asphalt road facing South Marine Terrace is in a disgusting state of disrepair. Perhaps it would be more pertinent to fund existing highway maintenance than to create what would appear to be new extraneous roadworks.

I do hope that anyone involved with this have driven around Aberystwyth to familiarise themselves with the current problems of parking in Aberystwyth for both residents, visitors and those working in the town. As a disabled badge holder I find it almost impossible at the moment to do any shopping in Aberystwyth itself due to lack of parking. I would prefer to use local business instead of having to shop online.

Pier Street really needs to revert to the original two way system - I have often experienced the frustration caused by deliveries being unloaded and causing traffic blockage as most of the time they have to park in the road. It would also do away with traffic being directed to South Prom in order to navigate some areas. The current system sends cars along narrow streets and aren't built for high two way traffic. How would something such as a fire engine manage if it had to use the current system?

Aberystwyth is not the "cash cow" as envisaged by some people - it needs visitors during the holiday period to enable local businesses to survive. One of the main attractions (and there aren't that many at the moment)of Aberystwyth is the sea front. Please don't make it difficult for it to be enjoyed. When the Old College is up and running, the parking spaces are going to be desperately needed. What looks good on paper doesn't always work in practice. Please consider carefully.

Dear all,

I would like to object "Order 2019 (amendment order No 11) Aberystwyth seafront parking".

I am a long term resident of [street name removed] and I cannot see any benefit for the community to restrict parking on the seafront around the Castle grounds and Old College.

- First the few free parking spaces available in South Marine Terrace will be flooded by visitors and residents that wont have any other option. The parking situation in this area is already extremely busy. This changes will make parking for all the residents almost impossible.
- Second the parking around the castle grounds reduces the width of the street, which slows down traffic making the experience of walking around the area much quieter and safer.

- Third parking in this area allows visitors and locals to enjoy the view without having to get out of their cars, which is extremely useful with bad weather (often) and the only way that people with mobility problems but without disabled badges can enjoy the prom.
- Fourth it is also proposed to change the disabled parking from the western side of South Marine terrace to the eastern side of the street, which won't allow disabled people to enjoy the view of the sea from their cars (often they only way they can enjoy it). Moreover, many of them park there because they reach a bench just next to their car door. Moving it to the other side of the street will make that more difficult.

An alternative to these proposals would be to charge for the parking in the whole prom and give residents a parking permit. In which case residents would be able to find parking, visitors would be allowed to enjoy the area and the council could collect necessary funds to improve the town's facilities.

To Ceredigion County Council,

I am writing to object to the proposed parking restrictions on the New Promenade in Aberystwyth.

Parking in Aberystwyth is already a major problem and the removal of about 60 parking places on the New Promenade without any planned introduction of alternative parking places elsewhere will make the problem much worse. This will make it more difficult for businesses in Aberystwyth to recruit staff, and it will discourage visitors from coming to Aberystwyth. The combined effect will be very negative for the prosperity of the Aberystwyth area and Ceredigion more widely.

Also, the removal of parking on the New promenade will not improve safety. In fact, it will have exactly the opposite effect. Without the cars parked on those stretches of the promenade, "boy racers" and other inconsiderate drivers will be able to drive much faster than at present, thereby making those sections of the promenade much more dangerous, not safer.

What is needed for Aberystwyth is a proper wide ranging consultation on the issues of travel and parking within the Town, taking into account the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors, rather than these poorly thought out proposals.

Your sincerely,

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No. 11) 2024.

While I understand the importance of traffic management and safety regulations, I believe that the proposed amendments may have unintended consequences and negative impacts on residents, businesses, and visitors to the Aberystwyth Seafront area.

Firstly, I am worried that the proposed amendments may restrict parking options for residents and visitors, making it more difficult for them to access essential services and amenities in the Aberystwyth. This could discourage people from visiting the area altogether, leading to a decline in tourism and economic activity. As a resident, it is already a struggle to park in Aberystwyth due to the low parking availability and restrictions. As a result, I have received several parking tickets which impact my economical situation.

Furthermore, I believe there has been inadequate consultation with stakeholders regarding these proposed amendments. It is essential to engage with local residents, businesses, and community groups to fully understand the potential impacts of such changes and to explore alternative solutions that address concerns while achieving the desired outcomes.

Therefore, I urge you to reconsider the proposed Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No. 11) 2024. I encourage you to undertake a more thorough consultation process and explore alternative options that balance the need for traffic management with the interests of residents, businesses, and visitors.

Thank you for considering my objection. I look forward to your response and to further engagement on this important matter.

Sincerely,

There is already a limited number of spaces for residents to park in aberystwyth. Removing spaces would negatively affect many residents lives. Where do you expect people to park?? If you want to generate income by charging for parking residents should be exempt from paying. This would allow the council to still generate income from tourists but wouldn't impact the residents lives.

The proposed parking suggestions appear to be a totally excessive reaction
Why not just make the road from Trefechan bridge turn towards the sea front to the junction of pier street !!!!ONE WAY !!!!

- this would prevent residents on south parade area having to search for suitable parking out side their homes and there would be no loss of the 67 parking spaces It would keep traffic moving as there is much congestion of two way traffic in these narrow street which end up with cars driving along the pavement when leaving the prom towards the town by turning at the coffee hut

Please consider this as an option as not being able to park on the sea front will push Aberystwyth back into the dark ages.

On behalf of my wife and myself I wish to register our strongly felt opposition to the proposed implementation of new parking regulations on south Promenade, Aberystwyth. As disabled residents [address removed] in the area we foresee a very negative impact on our parking options, particularly on Tuesday mornings when there are already very restricted parking options and, indeed, the promenade is often the only option available.

This is a densely populated area with many elderly and infirm residents whose needs seem to be ignored by this initiative. Does the generation of a relatively paltry income override the needs of physically disadvantaged people of the area? As a local authority you have a duty of care towards the elderly and marginalised people resident in this vicinity. Show responsibility and respect to these people by abandoning this initiative unreservedly right away.

Yours sincerely

Good Morning

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Those business that remain in Aberystwyth are facing enough challenges in this current climate as it is without the inevitable loss of footfall to the town centre that this will cause.

The current state of the public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces.

Rural communities have little or no bus service that runs for people who start work between 08:00 am and 09:00 am. For example, the T21 is the first (non-school) bus from Tregaron to Aberystwyth leaving at 08:58 am arriving in Aberystwyth at 10:17 am. The school bus runs during term time only. Workers have no alternative but to come to Aberystwyth by car.

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There is no doubt that the large amount of student accommodation within the town centre contributes to a large increase in vehicles within the town. Perhaps consultation with Aberystwyth University to consider offering staff and students parking on University sites would alleviate some of this.

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Prynhawn da,
Rwy'n ysgrifennu atoch heddiw i wrthwynebu yn erbyn colli 67 man parcio yn Aberystwyth. Nid oes digon o lefydd parcio yma'n barod, ac fel rhywun sydd wedi

dewis y dref yma i ddod i Brifysgol ac yn byw'n dref, rwyf yn treulio hyd at 45 munud weithiau'n chwilio am le. Creu mwy o lefydd parcio am ddim i'r bobl sy'n cefnogi Aberystwyth, nid llai.
Gobeithio wnewch chi ailystyried y syniad hwn.
Diolch.

Dear Ceredigion Council,

RE: CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND UNLOADING) ORDER 2019 (ABERYSTWYTH SEAFRONT) (AMENDMENT ORDER NO. 11) 2024

Perspective from a town resident and business owner close to effected area. I both live on [street name removed] and have a business premisses on [street name removed] very close to the Promenade and the Cambria so these changes would have a significant impact.

1. Reject or support the proposals. I support positive change, such as the recent one way change on Pier street. It's a safer less polluted street that also benefits businesses and residents alike. However apart from widening the pavement at the Hut Cafe there's little positive change in these new proposals. Much of the proposals are based around the lobbying of Aber uni's Old College and Cambria Hotel project and their desire to get parking changed in their favour. There's no mitigation for residents, town workers, town businesses, students, visitors, holiday makers, shoppers and overnight guests. The negative impact appears to out way the benefits to the uni's commercial hotel project.
2. Safety - Reasons for Change. Ceredigion Council have cited the reasons for the proposed changes as safety. The current parking arrangements are not unsafe. The active travel provision could be done by moving the street lighting into the parking, creating more islands, without losing all of the parking. Aberystwyth University has publicly stated they would lobby the council to change the parking restrictions on the promenade and King Street to benefit their hotel and venue. (see this video at 9mins 30secs <https://www.facebook.com/OldCollegeAber/videos/2332352586993170>) It would appear that safety or active travel is not main reason for these parking proposals.
3. Balance and Fairness - Parking for town residents is limited with certain times of the year very difficult. Reducing much of the current parking provision to two hours is going to make it extremely difficult for residents. While a parking permit may benefit me it is not very fair on all the other users. Businesses, workers, students,

and visitors. A visit to Aberystwyth, given it's location, is rarely going to only be two hours. That kind of restriction should for retail car parks. The petition by the public shows that these proposals appear unfair and to give preferential treatment to the Old College and Cambria hotel commercial project would be unfair to the public.

4. Mitigation - With the loss of so much parking provision I'm surprised there are no mitigation ideas. Lease or purchase Trefechan car park to provide parking for all users. Residents, workers and visitors.

5. Active Travel and safety. I support active travel project and the need is greater connecting Plas Crug avenue and the seafront than the promenade. I do cycle with my children to school but much of that is walked across the town centre simply because the one way system is not safe. I do support widening the pavement adjacent to the Hut cafe on the South Promenade.

6. People of the Town - An example of [Street name removed] is a residential street. Many of the houses pre-date the former hotels by 100years. People do live here so it is worth painting a picture of the demographics in order to see the impact of the proposed parking changes. [personal information removed]. The public transport system in Wales is not sufficient to not have a car. All four workers in and outside of Aberystwyth so driving is an unfortunate necessity. Most families with children need a vehicle for a multitude of reasons, adequate weekly food shops are done by car.

In conclusion. I welcome positive change however apart from the crossings and widening of the pavement near the Hut Cafe I don't support any of the changes. The town council are spot on for their response and petition shows you don't have the public or businesses behind you.

My objections and reasons for support are detailed in turn below.

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Location number

Location

Description

1 - Objection - No basis for change due to safety. This residential street is 20mph and safe. Access to and from St Mich's Church is adequate. Parking on Western side should be increased northwards by one to two spaces to accommodate the extra and newly created flats in Laura Place. This set to increase in the coming years putting extra demand on residential parking.

Laura Place western side from northern side of access to St Michael and All Angels Church northwards for approx 6m

New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time

2 - Objection - The current day, weekend and overnight parking should be retained. Laura Place is foremost a residential street with the number of residential units/flats increasing in recent years. The need the ability to park during the week and weekends. The Church car park is there for those wishing to park temporarily either visiting the church, Old College hotel and Castle. Removing residential parking will only shift the parking needs onto other adjacent residential streets without restriction. Western side parking should be increased northwards by one to two spaces to accommodate the extra and newly created flats in Laura Place. Day, weekend and overnight parking should be retained. Parking demand is set to increase in the coming years as buildings in the Laura place are renovated putting extra demand on residential parking. Fairness for all users should be paramount rather than changing the parking to suit the Old College hotel business. The old college project will have some business units. Where are these workers park?

Laura Place western side northwards from northern end of above for approx 36m to by junction with King Street

New Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 8am - 6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours, replacing existing unrestricted parking

3 - Objection - King Street is a residential street with multiple households that include doctors, social workers, media workers, families and children. The changes are simply there because the University lobbied for them and to change them to restricted parking would be a biased move in favour of a commercial hotel and venue project. The St Mich's lease by the University and current promenade parking is sufficient for their hotel needs.

King Street landward side from end of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time by junction with Laura Place south westwards for approx 109m to end of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time by pedestrian access to playground

New Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 8am - 6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours, replacing existing unrestricted parking

4 - Objection - These proposed changes would be a biased move in favour of a commercial hotel and venue project. The consequences would negatively effect all other users on the town. The St Mich's lease by the University and current promenade parking is sufficient for their hotel needs.

New Promenade landward side by The Cambria and Aberystwyth University building

New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time, replacing existing parking bays (and prohibition of waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am) and Doctors' bay due to alterations in highway alignment (loss of approx 12 parking spaces)

5 - Partially Supported - Must not be restricted for goods vehicles only. The length should can be reduced but time restriction of 9pm - 6am is adequate and prohibitively stops loading and unloading for residents in Pier Street due to the difficulty in unloading. We live here too. The loading bay in Pier Street is

overwhelmed in the evenings by fast food delivery drivers and should lengthened to three vehicles. As a business user at [address removed] I'm rarely able to use it in the daytime and evenings.

New Promenade seaward side by the pier, existing taxi bay 9pm - 6am

Bay to be reduced in length by approx. 10m to 24m and new restrictions Goods vehicles loading only 6am – 6pm, 1 hour, no return within 1 hour; taxis only 6pm – 6am.

6 - Partially Supported - This should be a zebra crossing and a standard width. 21metres is far too long for a crossing.

New Promenade seaward side immediately west of above bay for distance of approx. 21m westwards

New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time, to improve safety for pedestrian crossing movements

7 - Objection - These proposed changes would be a biased move in favour of a commercial hotel and venue project. The consequences would negatively effect all other users on the town. The St Mich's lease by the University and current promenade parking is sufficient for their hotel needs.

New Promenade seaward side, immediately west of above for approx. 55m westwards (approx 10 parking spaces)

New Limited Waiting Mon – Sat, 8am – 6pm, 4 hours, no return within 4 hours with existing Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am retained

8 - Objection - These proposed changes would be a biased move in favour of a commercial hotel and venue project. The consequences would negatively effect all other users on the town. The St Mich's lease by the University and current promenade parking is sufficient for their hotel needs.

New Promenade seaward side, immediate southwest of above for approx. 20m

New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time replacing existing Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am, to improve safety for pedestrian crossing movements (loss of approx 4 parking spaces)

9 - Objection - These proposed changes would be a biased move in favour of a commercial hotel and venue project. The consequences would negatively effect all other users on the town. The St Mich's lease by the University and current promenade parking is sufficient for their hotel needs.

New Promenade seaward side, immediately southwest of above for approx. 90m

New Limited Waiting Mon – Sat, 8am – 6pm, 4 hours, no return within 4 hours with existing Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am retained

10 - Objection - These proposed changes would be a biased move in favour of a commercial hotel and venue project. The consequences would negatively effect all other users on the town. The St Mich's lease by the University and current promenade parking is sufficient for their hotel needs.

New Promenade seaward side, immediately west of above for approx. 55m to start of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time

New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time replacing existing Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am, (loss of approx 10 parking spaces)

11 - Objection - Flow of traffic is not bad and there are no safety issues of consequence. A simply passing place would aid flow. Active travel could be supported by simply relocating the obstructive lampposts onto islands move into the existing parking spaces. This would provide a less drastic balance of needs for all.

New Promenade both sides of road from end of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time south of Castle Point in a southerly direction for approx. 220m to junction with South Road

New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time, replacing existing prohibition of waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am (loss of approx 40 parking spaces)

12 - Objection - Unnecessary expense for what gain? Why widen the pavement. Safety is not an issue here and the parking is needed. The ability for vehicles to turn around would be pushed towards the harbour.

South Road north side from junction with New Promenade eastwards for approx. 15m to start of the existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time on Sea View Place

New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time to discourage parking on junction.

13 - Objection - Unnecessary expense for what gain? Why widen the pavement. Safety is not an issue here and the parking is needed.

South Road south side from end of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time at junction with South Marine Terrace east for approx. 16m to start of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time at junction with Quay Road

New Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am (covering approx 3 parking spaces)

14 - Partially Support - Widening of the pavement outside the Hut Cafe would benefit the business and promenade users.

South Marine Terrace both sides from centre of junction with South Road southwards for approx. 15m

Amendment to extent of Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time to prevent parking by junction

15 - Partially Supported - As these are on eastern side if they are for the benefit of residents then 4 spaces is sufficient given overnight parking will be available. Daytime disabled users have the ability to use double yellow lines for two hours.

South Marine Terrace landward side from end of above southwards for approx. 20m (form outside Number 1 to part way outside Number 5)

New Disabled Bay (approx 5 parking spaces)

16 - Partially Supported - As these are on eastern side if they are for the benefit of residents then 4 spaces is sufficient given overnight parking will be available. Daytime disabled users have the ability to use double yellow lines for two hours.

South Marine Terrace on landward side from southern end of proposed new Disabled Bay above for approx. 25m southwards

Amendment to extent of existing Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am

17 - Supported

South Marine Terrace on seaward side from approx 15m south of centre of junction with South Road for approx. 45m southwards (to approx. level with boundary to Numbers 8 & 9)

Amendment to extent of existing Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am, to replace existing Disabled Bay on seaward side

18 - Partially Supported - Keep the expense down and simply create small zebra crossing. 10metres is excessively long and expensive.

South Marine Terrace both sides of road from southern end of above amended Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am for approx. 10m southwards

New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time to improve safety for pedestrian crossing movements

19 - Partially Supported - Crossing is positive. Pavement widening or prohibition of motor caravans unnecessary.

South Marine Terrace both sides of road for approx 45m southwards to by/opposite Number 19

Amendment to extent of existing Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am (approx 8 parking spaces)

20 - Partially Supported - Crossing is positive however oversized crossing or pavement widening or prohibition of motor caravans unnecessary.

South Marine Terrace seaward side from southern end of above for a distance of approx 10m southwards to existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time

New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time replacing the existing prohibition of waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am, (loss of approx 2 parking spaces)

21 - Objection - Unnecessary hostility towards visitors or residents with motor caravans.

Quay Road on northern side from end of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time at junction with South Marine Terrace for approx 15m north eastwards

New Prohibition of Waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am to outside Number 7 (approx 3 parking spaces)

Rwyf yn gwrthwynebu'n gruf dros golli 67 o lefydd parcio. Mae angen mwy ac nid llai gan fy mod yn treulio amser gwerthfawr yn mynd o gwmpas y dref yn edrych am lefydd parcio. Gobeithio i chi ystyried y marn.
Gyda Diolch

To whom it may concern at Ceredigion council

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

While I acknowledge the importance of enhancing the promenade and supporting active travel initiatives, I must oppose these changes if they come at the expense of parking.

My key concerns regarding the proposal:

1. Significance of Parking:

Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.

2. Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town.

3. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.

4. Displacement of Parking Pressures: The loss of parking along the South promenade will only shift parking pressures onto other nearby streets, exacerbating existing issues.

My elderly parents who are both in their 80's live in the vicinity and require a place to park their car all day near their home to attend various frequent health related appointments.

I too visit my parents and find it outrageous to be charged and / or to have restrictions placed when trying to find a parking space in this area,

Where are we as local residents supposed to park instead?

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Dear Sirs

I would like to register my dismay to all who think that it is sensible to restrict and charge for the very limited parking spaces in Aberystwyth.

It will be very detrimental for the town as a whole to lose all day parking for residents and businesses. It is unviable for people who work in town to pay for 8 hours parking and if they live out of town the infrastructure is not there for public transport.

Please re consider, many businesses will close if there is nowhere to leave a vehicle.

Thanks you for your consideration.

To whom it may concern

I am sending this email to voice my objection to the proposed parking plans on aberystwyth seafront. Please consider this as my objection to the plans.

Regards,

[no grounds for objection provided]

I object to the proposals as the restrictions will make it very difficult to call down in the car, park and walk. It will cause many parking issues in other parts of the town, whilst creating challenging situations for town shopping. This would make the Prom much less of an attractive facility, worse for traders and unattractive to visitors and residents. This is a bad idea, a backward step and will bring an end to a long tradition of just calling down to the Prom and enjoying a relaxing visit.

Dear Ceredigion Council,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

While I acknowledge the importance of enhancing the promenade and supporting active travel initiatives, I believe that the measures as proposed would lead to the promenade being more challenging to access and use for many people. Therefore, I oppose the proposed changes that lead to a reduction of parking spaces. I explain my reasoning and concerns below:

1. Accessibility Concerns for the disabled: Moving disabled parking spaces to the opposite side of South Marine Terrace poses accessibility challenges, requiring disabled visitors to cross a busy road to access the beach. This would cause difficulty and stress for the people and their carers, and it potentially dangerous as it is close to the corner.

2. Accessibility Concerns for the less abled but still active: People who are not blue badge eligible often have mobility difficulties that limit the distance that they can walk and the amount of time that they can spend on their feet. My 80-year friend for example, enjoys a walk along the promenade, however the walk from home, along the promenade and back up [street name removed] would be too strenuous for her. By parking near the start of a flat walk she can maintain her strength and ability.

3. Accessibility Concerns for promenade users: The Promenade and seaside is currently a shared space by many people with differing abilities and access needs. For example, a wheelchair users, surfers, families, bikers, musicians, students etc and I believe that builds a strong community in which all people are connected by their shared enjoyment of the sea and fresh air. Many people have a need to bring things with them to the seafront such as prams, buggies, mobility aids, wetsuits, dry robes, hot drinks to recover from cold water swimming, canoes, kayaks, surf boards, accessibility bikes (bikes with 3 or 4 wheels for people with disabilities) and musical instruments and it would be difficult for them to transport their things by public transport or by walking through a busy town. Can you imagine people bringing a kayak to the sea front by public transport? This leads onto the next two points -

4. Wider Parking Review: There doesn't appear to be any strategic plan for parking and public transport in Aberystwyth. There doesn't appear to be any consistency in the parking charges where parking is available. For example, there used to be a good park and ride system at Park Avenue/ Boulevard De St Briec where it cost £1.00 to park all day and there was free park & ride bus into town. What a brilliant idea! The bus was cut some years ago and now parking charges have gone up considerably. There should be a comprehensive review of parking in Aberystwyth, including the retail car parks at Rheidol and Ystwyth Retail parks, as they provide parking close to town. The parking eye currently does not permit people to park in those car parks if they need to shop elsewhere.

5. Inadequate Public Transport Infrastructure: I live on the edge of town, yet buses seem to be infrequent as an alternative to using the car, information is hard to obtain. Lack of seating is a discouragement to many who may not be able to stand while waiting. The bus services have been reduced for areas outside Aberystwyth such as Penrhynoch. The current state of public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support a significant reduction in parking spaces.

6. There is No Need for the Scheme: The proposed scheme is not necessary. The single flow of traffic around castle Point is not a major problem. When I lived on South Marine Terrace for 8 years, I always drove via castle point as I was leaving town and it was only a problem on one occasion, a bank holiday weekend when some unusually aggressive drivers were in town. The peak times when it is an issue could be managed with temporary traffic lights, which would be in character with many other roads in Wales. The scheme will lead to-

- **Loss of Parking Spaces:** The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town.
- **Lack of Alternatives:** No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.
- **Impact on Commuters:** Many individuals who work in Aberystwyth commute from surrounding areas with insufficient public transport, necessitating the use of cars for transportation and parking within the town.
- **Displacement of Parking Pressures:** The loss of parking along the South promenade will only shift parking pressures onto other nearby streets, exacerbating existing issues.

7. **Alternative Allocation of Funds for Transport:** There are alternative areas where the allocated funding could be better utilised, particularly to address bottlenecks that impede cycling and active travel along the promenade and reinstate park & ride buses.

8. **Alternative Allocation of Funds for the Community:** I would like to see funds allocated to bring the bandstand into wider community use that would also enable access to the 2 accessible toilets inside it. This is particularly important given that the disabled toilet in the public shelter is out of service. I am part of a community group that organises free events, however the bandstand is too costly for us to hire.

9. **Accessibility of Aberystwyth to and from Other places:** While much of the town is walkable, people do need to be able to get to Aberystwyth in the first place, and with no direct rail link from the more populated areas of South Wales, and with poor transport link to other parts of UK, many town residents maintain a car simply to be able to visit their relatives, attend medical appointments, or to transport their building & gardening waste to the dump. A residents parking permit system using out of town car parks of long stay use should be considered.

Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.

Please consider these objections carefully and consider the needs of the community. Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

I am writing to object to the proposed amendments outlined in the consultation regarding Ceredigion County council (Prohibition and Restriction of waiting and loading and unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment order no 11) 2024.

As a resident in [street name removed] with no 'off street' parking any reduction in available parking in the area will result in more competition for the spaces that are left. This is already a very big problem within the town and will make matters worse. Any parking spaces should not be lost unless alternative spaces are provided.

Yours faithfully,

Rwyf yn gwrthwynebu yn gryf yn erbyn colli 67 man parcio yn Aberystwyth. Does dim diogon o lefydd parcio fel mai ac mae angen mwy o lefydd nid llai

Dear Ceredigion County Council,

I would like to lodge my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

I have lived on [street name removed] for 10 years, and I work in active travel, for [organisation name and function removed] We have been the beneficiaries for many months over the last year of one of the Sustrans pilot scheme e-bikes. My children go to [local school name removed] and we do the school run on foot, scooter or bike. I mention all of this by way of background to the fact that I would like to see a visionary scheme for the future in which private car ownership does not increase year on year unchecked, and that urban spaces are not built for cars to the detriment of children especially who are in many ways now under house arrest.

I really enjoyed and approved of the changes you tried out during the covid year, and I would love to see you move towards pedestrianisation. I believe in a more human-focussed world and I know it will be tough to bring about, but we lag behind in the UK and many other countries show how it can be done. And people never look back.

However, these new parking plans don't to me show any understanding of the current pressures, living patterns, or priorities of residents, commuters, students, tourists, or other visitors. There is nothing in this scheme that will do anything but make our lives more difficult, and it doesn't seem that there is any wider future vision behind it, unless it is that you intend to make private car ownership so awkward and onerous that people give up owning cars despite there being no other options in place. This would mean a significant decrease in quality of life for many - I am sure that is not what you mean.

As far as I can tell, therefore, this plan only benefits the university and the Old College hotel. It does not paint the council in a good light that you are willing to benefit one local stakeholder's commercial vision to the detriment of thousands of others.

I would love to live in a pedestrianised Aberystwyth. I would happily park in a free car park outside the town and use one of the fleet of free electric milk-float-style vehicles to get my shopping home. Perhaps I could use the Butlins-style land train to get into and around town - this would really popular with children and tourists too, I'm sure. In fact I'd happily swap my car for an electric cargo bike that I could park in the covered, secure, town-centre bike parking. I would be glad for elderly and disabled residents to have the accessible town-centre parking spaces. I would love to see students who don't use their cars often compensated or otherwise encouraged by the uni to keep their cars outside town.

None of these things are being considered, to my knowledge. I cannot see any proof that the proposals are either taking into consideration how people live now, or leading us to a better future way of living. These changes will make living here harder, working here harder, visiting here harder.

I do like that you are intending to improve the prom - but this does need to be part of a bigger plan. I do not understand what you think will happen if these changes come in.

I will copy below the town council's list of concerns which I share:

1. Significance of Parking: Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.
2. Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town.
3. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.
4. Impact on Commuters: Many individuals who work in Aberystwyth commute from surrounding areas with insufficient public transport, necessitating the use of cars for transportation and parking within the town.
5. Inadequate Public Transport Infrastructure: The current state of public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces.
6. Displacement of Parking Pressures: The loss of parking along the South promenade will only shift parking pressures onto other nearby streets, exacerbating existing issues.

7. Accessibility Concerns: Moving disabled parking spaces to the opposite side of South Marine Terrace poses accessibility challenges, requiring disabled visitors to cross a busy road to access the beach.

8. Residents' Parking Consideration: There is strong support for implementing a free/affordable residents' parking permit system, utilizing existing Ceredigion County Council car parks such as Canolfan Rheidol.

9. Wider Parking Review: I urge for a comprehensive review of parking in Aberystwyth, including consultation with Aberystwyth University to explore options such as offering parking at the university campus to reduce congestion in the town centre.

10. Timing of Consultation: Given that UKSPF funding for this project must be spent by March 2025, it is concerning that consultation is taking place at such a late stage, raising doubts about the meaningfulness of the process.

11. Alternative Allocation of Funds: There are alternative areas where the allocated funding could be better utilised, particularly to address bottlenecks that impede cycling and active travel along the promenade.

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

I personally am a non driver yet losing 67 parking spaces just doesn't make sense to me.

It will make Aberystwyth less accessible for locals and tourists and this will affect the local economy. The local economy needs to be bolstered, not hindered.

It is an issue that needs serious consideration before any regrettable decisions are made.

With thanks,

Mae'r cynlluniau parcio arfaethedig hyn yn hollol hurt o safbwynt y sawl sy'n gweithio yn y dref, busnesau ardal y Prom, ymwelwyr, a hefyd trigolion y pentrefi cyfagos sy'n

ystyried cerdded y Prom yn adnodd gwerthfawr i ennill gadw'n heini'n gorfforol ac yn feddyliol.

Mae eisiau ail-ystyried y cynlluniau traffig a blaenoriaethu pobl wrth ddatrys heriau llif cerbydau yn y dref.

I think that the parking along the promenade should be kept as is apart from south road junction to the ramp. It needs space kept for vehicles to pull in. During busy times taking parking spaces from here will determine visitors. Last year a customer of mine drove around for 45 minutes in the summer in the end I followed him home and brought him in by taxi. We need to encourage visitors here not put them off.

Hoffwn ddatgan fy ngwrthwynebiad i'r cynllun uchod.

Mae Aberystwyth a'i thrigolion yn ddibynol iawn ar dwristiaeth, ac er mwyn hybu twristiaeth mae angen sicrhau bod llefydd parcio ar gyfer ymwelwyr yn enwedig ar lan y môr. Gŵyr pawb sy'n byw yn y dre neu sy'n dod i Aberystwyth i weithio bod eisoes problem parcio felly pa synnwyr sydd mewn bwrw ymlaen gyda chynllun tebyg? Mae'n destun pryder mawr bod swyddogion y Sir yn ystyried cynllun fyddai'n dileu hyd at 67 o lefydd parcio ychwanegol a thrwy hynny'n gwaethygu'r sefyllfa barcio yn y dre yn enbyd.

Heb sôn am dwristiaid, beth am fusnesau lleol: staff ein siopau lleol, ein gwestai a'n busnesau bach? Mae nifer ohonynt ar hyn o bryd yn parcio ar hyd Promenâd y De. Ble bydden nhw yn parcio petai'r cynllun yn mynd yn ei flaen? A beth am drigolion y dre sydd yn byw ar hyd y promenâd ac yn y strydoedd cyfagos ac eisoes yn gorfod cystadlu am lefydd i barcio? Nid yw'r cynllun yn cymryd i ystyriaeth yr anhawsterau parcio sy'n bodoli ac yn sicr nid yw'n cynnig unrhyw ddatrysiad. I'r gwrthwyneb, mae'r cynllun yn gwneud y sefyllfa dipyn yn waeth.

Nid oes angen lledaenu'r promenâd o gwbl. Mae'r promenâd yn ddigon llydan fel y mae. Bydd annog mwy o seiclwyr ar y promenâd yn ei gwneud yn le llawer llai dymunol i gerddwyr sy'n dymuno hamddena ar lan y môr. Mae angen cynllun sydd yn mynd i ddiogelu'r parcio sydd yn bodoli, a mwy na hynny, ychwanegu at y llefydd parcio fel bod Aberystwyth yn fan lle bydd pobl yn dymuno dod ac aros.

Dydw i ddim yn gweld unrhyw fudd mewn trafod manylion y cynllun am y promenâd ei hun oherwydd heb lefydd i barcio dim ond cadw twristiaid i ffwrdd fyddwn ni beth bynnag. Ar yr un pryd bydd cyfyngu ar lefydd parcio ar fusnesau a thrigolion y dre yn effeithio yn negyddol iawn ar economi'r dre.

Siom o'r mwyaf yw sylweddoli pa mor gul yw meddylfryd ein Cyngor Sir. Os mai gweithredu er budd ein cymdeithas yw nod y Cyngor Sir yna'r unig gasgliad teg yw peidio bwrw ymlaen gyda chynllun sydd mor andwyol i Aberystwyth.

Yn gywir

Noswaith dda,

Dwi'n gwrthwynebu yn gryf am y penderfyniad o gael gwared o 67 o lefydd parcio yn Aberystwyth. Mae angen mwy o lefydd ac nid llai. Gobeithio i chi ystyried fy marn. Gyda Diolch

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Below are my key concerns regarding the proposal:

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3. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.
4. Impact on Commuters: Many individuals who work in Aberystwyth commute from surrounding areas due to insufficient public transport, necessitating the use of cars for transportation and parking within the town.
5. Inadequate Public Transport Infrastructure: The current state of public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces.

6. Displacement of Parking Pressures: The loss of parking along the South promenade will only shift parking pressures onto other nearby streets, exacerbating existing issues and friction between residents.

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8. Wider Parking Review: I urge for a comprehensive review of parking in Aberystwyth, including consultation with Aberystwyth University to explore options such as offering parking at the university campus to reduce congestion in the town centre.

11. Alternative Allocation of Funds: There are alternative areas where the allocated funding could be better utilised, particularly to address bottlenecks that impede cycling and active travel along the promenade. Dual use pathways are already in use within Aberystwyth along park avenue. Why could the promenade not follow this model so that there is no loss of parking spaces?

MOST IMPORTANTLY!! Residents' Parking Consideration: There is considerably strong support for implementing a free/affordable residents' parking permit system. Residents parking is an issue which is continually brought up in community discussions. I constantly see visitors that are staying in air bnbs within the town parking in residential streets rather than using council owned car parks. These visitors should be the ones who are paying for tickets on council car parks not local people that already pay the extortionate council tax rates. Through implementing a residents parking system, council car park revenue would be significantly increased as visitors will be forced to use these car parks rather than taking parking spaces from local residents. Also. those who pay CCC tax could also receive a parking pass or token where they can park on council car parks for free at certain times or at a discounted cost to encourage those out of town to visit the town more often and for those parents who take children to activities in town such as the football club to not be fearful of receiving a parking ticket.

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Yours sincerely,

Dear Madam/Sir, i am writing to object to the above proposal of no longer allowing free 24 h parking on King street and the seafront opposite the Old College. I have lived in [street names removed] for 24 years and have had to cope with a serious shortage of parking spaces all over the old part of Aberystwyth. Your proposal makes parking for residents much worse. I am aware of the redeployment of the Old College in to a commercial hotel enterprise. Good Luck to them! You are of course

trying to give them a helping hand. Why not! Our last resort of finding parking at St.Michaels has been halved and now a further reduction of parking. Please see our plight and don't make life even harder for us residents. How many council rates are collected of us residents within a hundred yards of [street name removed], £200K? Will the New Hotel bring in that sort of money in Rates? Free Parking for residents is clearly needed. If you cannot come up with a decent proposal that doesn't punish us resident please leave the present parking system well alone! Yours sincerely,

Noswaith dda,

Fel myfyrwraig sy'n byw yn Aberystwyth, gwrthwynebam yn gryf gynlluniau'r cyngor er mwyn gwaredu ar 67 man parcio yn Aberystwyth.

Mae manau parcio eisioes yn brin yma'n Aberystwyth ac mewn gwirionedd, mae angen mwy nid llai o fannau parcio. Mae'r cynlluniau yn gwbl diystyru hawl myfyrwyr yn Aberystwyth i gadw ceir yma.

Gobeithiaf yn wir na fydd y cynlluniau yn parhau.

Yn gywir,

I have been unable to find an official statement which justifies the change in seafront arrangements. The town in this area is narrow, one way and accommodates a selection of parkers' needs- residents, visitors, business people, commercial vans for renovationsetc. I cannot see how making the area of seafront below the castle two way is going to alleviate the increased traffic- in fact where is all this traffic going to proceed once it reaches The Hut cafe- the jetty car park? South road, Sea View Place and roads adjoining are not suitable for encouraging more traffic but might encourage visitors to drive faster...not a good idea. Is there going to be a parking system for local cars? I live in [street name removed]- I dont see how one will ever be able to park on these local streets again so where are our car meant to go? Scrutiny will prove that parking in these roads is not only residential. Please can we have proper details explained where we can easily view them. The Cambrian News is easily accessible.

I wish to object to Ceredigion County Council proposed changes to new parking restrictions on new promenade, King st, Laura Place , South Marine Terrace and Quay Road. My reason for objecting to these new parking restrictions are as follows

Parking in this area is already extremely difficult for residents and visitors alike , as the council is fully aware 99% of people living in this area of town do not have the luxury of off road parking so where an earth will we park, also many of the properties in the area are HMO's which leads to a high number of vehicles needing street parking , if these new parking restrictions are introduced this will have a negative effect on local residents and especially disabled drivers. This will lead to increased journeys around Aberystwyth as motorists search for the elusive parking space therefore increasing pollution and risk pedestrians. Introducing these parking restrictions will also have a negative effect on local businesses which already find it difficult to survive in the current economic climate, one only has to count the number of failed business properties in Aberystwyth for evidence of this. In the councils statement of reasons for introducing these proposed parking restrictions is to" avoid danger to persons or other traffic and preventing the likelihood of such danger arising. what data and evidence has Ceredigion submitted to back these claims or some may say it is very convenient to raise these issues as a way of securing these new parking restrictions with no real evidence , how many occasions have there been recorded accidents involving pedestrians and motor vehicles in these areas under the current parking regime , i think the answer will be zero and some may say Ceredigion County Council are being economical with the truth but i couldn't possibly comment. Yours Sincerely

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

This proposal will result in the loss of around 50-60 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces available for residents and those who work in town with no alternative solution being offered to this proposed loss of unrestricted/all-day parking. Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.

The Council are offering no viable alternative solutions to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking. There is no park and ride facility available and the Council have saw fit to increase the all-day parking fee from £2.00 to £6.00 (a 200% increase) and now £6.60 per day.

Those business that remain in Aberystwyth are facing enough challenges in this current climate as it is without the inevitable loss of footfall to the town centre that this will cause.

The current state of the public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces.

Rural communities have little or no bus service that runs for people who start work between 08:00 am and 09:00 am. I have previously used the T1 and T5 service from Llanrhystud to Aberystwyth and despite the timetable noting that it reaches Aberystwyth before 9 am, each time I have been late to work (bus arrives after 9 am). Therefore, it is not a reliable service to be used to ensure that I arrive to work on time.

Parking along the South promenade is largely used by local residents – from both South Marine Terrace and narrow, nearby streets such as Sea View Place, Prospect Street, Custom House Street etc. This loss of parking will only compound this problem, pushing the pressures onto new areas; streets further afield will start to suffer from the same problems.

Also moving the disabled parking bays across the road at South Marine Terrace seems a backward step in that those with certain disabilities will now have to cross a very busy road (especially in the summer) to get onto the promenade.

Since the Covid restrictions were lifted, the Council have retained Pier Street as a one-way system to the promenade. This now means that there are only 2 routes (discounting Albert Place, North Road) for cars to leave the promenade. As a result, more cars are travelling towards South Marine Terrace. By returning Pier Street to a 2-way system would mean another route for vehicles to leave the promenade.

There is no doubt that the large amount of student accommodation within the town centre contributes to a large increase in vehicles within the town. Perhaps consultation with Aberystwyth University to consider offering staff and students parking on University sites would alleviate some of this.

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely

I am totally against the proposal to remove 67 parking spaces between the pier and South Road. It is extremely difficult to park in the town as things are at present, especially in the South Road area. Residents in that part of the town struggle to park near their premises. If these spaces are removed it will be impossible as even more vehicles will be competing for a parking space.

Please leave the seafront parking as it is now

Thank you.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of the considered area and I would like to share objections to the proposed changes drawn from my first-hand experiences.

Location number 1-3

This area has a very limited number of available parking spaces. The spaces you plan to remove are occupied almost all the time. The proposed change is detrimental to the quality of life of the residents.

Location number 18

I don't believe removing one or two parking spaces on both sides of the road would increase the safety of the pedestrian crossing movements. In my opinion, as a pedestrian crossing this road very often this change is unnecessary. Excluding caravans, visibility when crossing the street is very good and cars are travelling at very low speed. Especially during intense traffic hours. So, crossing this street in my opinion is safe. No need to remove already scarce parking spaces.

Location number 20

In my opinion, the existence of these parking spaces does not decrease the safety of the traffic in this area. Considering the scarcity of parking spaces compared to the demand I would argue it is more beneficial to leave them as they are right now.

Thank you for reconsidering the proposed changes.

All the best,

I strongly object to the proposed plans to remove 67 car parking spaces along the promenade. Aberystwyth is a town dying on its feet and this proposal can surely cause nothing but more damage to the tourism sector, businesses and local people alike.

We should be encouraging people to come into our town, visit our beaches and shops. This plan does nothing but deter anyone from wanting to visit and stay here, whether it be short or long stay.

Please reconsider this absurd recommendation.

Regards

Dear sir/madam

I'd like to raise some concerns and objections we have about the proposed changes to parking in the town, both from a local resident and also a business owner's point of view. For ease I'll pop these in a bullet form:

- Parking was a pre-existing problem in the town which is currently being exacerbated by the on-going works to the Old College so any loss of parking is adding to the problem
- The current (ie temporary due to building works) problem leaves very few places to park in the town with most of the prom being taken up with Trades vans, most of the Church parking unavailable (or completely unavailable) and the side street parallel to the Crazy Golf/Castle Park being out of use, but the new, permanent, proposals seem to be reducing space even further
- This leaves the old "Park & Ride" car park as the only long term space to park for staff and while this is just a 15min walk for most people, it's a lot longer if you have any issues walking (this is the case for 2 of my staff members) and, in my case, would leave me unable to do my job (the walk would take me 30mins and leave me exhausted) and pick up the children on time or get to my physio appointments on time, and is a long way to go with heavy shopping bags
- Customer parking for daytrippers: there are very few 4 hour slots. Even with 4 hours parking this leaves most people with very little opportunity to visit Aber, have a look around the shops, have some lunch and enjoy the beach and discourages a "day out" in the town.
- Even if it's argued that 4hrs is enough to visit the museum, paddle in the sea, grab some lunch and wander the independent shops then the problem remains that there are so few spaces. All of these will be taken up very quickly thus discouraging a repeat visit to the town. For most people Aber is a "destination" town, so if they are unlikely to find somewhere to park they are unlikely to make the effort to visit
- Customer parking for shoppers: the limited parking will deter anyone from shopping in the town, if you are lucky enough to get a space you may be able to do your veg/meat/cheese/fish shopping for the week, but it will be a gamble and will restrict customer's habits to a "shopping dash" thus reducing the time available to grab a coffee or lunch in town and most likely lead to people grabbing supplies from one of the multiples where parking is on-site, convenient and free
- Hotel/B&B guests: where will people stay if they have booked a holiday in town? I can't see many options available. I know this is a problem faced by towns like Tenby and St Ives however both those towns have an excess of tourists and are extremely affluent, I would argue that Aber is on its uppers at the moment and needs to find ways to attract tourism and not deter.
- Residents: where are residents going to park? Have alternative arrangements been made for a resident permit allowing them to park in the red zones? and if so can a resident parking permit be set up across all of Aber?
- Trades: where will plumbers/electricians etc park if they need to attend a job in town?
- Deliveries: again maybe I have misread the map but it looks like all the parking outside Kam Sing will be gone? Where will the delivery drivers be able to park as the small space on Pier st is not enough? this space is currently very handy

for people wanting to quickly grab some bits from town or a takeaway from one of the outlets in this area

- I don't see any suggestions about re-instating the Park & Ride - is this being considered? This could potentially help alleviate some of the issues for staff and shoppers but still leaves residents and Hotel guests at a disadvantage

I have found the map very difficult to navigate, so perhaps I've missed something, but I am concerned about the impact this may have on the town's ability to attract tourists and shoppers. As a resident I also am concerned about my ability to get to work, I am waiting for a hip operation so am unable to walk long distances or carry heavy bags, once I drop the kids to school I am stuck for parking in the mornings (we live near the hospital and all our roads are jammed with hospital staff Mon-Fri 9-5, once you move your car you can't return until evening) so have had to pay multiple parking fines for the days when the only available space to park has been in a 1 hour space. In the past I have always paid to use the Church car park, as have my staff, and the disappearance of this has had a huge impact.

I think all of us in town (working or residing) have found the disruption caused by the works to the Old College very difficult to accommodate, but I have taken the view that this is a short term pain for, hopefully, a long term gain for the town. The works have caused all manner of mayhem and inconvenience and has put a lot of customers off visiting Aber while the work is on-going. What I object to is the possibility that the parking issues will actually be worse once this project is complete. With the arrival of the new Old College the council must put effort into addressing the problem of parking and propose some achievable and sensible solutions. Given Aber's location and geography and poor public transport links there is little point in providing reasons to visit if, on arrival, there is nowhere to park.

I look forward to hearing from you to acknowledge receipt of this letter,

Best wishes

I would like to put forward my objection to the proposal of removing 67 parking places along South Promenade.

I live by the castle and believe this change would affect my road and parking availability. Also, removing the parking spaces would make the Castle point road busier and more unsafe for children and dogs on the Promenade and around The Hut.

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed changes to parking arrangements on the promenade at Aberystwyth. I am 56 years old and have lived here all my life. I am saddened by this proposal which I feel will be the final nail in the coffin for my town following years of deterioration.

I have worked in the town for 36 years and have, like many others, used the prom for parking my car whilst I'm at work. What angers me is that no alternative parking arrangements are being offered to workers like myself. I live just outside the town and have to use my car to come to town as the bus service is not compatible with my hours of work. Where will I park from now on?

I am also objecting to the removal of some disabled parking spaces. I use these myself as I have family members who are disabled and these are vital for their health and wellbeing so that they can access the prom for walking. They are few in number already so removing some will make life even more difficult for vulnerable people in our community.

I understand the importance of tourism to the town and the provision of parking for the visitors. However, little thought has been given for the locals who work in the shops and offices and provide vital services for the tourists. I can foresee more shops/business closing as a result of this proposal and I urge you save our town before it's too late.

Come on Ceredigion, make Aberystwyth a town I can be proud to live in once again.

Yours faithfully

I am writing to object to the proposed amendments outlined in the consultation. My objections are as follows.

1. Moving disabled parking spaces to the opposite side of South Marine Terrace creates potentially increased danger to disabled people and carers crossing the road.
2. Many various activities enjoyed by people who regularly use the prom for leisure activities require parking nearby. People using bicycles, prams, wheelchairs, surfboards etc find public transport inadequate or non-existent.
3. Others with some mobility problems but who are not Blue badge holders need to come by car and park to enjoy the prom.
4. People who work in the town businesses but live in surrounding areas need parking. The loss of 50 to 65 unrestricted all day parking spaces will create problems and be costly to the individual.

5. Aberystwyth needs to be more accessible not less available and more expensive, what happened to Park and Ride?

I hope the proposals will be reconsidered, they will adversely affect residents, commuters, visitors and businesses.

Yours sincerely

I wish to object to the proposed loss of 67 parking places on south promenade. I believe that this would be to the detriment of local residents , visitors and businesses.

Regards

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to strongly object to the Ceredigion County Council's proposal of changes to the parking restrictions on Aberystwyth Seafront. This proposal is not viable for the Aberystwyth citizens, local businesses and visitors, as there are no alternative parking spaces in town. Furthermore, the Council did not even consider alternatives in its proposal or offer any solution to this strikingly obvious issue.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to strongly object to the Ceredigion County Council's proposal of changes to the parking restrictions on Aberystwyth Seafront.

First, considering my own needs: I am an OAP who also has [long term health condition removed], living for 24 years in [street name removed]. My street has restricted parking for six days a week, so for years I have been moving my car to park in South Road, other nearby streets or on the sea-front to the south of "The Hut". In recent years it has become more and more difficult to find a space, especially in school holidays and many days in the summer when warm weather attracts people into town and to the sea-front. On several occasions last year I could not find any vacant parking within the Old Town and the Sea Front and was forced to park towards Penparcau. That's on the limit of the distance I can walk. Your proposals will severely aggravate the shortage of parking places in our town, where there is already insufficient provision.

Second, visitors to Aberystwyth, including my children and grandchildren who come to me from England, will also find it impossible to park. In the height of the season

this will not welcome tourists and encourage them to stay here and visit again, so the knock-on negative impact on local businesses is likely to be severe.

In summary, the proposals do not meet the needs of Aberystwyth citizens, local businesses and visitors. There must be no reduction in the overall number of parking spaces available and there must be a viable long-term solution to meeting what is inevitably a growing demand for adequate parking provision.

Yours faithfully,

I wish to object to the proposed parking restrictions in Aberystwyth Town centre, and especially along the promenade and nearby roads. The reason for this objection is that it reduces the availability of parking in the town which is already in short supply. This is likely to

- increase traffic and related pollution due to people driving round in search of somewhere to park.

- cause people to choose to visit other towns for shopping and leisure visits to the detriment of the local economy.

I write as a provider of professional services to businesses in Aberystwyth, usually 15 to 20 days each year. There is no adequate public transport for a working day from Dolgellau. Parking is already a challenge in Aberystwyth and your proposals will make it more so. If the resulting experience is too difficult it will be a factor in deciding which contracts to take on, and I might well decide to take my business to other towns. Similarly I am less likely to travel to Aberystwyth to shop, and / or attend venues in the town.

I very much hope you will abandon your proposals.

Regards,

Further to my recent email which was rejected out of hand, I am emailing to repeat my request that you reconsider your planned changes to parking on Aberystwyth prom.

I am a business owner in the town and live in Llanilar, some days I spend more time looking for a space in town than driving from Llanilar, and your plans are only going to make it worse. Towards the end of last year when the plans were initially

announced I spoke to our staff about them. They mentioned the issues with a loss of significant numbers of spaces during the work on the Old College - a combination of the work taking up space King Street and contractors vans taking up many of the remaining spaces. If your parking plans are taken forward, this is going to be a permanent issue and is likely to cause disruption for people working and using businesses in town. I know a colleague in a different service business who is considering seeing clients at home (out of town) because of the current and future issues, taking her and people out of the town.

Why are you planning to implement a change which will specifically target workers in the town, who fuel the local economy? With significant cuts to timetables, public transport is simply not practical for most workers. For staff members from the north who need to get in by 8:30, the most suitable train would be getting in at 7:15! Workers cannot afford £6+ per day to park in town, when they have other significantly higher bills nowadays, and will cost full time workers £1,440 a year.

If you are insisting on bringing this in, you should reinstate a park and ride service which runs regularly through the day with greater frequency at busier times, otherwise this plan is simply unworkable for workers.

Another solution might be a worker's season ticket for the parking, which could go some way to help, but you also need to think about tourists and those coming to Aberystwyth as a destination to shop (which is becoming less and less the case each year). One of my staff members told me she prefers to travel to Carmarthen, Welshpool or Cardigan to go shopping these days, and again this is only going to worsen if you reduce the available parking spaces for workers. You must be aware of how businesses in town are suffering post-Covid and in the current economic climate and this is compounded by increasing competition from online. How is reducing parking availability going to help?

Finally, how does this correlate with your "Boosting Ceredigion's Economy: A Strategy for Action" exactly? As I see it, this plan directly contradicts your strategy in numerous ways, namely:

- Priority 1: People "Ceredigion can become an even more attractive destination for visitors to the area, and to people who want to move here to study, live and work." - how does this plan make the area more attractive to work and visit?
- Priority 2: Place "Towns that provide thriving living, working and social spaces" - how is making it more difficult to get to work helping this priority?
- Priority 4: Connectivity "Enhanced transport connectivity will play a critical role in supporting economic flows, improving accessibility, attracting investment and enabling development." - so you know that this plays a key role in our economic development, yet you are still planning on making it more difficult?

Regards,

I have been unable to locate the consultation form relating to the following order; CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND UNLOADING) ORDER 2019 (ABERYSTWYTH SEAFRONT) (AMENDMENT ORDER NO. 11) 2024 Please find below my response to the above. 4 New Promenade landward side by The Cambria and Aberystwyth University building New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time, replacing existing parking bays (and prohibition of waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am) and Doctors' bay due to alterations in highway alignment (loss of approx 12 parking spaces) Objection to loss of 12 parking spaces serving existing businesses within Y Cambria and the new Yr Hen Goleg development. The parking bays are required to support employees of the existing and new business opportunities. 11 New Promenade both sides of road from end of existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time south of Castle Point in a southerly direction for approx. 220m to junction with South Road New Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time, replacing existing prohibition of waiting for caravans and motor caravans 11pm – 8am (loss of approx 40 parking spaces) Objection to loss of approx 40 parking spaces along New Prom. The existing spaces serve residents of the many bedsits and hotels and B@B's along South Marine Terrace and the prom. The dwelling houses lack their own parking facility. The University new development opportunity for business and tourism use expansion at Yr Hen Goleg requires the use also of existing parking facility at the Prom. Regards

Dear Clic team,

There cannot be a meaningful public consultation without a detailed analysis of the Socio-economic, Environmental and Safety implications of your proposals being properly considered and made available as part of the consultation information.

Please withdraw these proposals until such time this is made available. Please provide a complete copy of the analysis carried out to date. For the avoidance of doubt this constitutes a request under the Fol Act as do the following :

Please also provide a detailed analysis of the Socio-economic, Environmental and Safety implications of the "Safe Zone" amendments which were imposed without any public consultation.

Please also provide a detailed analysis of the Socio-economic, Environmental and Safety implications of the 20 MPH restrictions implemented across the County without any public consultation.

Yours Sincerely,

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024 is being proposed to avoid danger to persons or other traffic and preventing the likelihood of such danger arising, to facilitate passage on the roads involved (including for pedestrians), and to improve the amenities of the area.

[also forwarded to FoI re other matters raised]

Good morning

I should like to like to register my objections to the above Order on the grounds that the loss of so many parking spaces is against the interests of Aberystwyth, it's residents, people who work there and to visitors.

Less parking means more snarl ups and frustration as motorists drive around searching for elusive spaces and by doing so emitting more dangerous emissions into the atmosphere.

The County Council can't afford to finance/subsidise a Park and Ride scheme, there is no out of town parking which makes the centre of town inaccessible to older adults or people with mobility difficulties, young families etc.

The whole plan disenfranchises people with mobility difficulties and who may be housebound but have the opportunity to sit in a motor car and watch the sea.

Like a home with a garage is often more desirable than one without, so a town with adequate parking is more desirable to employees than a town where parking is an absolute nightmare. Likewise for holidaymakers, young families with children who will not welcome a long walk to reach the town.

Moving the disabled parking bays from the seaward side of South Marine Tce, has shortened the length of the bay and 5 spaces is a little optimistic. It's a fact (see Sustrans May 2023) cars are getting bigger and this has to be taken into account.

Moving the bays from a position away from a road junction to a spot adjacent to one cannot improve road safety.

It's not just removing the disabled spaces that will affect people with mobility difficulties. Blue Badge holders are free to park wherever other drivers may but are to be prevented from parking on the Promenade.

Not everybody will be able to ride a bike or walk into town. For some it will be impossible, for others impractical .

If the intention is to use the seafront , North Road , Alexandra Road, Mill Street, Bridge St and Pier St as a sort of ring road to a pedestrianised Great Darkgate Street, then the whole scheme needs a rethink.

Regards

I take this opportunity to state that I am strongly opposed to the above order. (Amendment Order No.11. 2024).

Parking in Aberystwyth Town is problematic and this new restriction that the Council proposes, causing the loss of over 50 parking spaces in and around South Marine Terrace seems ludicrous. I have been a resident of [street name removed] for many years and every summer we have to cope with the extra influx of vehicles parking on the seafront, to reduce the number of parking spaces is nonsensical, unfair not only to residents but also to local businesses.

Yours sincerely

I would like to register my objection to the changes proposed to parking in and around the Promenade in Aberystwyth for the following reasons:

- It is stated that the reason for the changes is to reduce danger for pedestrians in those areas – I would argue that removing the buffer zone of parked cars between the pavement and the carriageway will actually increase the level of danger to pedestrians should anything occur on that carriageway.
- In the same way, limiting waiting times on other streets will increase the amount of traffic moving in narrow residential streets and therefore increase danger to residents and pedestrians. This change can only be seen as an attempt to increase parking fine revenues.
- Parking in and around the Prom is often used by those working in town. Withdrawing those parking options without providing any viable free alternative will be detrimental to those employees that work in businesses in town and consequentially to those businesses too. Those that have to park in town in order to work will be forced to find alternative areas, which will then push into other more residential areas of town.

- Aberystwyth is still a tourist town, and good parking options are vital to entice tourists to visit, and more importantly, to make repeated visits. If they are unable to find anywhere to park they will simply drive on to the next destination, leaving

Aberystwyth struggling to gain a reputation as an easily accessible and worthwhile place to visit.

- Many people use the Prom to park and walk and get their exercise. Removing parking on the Prom would make this activity impossible for the elderly and less mobile, who rely on being able to park close by in order to do this. For many this is a social activity that benefits mental as well as physical health and its loss may have long term consequences for the more vulnerable sections of society.
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Dears sir/madam.

I am forwarding you a list of signatures who have signed an online petition to object to the recent traffic proposals here in Aberystwyth. There are offer 700 signatures listed below.

[spreadsheet of 725 names and addresses attached – no statement included, addresses cover Aberyswyth and also a much wider area including in England]

Dear sir, madam

Please find enclosed a list of comments attributed to our recent petition objecting to the Parking/Traffic plan here in Aberystwyth.

Thank you,

[spreadsheet with the following comments attributed to 33 individuals]

"I'm signing because I live in town and these changes will impact us directly!"

"Because I fear for local businesses on the promenade and the Town in general we are a seaside Town with no parking of the future"

"I'm signing because I recognise that this petition is referring to: The Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024 is being proposed to avoid danger to persons or other traffic and preventing the likelihood of such danger arising, to facilitate passage on the roads involved (including for pedestrians), and to improve the amenities of the area."

"This will make an already bad parking situation worse and will impact businesses in town"

"The promenade is an important social meeting place for visitors and locals alike, parking in Aberystwyth is difficult, removing promenade parking will limit people's access to the promenade and impact local businesses."

"I live in Aberystwyth and feel this will be detrimental to local businesses and residents- a lot of elderly people like to park on the sea front and spend a few hours there which is very valuable to their health and wellbeing- also easier for parents and grandparents when visiting the beach. Parking fees will only add to peoples already increasing budgets which many will not be able to afford. This seems to be an easy cash cow for the council with no regard for the people of Aberystwyth let alone tourists who bring in money."

"It's a very silly idea. Already problems parking in town. Will cause more problems. Also drive locals and tourists from town."

"As a very frequent visitor to Aber, its hard enough to find parking. To reduce it further will be devastating for local economy. Visitors come from all over the world to explore Aber, I for one love visiting all the independent shops. Why would the local council make a decision that would impact tourism & residents so negatively."

"The proposal,if carried forward, will encourage out of town shopping leading to further avoidance of shopping in town,will be detrimental to local folk seeking to park nearby their homes, tourists ,shop workers,and local businesses,and further damage the credibility of our elected officials, in their desperate bid to squeeze cash from tourist and local citizen alike. It is exactly the opposite of the kind of incentive to encourage the prosperity of Aberystwyth,and jepodise the support enjoyed by County Councillors who currently control our council."

"I care about the people in Aberystwyth."

"Aberystwyth need the tourist without them the town will be dead."

"It will effect lots of local businesses trade ,which these days is the difference between being able to trade and closure"

"CCC can only think that this is a good thing to do £££££ why don't they leave it as it is and police the problem areas"

"I am not happy with The Council's plans for Aberystwyth"

"I disagree with the proposed changes which will be detrimental to the town's businesses."

"I don't agree this proposal will benefit Aberystwyth as a tourist destination.

"I object to the proposal."

"I'm concerned it will damage the allure of this beautiful place.."

"I live on King Street with no parking space. These changes would leave us with nowhere to park near our home. I also think it would reduce visitors to the town as it is already difficult to find parking in town during holidays, visitors are vital for local businesses."

"You are working against residents and tourists. This area needs tourists and you're taking enough from residents with the massive increase in council tax..a council that is totally failing it's area and residents"

"I have been visiting Aberystwyth on holiday several times a year for about 15 years and I love it there. My mobility has unfortunately decreased significantly in recent years and I now find it impossible to walk into town. I am getting to spend less and less time and money in Aberystwyth as its already so difficult to park there. The loss of parking spaces will make this problem worse especially for people like me who can't visit town without driving. I also feel extremely sorry for local residents who often already have to park streets away from where they live. Unfortunately I've seen a huge decline in the town centre in recent years and hope the council come to their senses before they kill it off totally. I have never seen Aberystwyth as quiet as it was over the Easter period its a shame for local businesses that need support not customers being kept away."

"Being a regular visitor to aberystwyth I can only see this being a negative step in attracting visitors. Another town will a victim of council war on motorists."

"We visit Aberystwyth regularly and I consider this a backward step for tourism."

"Would be useful to add some context to the petition, there are absolutely no details. <https://www.cambrian-news.co.uk/news/council-moves-ahead-with-new-parking-restrictions-on-aberystwyth-seafront-676867>"

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"The beach brings us solace. The beach brings tourism, it brings wellbeing."

"I am concerned that by reducing already limited parking resources, it will deter visitors and locals from visiting the town which will be further detrimental to the businesses that are trying to survive these difficult times. Please do not ruin Aberystwyth anymore than has already been done."

"I think charging to park there will be totally detrimental to the area, will add to the declining footfall and sales in the town centre and discourage tourists and visitors from coming in the first place"

"Parking fees will stop some people come to visit this lovely place, so shops cafe,s and other business will lose out"

"I think it's a terrible idea.Hard to park in town as it is."

"Im a support worker who regularly works early in the morning until late at night. When I arrive back in town, sometimes the only place for me to park and leave my car is the prom. Why do people like me have to be punished when finding parking is already a headache?"

"I'm all for positive change to the town, streets and prom however as a resident and business owner there's little in these proposal's that benefit everyone, residents, workers, businesses, shoppers or overnight visitors. It seem that the changes to the residential streets such as Laura Place and King Street are simply there to benefit the Uni's commercial hotel project converting the Cambria and Old College. The changes should be fair to all. The university has said publicly they would lobby the council to makes changes to parking. Here it is. It's not about safety at all. The active travel routes should be improved connecting Plas Crug avenue to the beach. That would be better spent active travel grants. If they want to utilised South prom they could shift the lampposts into the parking to create and wider active travel route. It would be much cheaper as they are due to replace the lamps anyway. A passing place would assist flow. Balance and mitigation is required. A weak and unpopular proposal."

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to express my thoughts regarding the proposed changes to traffic and parking on Aberystwyth promenade. I appreciate the efforts to address the issues surrounding the promenade, which is vital for both the local community and visitors.

I support the proposal to restrict caravan and campervan parking along the promenade, as it is unsuitable for such use and lacks the necessary facilities. This area should be accessible and enjoyable for the majority, rather than serving as an informal campground for a few.

However, I have concerns regarding the proposed modifications to parking along the promenade. The intentions behind these changes are unclear, as are the potential beneficiaries. Removing parking from the promenade might improve traffic flow between Castle Point and the harbour, but it raises significant questions about where visitors, both tourists and locals, will park. If they struggle to find convenient parking, it might deter them from visiting, negatively impacting local businesses and the economic health of both the promenade and the town.

Moreover, the removal of promenade road parking would likely push cars into the already congested streets of old Aberystwyth, impacting residential parking availability and pedestrian safety. Any changes should prioritize the needs and well-being of local residents. Where do you propose these displaced cars will find spaces?

I am also concerned about the effectiveness of the proposed solutions to traffic congestion. Historical measures like a halfway passing place on the road to South Road have proven effective. Implementing a traffic light system might also be beneficial. These should be considered within the context of the town's overall traffic system to prevent inefficiencies and increased risks to pedestrian safety and air quality.

A designated passing place, hatched out would quickly (and at relatively little expense) cure the congestion on the street of road between South Road and Castle Point.

The change to two-way traffic on Pier Street during the lockdown has notably worsened traffic flow. Reverting Pier Street to two-way traffic could alleviate much of the congestion without sacrificing the 50 parking spaces along the promenade.

Additionally, I question the decision to relocate disabled parking to the east side of the road. This move seems to complicate access to the promenade for wheelchair users and reduces available parking for residents without clear justification.

Could you please provide more details about the objectives of these proposed parking changes? It is crucial to understand how these will benefit the community and enhance the promenade experience.

Thank you for considering my feedback. I look forward to your response clarifying these points.

Kind regards,

I am writing in response to the consultation regarding traffic on Aberystwyth promenade.

Firstly, I'd like to thank you for working on a proposal to improve the promenade, traffic and parking situation. The prom and beach are of great importance to Aberystwyth, both to visitors, (our economy) and to locals (nearby residents and out of town Ceredigion residents). I agree with the restrictions to caravan/campervan parking because the prom is not a campsite, has no suitable facilities and should be for the majority to enjoy not a minority of van owners.

However, I don't agree with the changes to parking along the promenade which are being proposed because it is not clear what they are intended to achieve and who they are intended to benefit.

The beach and promenade are a popular destination for visitors. If the option to park on the promenade road is lost, visitors will either still come to the seaside and try to find alternative nearby parking to offload beach equipment, or they will not come at all. Neither are good outcomes. **Getting rid of promenade parking might allow traffic to flow more freely between castle point and the harbour, but where will the cars be going? Is there a proposal for alternative parking for seaside visitors, local and tourists alike?** If people choose not to come because they can't park at the seaside, there will be an impact on local businesses both on the prom and in the town.

There are 50 dwellings on South Marine Terrace which include businesses, homeowners, students and people who live in rented accommodation. If the option to park on the prom road is removed, residents, commuters and visitors will be pushed up to try and park into the already congested streets around the old part of Aberystwyth town. This will affect residents' ability to park near their homes, and the safety and well-being of pedestrians in the area. **Changes to residential areas must first and foremost consider the people who live in them.**

What is the aim of the proposed changes to parking on the promenade? If the aim is to prevent the summer inconvenience of the congestion between castle point and the turning to South Road, a passing place halfway along that stretch of road has worked well in the past. A traffic light system could also work. Whatever is considered must be considered as part of a whole town traffic system, otherwise summer traffic will find itself frustratingly directed along the prom to a small and full carpark by the harbour. This will increase risk to pedestrians, and air quality, as people drive in circles looking for a space in the side streets.

Is the aim to add provision for cyclists? If so, what happens at bottle necks like the pier, the Hut, Prom Diner?

Why are the disabled parking places moving to the other (East) side of the road? As someone who regularly drives a wheelchair user around, I can see that this adds the obstacle of navigating two kerbs and crossing a busy road to get to the prom, whilst reducing residents' parking. What is the aim of this proposed change?

Please could you clarify the intentions for this planned change to parking permissions along the promenade by answering my questions. If there is money to be spent: perhaps repairing the road surface, and walkways/bridges in the castle grounds, the jetty, maintaining the elegance of the prom by re-commissioning the spiralled lamps instead of cheapening it with ugly replacements; all things that make Aberystwyth accessible, attractive and interesting to residents and visitors alike.

Yours sincerely,

I am writing to object to the proposed changes to the parking in Aberystwyth. Please add my comments to the consultation.

Parking is consistently one of the most important issues to local residents, commuters, visitors and businesses.

This proposal will result in the loss of around 60 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces needed for residents and those who work in town.

No alternative solution is being offered to this proposed loss of unrestricted/all-day parking spaces.

Commuters make up a large proportion of Aberystwyth's working economy – many people who work in Aberystwyth live in surrounding towns/villages with no/insufficient public transport and must therefore drive, and park, in town.

The Public transport infrastructure for Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is currently not adequate and will require significant improvement and investment before the area could sustain such a significant loss of parking. Indeed, local bus

services have already been reduced due to the impact of the 20mph speed limits on the timetables, and the train network into town is very limited and notoriously unreliable.

Parking along the South promenade is largely used by local residents – from both South Marine Terrace and narrow, nearby streets such as Sea View Place, Prospect Street, Custom House Street etc. This loss of parking will only compound this problem, pushing the pressures onto new areas; streets further afield will start to suffer from the same problems.

Given that council tax increases of 11% have been implemented, I do not feel it is unreasonable that residents of Ceredigion should have a parking permit.

The plans also show disabled parking spaces moving to the opposite side (East side) of the road on South Marine Terrace, meaning that disabled visitors will have to cross a busy road to get to the beach.

The proposals will have a significant impact on small businesses with a reduction in custom where visitors will have limited time in the town due to the lack of long-stay car parking. I have visited Aberystwyth my whole life and am now a resident. I am very saddened by the proposals which appear to be discouraging visitors and penalising residents.

If my understanding that UKSPF money is funding this project, which must be spent by March 2025, is correct, it is very late in the day to be consulting on proposals.

This is very disappointing as it suggests that decisions are already made regardless of any consultation outcome. I sincerely hope that this is not the case.

I look forward to your response,

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of [personal information redacted] and am very concerned by the proposed changes to parking restrictions on Laura Place, and the seafront. There does not seem to be any proposal as to where residents of the area should park, let alone visitors to the area for work or tourism.

My house does not have a driveway and we rely on parking on Laura Place or along the seafront daily. This is already a struggle during the day when workers are present, and on holidays when tourists are here. Losing more spaces will mean we cannot park anywhere near our home, making getting to work and school near impossible, and we would have not bought a house in that area had this been the case.

The impact of visitors would also be significant, where a day out to Aber would become not worth the trip without knowledge of suitable parking.

I also do not understand the reasoning of 'pedestrian safety' the roads are relatively quiet, and wide, with plenty of crossing points on the prom. I have never felt unsafe walking in this area with my young child.

Without the implementation of a frequent and reliable public transport alternative being offered (Electric busses to a park and ride for example) I do not see how this proposal can go ahead.

Regards,

Dear Ceredigion county council,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the

Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

As someone who was born in Aberystwyth and has attended school, university and manages a business locally, the proposal will not only affect myself, my family and friends who cannot use public transport and the guests of the business I work in will be affected.

The proposal will only create further parking issues in the town, when there already has been terrible parking problems within Aberystwyth for the 25 years I have lived here.

While I acknowledge the importance of enhancing the promenade and supporting active travel initiatives, I must oppose these changes if they come at the expense of parking. Below are my key concerns regarding the proposal:

1. Significance of Parking: Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.
2. Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town.
3. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.
4. Impact on Commuters: Many individuals who work in Aberystwyth commute from surrounding areas with insufficient public transport, necessitating the use of cars for transportation and parking within the town.
5. Inadequate Public Transport Infrastructure: The current state of public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces.
6. Displacement of Parking Pressures: The loss of parking along the South promenade will only shift parking pressures onto other nearby streets, exacerbating existing issues.
7. Accessibility Concerns: Moving disabled parking spaces to the opposite side of South Marine Terrace poses accessibility challenges, requiring disabled visitors to cross a busy road to access the beach.
8. Residents' Parking Consideration: There is strong support for implementing a free/affordable residents' parking permit system, utilizing existing Ceredigion County Council car parks such as Canolfan Rheidol.
9. Wider Parking Review: I urge for a comprehensive review of parking in Aberystwyth, including consultation with Aberystwyth University to explore options such as offering parking at the university campus to reduce congestion in the town centre.
10. Timing of Consultation: Given that UKSPF funding for this project must be spent by March 2025, it is concerning that consultation is taking place at such a late stage, raising doubts about the meaningfulness of the process.
11. Alternative Allocation of Funds: There are alternative areas where the allocated funding could be better utilised, particularly to address bottlenecks that impede cycling and active travel along the promenade.

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

To whom it may concern, I am strongly objecting to the idea of removing parking spaces at Aberystwyth's promenades. There is already a shortage of spaces, especially disabled parking on our promenade as is.

To whom it may concern,
I am writing to add my objection to the idea of Ceredigion Council removing parking spaces from our promenade and south promenade, as there are insufficient spaces already, removing any more would be detrimental to our senior and disabled community who surely deserve ease of access to our promenade and it's facilities.
Regards

To whom it may concern,
I wish to object to the proposed removal of parking spaces on Aberystwyth promenade and South promenade. There is already insufficient parking spaces.
Regards

Dear Ceredigion County Council,
As a resident of Aberystwyth with [personal information redacted] who visits the town centre regularly I am pleased to see what I consider positive changes to the access of the town.
On many occasions I have struggled crossing the road safely, having to squeeze between parked cars with two young children or attempting to cross the road with limited visibility due to vehicles parking on corners, double yellow lines, etc. It is nice to see that consideration for more crossing points has been taken during the planning process. I hope that the areas stated to improve safety for pedestrian crossing movements would be installed as disabled crossing areas.
I believe the addition of a loading bay and an area to improve safety for pedestrian crossing movements to be introduced close to the Pier is a great idea. On many occasions crossing the area has been very dangerous, with a few near misses with delivery vehicles parked on double yellow lines or across current crossing points causing extremely low visibility. Hearing that the plans are to introduce safer crossing areas would greatly reduce any anxiety I currently have about this area.
I also feel that the change of unlimited free parking to time restricted free parking is a positive step, as this would allow for more opportunities to park (for free) to visit the town. Often, as it currently stands, if you do not arrive early in the morning there are no spaces left along New Promenade & Laura Place, putting off visitors/customers of the town who want to/can only visit later in the day.
Although the removal of multiple parking spaces along New Promenade may reduce the amount of free parking available, I believe it would allow for a better flow of traffic through this area and help prevent backlogs of vehicles which is a regular occurrence on busy days.
When visiting the town, I would often park in Park Avenue Car park (opposite the police station) as there were always plenty of spaces (guaranteed parking) available

and I was happy to park a bit further out and walk into town due to the low prices at this specific car park. However, since the prices were raised by 200% (from £2 to £6) by Ceredigion County Council on the 1st April 2023 and again by a further 10% this year (from £6 to £6.60), with only the options of purchasing daily or weekly tickets, I no longer consider this car park as a parking option for me. Often resulting in me using the Tesco car park but I am conscious of time and therefore only carry out what I had planned to do within Aberystwyth town and don't spend time browsing shops and local businesses. Maybe a consideration in reducing these rates/reversing such an increase would be a compromise to removing multiple free parking spaces from the town.

Thank you for your time.

Yours Sincerely

Dear Ceredigion County Council, I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024. Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike. We have seen the centre of Aberystwyth deteriorate over the past 5 years. In particular, many shops and cafes have closed due to high running costs and the decrease in public transport from rural areas into Aberystwyth. In order to attract people into town centres, we must ensure that adequate parking is available - not only for customers, but for those who work in Aberystwyth. Not everyone has the opportunity to work from home and the changes proposed would effect those who currently park all day in the spaces identified. The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town. Although some parking is available in the Football Club car park, charges are very high and too expensive for many people who are already coping with increased costs including council tax. Please bear in mind that many of those who work in the town centre in customer service roles only get minimum wage and are coping with higher living costs. I would suggest therefore that the re-introduction of a free Park and Ride scheme should be considered. No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking. I would suggest that the car park next to the Fountain Inn in Trefechan is used to provide free or low cost daily parking. It is my understanding that this is owned by Barcud but leased to the University for contractors. Given that the University already has spaces in St Michaels Car Park and in front of Old College, I suggest that this should be considered. The loss of parking along the South promenade will only shift parking pressures onto other nearby streets, exacerbating existing issues. This is evidenced by parking problems experienced by residents who live adjacent to the hospital. I am also concerned that this matter may be decided by a group of Councillors, the majority of whom do not live or work in Aberystwyth and who therefore do not have direct experience of the issues facing local residents. Nevertheless, I trust that the process will be fair and transparent and will take into account all objections raised. I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Yours sincerely,

Please receive this correspondence related to the proposed parking changes to Aberystwyth. As a resident of Aberystwyth who lives near [personal information redacted] I am against these proposed changes.

On particular the removal of 67 parking places along the promenade. Although we do not own a car and thus have no challenges with parking we are concerned that the changes will have the opposite effects they intend.



The removal of parking spaces will increase the danger in the area by widening the lane and encourage drivers to drive at higher speeds. The area is already know for late night driving laps and the wider road will increase speeds.

The removal of parking spaces will also not decrease the carbon footprint of the area. The limited public transit options encourages driving and a lack of parking will result in visitors circling the town looking for spots and the frustration that creates may increase anti social behavior. Similarly, reduced public transit means employees in town need to drive and have few options for parking.

The changes in parking may also lower revenue generation in the area. Current tourism trends mean visitors to Aberystwyth tend to have lower incomes. Added challenges with parking may reduce return visits and spend in the area. Similarly, shops in town are having challenges recruiting and keeping qualified staff. Adding to their challenges with further parking restrictions may make this even more dire.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the ideas. Please identify that I am against all the added limitations and particularly the removal of the 67 spaces.

[Personal information redacted]

 Proposed changes to parking (traffic regulation orders) on South Prom and surrounding areas in Aberystwyth 

If you aren't already aware, Ceredigion County Council currently has a public consultation open for proposed changes to parking in a large area of Aberystwyth, including but not limited to South Prom (from the Old College), Laura Place, King Street, Sea View Place etc.

Changes include reduction of parking (around 67 spaces according to the Ceredigion County Council website), changes to all day parking to 2 or 4 hours, changes to disabled parking allocation and more.

clic@ceredigion.gov.uk, to ensure they are part of the consultation process. I know that trust and confidence in consultations is low, but please, the more we can encourage the email, the harder the voices will be to ignore.

The consultation can be found here in the first green box (copy and paste if you are on Instagram) - <https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/travel-roads-parking/consultations/orders/>

Deadline - 24th April 2024

#Aberystwyth #Parking #Ceredigion

Dear Council

I am writing to you to voice my bewilderment at your CONSULTATION on proposed CHANGES TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS on the South Promenade between the Pier and the Harbour.

I have lived in Aberystwyth for over 40 years. I am a father of two young boys. I am a keen cyclist and runner. I have never in my time teaching my children how to ride, or whilst riding myself, or running the prom thought that there was inadequate space for pedestrians and riders to co-exist on the current pavement. So why would you think it necessary to take more pavement here by jettisoning the parking spaces? Clearly you are not a runner or cyclist yourself.

In addition, I do on occasion paddle board off south beach, when I do, I take two paddle boards, or a paddle board and kayak for my two boys and wife. I live on [personal information redacted], so I cannot do this without parking on South beach area. I usually do this in the evenings knowing that business traffic will have departed for the day. This would not be possible without parking.

I have never had to wait too long to drive North past the castle whilst waiting for oncoming traffic. I've never seen the T junction opposite the hut backed up too much, so clearly there is no issue at the moment?

If you wished to improve the flow of traffic through town, you could stop wasting money on these ill conceived ideas and actually link the south directly to Glan-yr-Afon or Lovesgrove, thus allowing North to South and South to North traffic bypass Aberystwyth (as was I believe the plan when you first changed the traffic flow in Aber).

If you want to improve active transport, then I suggest a footbridge over the harbour adjacent to the RNLI, or a link path from the Ystwyth trail to Rheidol trail over Southgate area. Or a link to the new Penrhyncoch cycle path to IBERS/Penrhyn. Or a shared all weather cycle/footpath from the lights on Llanbadarn Road (which should be zebra) up to the National library/hospital/uni/penglais zig-zagging on the land above the old Penweddig/Ardwyn site.

I have no issue with charging for parking, but getting rid of the already hugely inadequate provision is myopic in the extreme. I recently visited Cardigan and was amazed at the parking and affluence of the town. I suggest you take a visit yourself to see how it should be done.

Yours in hope

Dear Ceredigion County Council,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

I am particularly concerned about the stretch of promenade between Castle Point and South Beach, where I understand parking is to be suppressed in order to facilitate a two-way traffic system along this stretch. As well as the loss of parking spaces, (my objections to which are detailed in the attachment), I firmly believe that this would be a mistake for two reasons.

Firstly, from the point of view of pedestrian safety, the current arrangement (which includes raised areas for pedestrians to cross) is a very effective traffic calming

measure, ensuring the safety of those crossing between castle and promenade. A two-way system would make crossing much more hazardous and would, I feel, encourage motorists to drive faster along this stretch. As it is, speaking as a pedestrian, it is easy to cross safely because vehicles are only ever coming from one direction, can be clearly seen from a distance, and are moving well within the 20 mph speed limit. Speaking now as a driver, the raised crossing points encourage slow and vigilant driving, yet the one-way system has never entailed any significant delays and is no inconvenience at all.

The second reason I object to the loss of parking in this area is that the parked vehicles form a buffer zone between the promenade and the active roadway. This is important in two ways: from a road safety point of view, it means that pedestrians are distanced from moving traffic; and for those walking on the promenade it causes a visual distancing from moving cars.

The proposed changes would therefore be detrimental for users of the promenade, local residents and visitors alike and would do nothing to enhance the south promenade and surrounding area. However, repairing the footbridges in the castle grounds for a tiny fraction of the cost of the proposed works would indeed make the area more attractive and accessible to all.

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.

Yours sincerely

Dear Sirs,

I write in my capacity as a homeowner/resident of [personal information redacted]. I would like to raise objections to the proposed Amendment Order.

Objection 1.

There is no proposed mitigation for loss of parking for residents. Currently parking in or around Rheidol ward is difficult. There is a lack of available parking for the following reasons:

- Business use (legitimate) such as Loading/Unloading, functions at 'Merched y Wawr' Hall, Unlawful or unregulated business (Since lockdown some residents operate businesses in their homes on appointment basis), staff working in town reduce parking for residents.
- Parking restrictions such as Tuesday 9am - 1pm no waiting at Prospect Street et al. Displacement means residents need to find somewhere else to park (the Promenade is typically easiest off season).

Objection 2.

The statement of reasons for the amendment are:

"The Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024 is being proposed to avoid danger to persons or other traffic and preventing the likelihood of such danger arising, to facilitate passage on the roads involved (including for pedestrians), and to improve the amenities of the area."

Whilst any work to prevent the likelihood of danger arising should be supported, in general:

1. It appears CCC does not have a strategic traffic management plan in place for Aberystwyth. A strategy that would be the reference point on which all traffic management issues would be determined.

b) It appears that traffic management decisions were and are being taken on a reactionary and ad-hoc basis, without considering the un-intended consequences of what was or is being proposed and undertaken.

As a resident I would like to highlight my experiences of the **most dangerous parts of the towns roads**:

1. Vulcan Street One-way system (drivers contravene the existing "One Way" see attached video (prosecuted December 2023). Current traffic orders compound traffic in the streets of Rheidol ward, this is the most abused. The same is true of the one way at St James Square.

2. St James Square/Market Hall - drivers get frustrated and either:

a) drive through the bollards into the pedestrianised area (the area between the Angel Inn and Starbucks). This is by far the most difficult area to negotiate as a pedestrian. It is already a makeshift car park 24/7 but has vehicles reversing up or driving down (i.e Why bother pedestrianising it at all?!)

3) Promenade junction - Pier Street and New Promenade. This is difficult to navigate due to lack of visibility if approaching from the North, heading South. Visibility of traffic using Pier street is limited. Parking an issue because of take-aways/2 chip shops (delivery vehicles block the road outside the Pier and ChipBox.

4) South Road - especially between Penmaesglas Rd Junction and bottom of Prospect Street. The low pavement means cars drive (sometimes much too fast) along the pavement. The low pavement is used for parking (usually by landlord Peter Jones) reducing visibility for anyone trying to exit Prospect Street. As a pedestrian walking my dog along this stretch - I've been told to "get out of the way" by cars possibly unaware the low pavement is not a carriageway. This is the primary route to South Beach and gridlocked busy periods.

Without a holistic traffic management plan, these issues will be compounded. On a personal level my partner is a higher rate disabled person. It takes a great deal of encouragement to get her to leave the house. There are currently no opportunities for limited mobility people to park near their homes in Rheidol ward see link Traffic flow issues Vulcan Street, South road etc are so bad, I had a knife pulled on me by a driver coming the wrong way down Vulcan street to access "Yr Albion" Dyfed Powys Police ref [personal information redacted] This is another venue that draws traffic and compounds parking (nearly always a vehicle on the pavement outside!) and abuse of the 1 way system.

In summary - I'm supportive of changes for safety. I'm not supportive of this proposal because it is a knee jerk reaction. Please may I request receipt of my objections.
Yours Sincerely,

Dear Ceredigion County Council,

I am writing to express my objections to the proposed amendments outlined in the consultation regarding CCC order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment order no. 11) 2024.

I oppose for the following reasons:

- Parking is a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors and businesses alike. Where are we all supposed to park?!
- Loss of parking spaces - loss of 50-60 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces. This will greatly impact on residents and workers in the town.
- There has been no viable alternative solutions presented to mitigate the loss of the unrestricted parking.
- With an inadequate public transport structure, how are commuters meant to get to work if there is no parking for them?
- When will the 'Gold Command' restrictions be lifted?!?!? There is no need for this any longer in Aberystwyth
- How much is all this costing?! I'm sure this money could be better spent - i.e lifting the 'gold command' restrictions and easing the traffic along the promenade.

I trust you will consider these objections and take them into consideration during the decision making process.

Regards,

Hi there

I know this will likely fall on deaf ears but I would like to know how many of the local residents of the south beach area of Aberystwyth have been consulted about the parking changes ? I for one as a resident of [personal information redacted] who relies on the parking your planning on removing have not been consulted neither have any other residents I have spoken to. We are all very unhappy with the proposal to reduce parking spaces and put in waiting limits.

It is another example of the outcome of touch council deciding what's "best" without actually considering the residents

Kind regards

To whom it may concern

Re: The Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024

I wish to register my objections to the proposed changes to parking spaces and timing restrictions on, and in the vicinity of, Aberystwyth Promenade for the following reasons:

There is already insufficient 24/7 parking for residents and town centre workers, especially at seasonal peak times. Significantly reducing the number of available parking spaces, and also adding time restrictions to many of those remaining, will not reduce the number of car owners seeking a parking space. Congestion will increase as drivers circle the streets in search of a space; day-trippers may well give up and take their money elsewhere but those who live and/or work in Aber will have no choice but to persevere. Increased congestion will result in increased carbon emissions, which will impact the Council's goal of becoming a net zero council by 2030, as stated in the Council's Corporate Strategy 2022-2027.

Moving the parking bays for Blue Badge holders on South Marine Terrace from the prom side of the road to the inland side so the disabled visitors will have to cross the road to access the prom, will increase the risk to those pedestrians, which is in direct contradiction to the stated intention from the "Statement of Reasons" in the proposal document.

With the overall reduction in parking spaces on the prom, more people will have to cross more roads to access the prom and the beach, again increasing the risk to pedestrians, particularly children.

The following possible solutions would be a far more effective way to reduce congestion and carbon emissions in the town, while safeguarding tourist revenue and maintaining pedestrian safety, without needing to lose significant numbers of parking spaces or impose timing restrictions:

Return Pier Street to 2-way traffic. A large number of the vehicles driving south along New Promenade turn left into South Road when they reach The Hut, so are clearly just trying to leave the prom. This could be resolved by returning Pier Street to 2-way traffic, or reversing the one-way direction.

Reintroduce the passing area halfway between Castle Point and The Hut. Losing just a few parking spaces here seemed to work very well in reducing congestion (and driver frustration) when it was tried a couple of years ago.

Provide 24/7 parking at the site next to The Fountain Inn in Trefechan. This site was until recently being used as a works depot but appears to be vacant again and is already marked out with parking bays. Allowing housing to be built on the site will exacerbate the parking/congestion/emissions issues in the town, whereas buying/renting the site and providing more parking at a reasonable price for visitors, workers and residents would ease congestion on the prom and town centre.

I hope the views of the local residents and town centre workers will be listened to and the proposed changes reconsidered.

Yours sincerely

Dear Sirs

I am writing to object to the proposed amendments outlined in the consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment order No. 11) 2024.

I oppose these changes as they would cause immense difficulties for the residents of Aberystwyth town, as well as businesses located in Aberystwyth town centre. The proposed amendments would result in the loss of approximately 60 to 70 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces. This would greatly impact on the residents and the workers in the town centre. I personally live and work in Aberystwyth and I strongly oppose the proposed loss of some 65 all-day unrestricted parking spaces in Laura Place, King Street, New Promenade etc. as detailed in the proposed changes to parking restrictions. It is already extremely difficult for residents and workers to find a space to park their vehicles in Aberystwyth, and these proposed changes are therefore totally unacceptable.

Yours faithfully

Dear Sir/Madam.

I disagree with new parking proposals for the town ,as this proposal on waiting times will drive people to park all the day in surrounding area which have no restrictions on parking. My area of [personal information redacted] have a real problem with parking as the Buarth area seems to be first choice for people coming into town to park ,unrestricted for free.

This proposal will add to our problem with the junction of Buarth road and stanley ,where cars park illegally causing an obstruction on the junction in the day for hours on end. My experience of parking in Aberystwyth is that drivers will not drive down to the car park opposite the police station where they have to pay,but park in the surrounding unrestricted areas causing obstructions on junction and drop kerbs(illegally) and sometimes they might get a ticket.

Parking in Aberystwyth is a challenging issue. Our wonderful town with its narrow streets with both residential and commercial areas in close proximity serving many different parking uses in an area with limited public transport options is difficult to get right. Hence any changes to the parking regime can have major impacts on the town's economy and need to be considered very carefully. Ideally a fully comprehensive survey of parking across a town which already exceeds parking capacity and serious consideration needs to be conducted of economic and social impacts of reductions of parking provision in a rural economy lacking the alternative of comprehensive public transport provision.

Consideration needs to be made on the impact to different parking users and importantly include consideration of where parking will be displaced to where any changes are proposed. There are different parking needs to consider and consideration needs to be for the town centre as a whole as more the majority of mobile drivers are not able to park exactly where they want to and simply park where space is available, often driving around the town until a space is found.

Consideration needs to be made for different users: town centre residents, day visitors (town centre workers and other day visitors), short-stay visitors and those with Blue Badges and limited mobility with needs to park close to shops and services). Really the best solution is perhaps no change as any proposal without a

comprehensive survey will likely only make things worse and displace problems and increase accidents rates elsewhere.

Generally, increasing restricted parking bays impact most for residents and day visitors. These cars will be displaced, exacerbating problems elsewhere in town and increasing traffic in the town in general. It also increases the issue of day visitors frequently re-parking to avoid Parking tickets and thus increasing traffic. Restricted parking also needs to be adequately policed to ensure parkers abide to restrictions. The proposal involves a massive displacement of general parking for both residents and especially commuters who use the South Prom to park to work in town centre businesses as such it should require a comprehensive parking review and provision of alternatives for displaced parking to where exactly?

Also consideration should have been given to ongoing problems caused by the temporary loss of parking on King Street due to works on the Old College. This needs to be reinstated as soon as possible, not permanently removed.

This proposal does not address these general issues at all. With regards to specifics of the location. Since the Covid period with Pier Street being made one way has increased traffic elsewhere. Traffic is heavier now on South Road, South Marine Terrace and Terrace Road. South Aberystwyth and the Prom now have no exits between South Road and Terrace Road. Arguably making Pier Street two-way again will reduce traffic in the area concerned. Furthermore consideration should be given to de-pedestrianising Great Darkgate Street, to make it one-way from Laura Place, also potentially creating space for more needed Blue Badge places, which will relieve the traffic on South Road, South Marine Terrace and Terrace Road substantially. The proposal gives no consideration to alternatives and any consultation should include alternatives, rather than offer a simple yes or no to yet another ill-thought through proposal.

Finally the proposal does not specify what the specific problems it seeks to address nor provide any data on the supposed problem. Without a specific definition of the problem to be addressed it should have been rejected before reaching an initial consultation phase. The proposal should be rejected in its entirety.

Cofion, Regards

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The following possible solutions would be a far more effective way to reduce congestion and carbon emissions in the town, while safeguarding tourist revenue and maintaining pedestrian safety, without needing to lose significant numbers of parking spaces or impose timing restrictions:

Return Pier Street to 2-way traffic. A large number of the vehicles driving south along New Promenade turn left into South Road when they reach The Hut, so are clearly just trying to leave the prom. This could be resolved by returning Pier Street to 2-way traffic, or reversing the one-way direction.

Reintroduce the passing area halfway between Castle Point and The Hut. Losing just a few parking spaces here seemed to work very well in reducing congestion (and driver frustration) when it was tried a couple of years ago.

Provide 24/7 parking at the site next to The Fountain Inn in Trefechan. This site was until recently being used as a works depot but appears to be vacant again and is already marked out with parking bays. Allowing housing to be built on the site will exacerbate the parking/congestion/emissions issues in the town, whereas buying/renting the site and providing more parking at a reasonable price for visitors, workers and residents would ease congestion on the prom and town centre.

I hope the views of the local residents and town centre workers will be listened to and the proposed changes reconsidered.

Yours sincerely

Bore da.

Having studied the consultation, yes I do agree that parking should not be allowed between the castle point and South Road junction. This stretch of road is too narrow, but yet again parking there does slow traffic down.

A few thoughts. Where are locals going to park? Residents or those that work in the town. This will only move the problem to other areas, where parking is already a nightmare, even more so with students in HMO's and numerous cars that don't move for weeks. Solve this before implementing these changes please. IF you do go ahead, trial it for a short while in the summer before making a firm permanent decision.

Camper vans and caravans are a nightmare wherever they are on the prom. Perhaps a designated area within striking distance where they can park, with appropriate facilities. These are called camp sites!

One solution is to issue residents free parking permits for a designated area near where they live. One car per household, but pay for more than one.

HMO's should be discouraged from bringing their cars, or park on the campus. They do not pay rates! A consideration when HMO's are given permission to convert from family homes. No parking!

Another concern is, with all this work on the old university, also going to provide accommodation, where are they going to park when visiting or staying?

I am always struck by the number of cars that do come into town to work from areas where there are buses and trains, or even walking distance, but more so, the number of people that travel alone. Car sharing should be encouraged. Even a park and ride system.

I am sure your proposals will be implemented what ever comments are made, but please be aware, Aber is dying on it's feet and needs footfall. Again IF it is implemented, traffic wardens will have to be seen in these areas to prevent abuse.
Diolch

Good Afternoon,

I am contacting you to raise my concern and objection to the loss of approximately 67 car parking spaces on Aberystwyth South Promenade in the proposed changes. As a resident of [personal information redacted] who struggles to find car parking spaces in the street I live and surrounding streets due to the amount of houses that have been changed to HMOs or student accommodation over the years, this proposed change is going to further exacerbate the parking situation for residents in this old part of Aberystwyth Town.

Grateful if you can register my objection.

Best regards,

Dear Sir/Madam

With regards to the proposed new road layout, I am totally opposed to this idea.

Loosing so many car parking spaces will have detrimental affect on nearby businesses and deter holiday makers from coming to the town.

This idea has not been properly thought through and with the vast majority of people against it, it should be thrown out.

Kind regards

Hello,

I am writing to object to the above changes in the parking along Aberystwyth Seafront which includes a lose of 67 parking places along South Promenade and changes in all day parking.

The council has not given enough consideration to how the lose of this parking will affect the local residents in the immediate areas. Parking for residents is already difficult especially during weekends and school holidays when there are many more visitors to Aberystwyth. This is especially so since the recent changes to the road system directs people from Bridge Street down South Road to the seafront. Furthermore, many people use the local streets and seafront to park their cars while working in Aberystwyth during the day. Additionally, on rubbish collection days parking down my street [personal information redacted] and other adjacent streets is not allowed between 9am and 1pm and hence, many residents need to find elsewhere to park their cars in ideally the immediate vicinity. Therefore, I would appreciate it, if more careful consideration is given in these plans and before the implementation of these plans on the extra burden on the local residents. For example, before changes are implemented on parking restrictions along the Aberystwyth seafront other plans should be implemented at the same time such as:

- Resident only parking permits in the adjacent streets to the seafront;
- Additional parking elsewhere in the town centre for visitors to Aberystwyth and/or a free bus to and from out of town or edge of town parking areas to the town centre; and
- Additional signage saying parking is restricted in the town centre of Aberystwyth and where applicable directing them to out-of-town parking.

Overall, there seems to be a total lack of any consideration of local residents or any consultation with local residents before drawing up these plans. This is particularly unpalatable considering that the local residents are the ones paying council tax and will be the ones particularly affected by the changes in parking along the seafront.
Yours sincerely

Dear sir/madam,

I am a resident of [personal information redacted] in Aberystwyth, and I have been looking into the recent proposal made available for: Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting And Loading And Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No. 11) 2024.).

I am writing to object to these changes.

As a resident on [personal information redacted], I predict this will make parking along the street more difficult than it already is for the residents who live there.

This will also mean a displacement of cars that will have to park in other areas around Aberystwyth which will cause problems for residents elsewhere.

At times when there have not been enough spaces on the street outside my home (e.g. during public and summer holidays), I have paid for parking in the paid car park at the end of South Beach. This costs £6 for the day. I cannot afford to do this frequently. On top of this, during busy times of the year there may not be spaces available in this paid car park.

Would it be possible to hear the justification for these proposed changes?

Where are we meant to park?

If I could make a suggestion, it would be to allow residents to display a sticker on their car so that they could park in the areas such as the parking that is currently allowed near the new promenade, but in the future is proposed to be prohibited.

I would appreciate any clarification of this, as this is causing some worry.

Many thanks,

Dear CCC,

I am writing with comments regarding the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

I acknowledge the importance of enhancing the promenade and supporting active travel initiatives. Below are my key concerns regarding the proposal:

1. Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses. Alternative solutions have not been offered to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day or long-term parking.
2. The loss of parking along the South promenade will only shift parking pressures onto other nearby streets, exacerbating existing issues.
3. The current state of public transport infrastructure in Aberystwyth and its surrounding areas is inadequate to support such a significant reduction in parking spaces. The Bow Street Hub is supposed to be used for a park-and-ride scheme but buses are infrequent and Lloyd Motors are no longer stopping there.

Yours sincerely,

I am emailing you to register my objection to the introduction of parking charges on Aberystwyth sea front promenade. The idea is one which does not have the constituencies best interests at its centre in any shape or form. May I remind you that the Council is here to serve the community in providing services for their constituents. This proposal serves only to disadvantage residents further and is highly insensitive and inappropriate given the current cost of living crisis faced by many.

I write to object to the ridiculous idea of charging for parking along the promenade at Aberystwyth. We need to encourage visitors into our dying town not send them elsewhere!

For goodness sakes are you all trying your level best to kill Aberystwyth for goodness sake get a life a d stop destroying the town. We are fed up of the coucil bull shit and ripping us off . Don't forget we have a say as rate payers and residents . I don't care what you bunch say . We pay your sakdries with are over priced for the lack of service we get in exchange. You might happen to notice I am not a happy bunny . I am more than unhappy I am frigging unhappy .I would love to say exactly what I want but you bunch of numpties will go running to the police. So just stop trying to kill the town and listen to what we want . For f@@@# sake sort it out . If you want a face to face meeting I will tell you direct what I think of how useless you all are. But you all to sceard to face the local residents. And by the way I am not paying the extra 11 % as we not getting improved services . So there. Thank you . If you brave enough to listen to what I want to say. Contact me and I will stand up and tell you exactly what I think and what all the Aberystwyth residents think . I am not afraid of some over paid numpties who think they have power . Don't forget we vote you all in a d pay your salary . [removed]

I am sure by now you must have realised that every single resident in Aberystwyth is unhappy about your plans about the parking. I am sure if you had an ounce of common sense you would realised it is the most stupid plan ever conceived by the coucil .ohh waite. There are many more stupid plans like .oh lets build this masive building then not use it . Oh lets cut all the public transport. And make every ons drive .oh but yyet dont rehabilitate the roads or infrastructure . But now everyone has to drive every where becuasr hour idea of using common sense is lets cut everything. . Anxnowwe have forced everyone to drive we can now get a revenue income by taking away all the available karking . How frigging stupid are you bunch of idiots . . Don't you relize we the ones that pay your exorbitant salary at the end of the day .

Seems that the coucil claims it has no money for anything . But apparently can find money to make local residents and visitors to Aberystwyth lives for stressful and more expensive . Don't you. Bunch of numpties relize how stupid you are being . Why waste funds when you don't need to .as a rate payers and resident of Aberystwyth I strongly object to any form of new oarking controls and worst of all object to any waiste of our hard earned money. Get your lives sorted and stop screwing us over .

Good morning, I would like to register my dissatisfaction regarding the proposed parking changes around the South Promenade area of Aberystwyth. Given the lack of parking in town and the Old College development the area needs more parking not less. How can we attract people to town if they can't park and also how are workers expected to commute to work and park given the poor bus and train links from rural areas.

I feel strongly that the council needs to look ahead and listen to locals, whoever has drawn up these proposals clearly doesn't understand the dynamic of the area and the potential damage they are doing.

Yours sincerely

As a resident of Aberystwyth I am alarmed and worried about the proposal to introduce parking meters on the promenade and even more concerned at the reduction of parking places.

As I get older (now mid 70s) my ability to walk to the promenade is diminishing, yet I would not qualify for a blue badge. If I take my car, there is no guarantee that I would find one of the few parking places. Then when I return home defeated, my on-street parking place will likely have been taken, leaving me to drive around searching for a spot where I can leave the car safely and not too far for me to walk to my home.

The problem is compounded by the large number of cars left for several weeks at a time on my road ([removed], Aberystwyth) which only disappear during student holidays. A number are badly parked: e.g. 3 cars taking up 5 potential spaces. Residents pay higher and higher Council Tax, students pay none, visitors from outside Ceredigion pay none.

I strongly believe that residents deserve a fairer deal and would urge the Council to reject the proposal to introduce parking meters along the promenade.

I will be carefully considering my vote in the next elections

Regards

Dear Sir/Madam,

After studying the plans of Ceredigion Council to alter the parking regulations on the New Promenade and South Marine Terrace in Aberystwyth. I would like to strongly object to these plans in their current form as their implementation will remove 60+ parking places without provide any alternative parking. My reasons for objecting are based on my conclusions below:

Locations 10 & 11

I understand the purpose of this proposal which is to introduce a 2 way traffic system. I appreciate the current Give Way system is not ideal but it has worked relative well for the 60 years plus I have lived in this part of Aber. To remove so many parking places without providing an alternative is very short sighted.

Locations 12 & 14

These locations are directly adjacent to [removed]. These proposed changes are completely unnecessary and will further reduce the number of parking places. The proposed extension of the pavement is a complete waste of tax payers money and to do so when Ceredigion Council Tax has just been raised by 11% is nothing short of

criminal! If you are trying to discourage parking on the junction it would be far more cost effective to enforce the current double yellow line restrictions.

Location 15

From my observation there is only one Blue Badge holder living on South Marine Terrace. The current Disabled Bay on the prom side is predominantly used by visitors and residents from other parts of town who wish to access the prom. Switching this Disabled Bay to the South Marine Terrace side of the road will force disabled people to cross an already busy road TWICE. If these parking restrictions are implemented, this road will become even busier with drivers looking for somewhere to park!

I am surprised but pleased Ceredigion Council are consulting with residents regarding these proposed parking regulations. At a meeting five years ago chaired by Elin Jones AM, local business owners identified the chronic lack of parking as the biggest threat to their businesses. Ironically, Elin Jones AM turned up 15 minutes late for her own meeting because she could not find anywhere to park! The Council Leader at the time Ellen ap Gwynn also attending this meeting but the Council's response was to introduce further and completely unnecessary parking restrictions a few weeks later.

It may be difficult for some council officials on a good salary with a work related pension to appreciate the financial difficulties often faced by local business owners. Aber town centre is already beginning to reassemble a ghost town with Ceredigion Traffic Wardens hounding any motorist who dares to spend money in the few remaining shops. Every single car that ventures into Aberystwyth contains potential customers and if we wish our town to thrive we should be doing everything possible to make them stay and support our local economy. We can only do this by providing more parking NOT less!! This Ceredigion Council proposal to drastically cut the number of parking places is absolute madness and if it is implemented the Council will become as popular as an English try in the Millennium Stadium on St. David's Day!

Yours sincerely,

Dear Sir / Madam

I'd like to object to your proposal for parking changes on Aberystwyth Promenade.

It will be to the detriment of the town. Loosing 67 valuable parking spaces will have an impact on tourism and the local community.

It is already difficult enough to park in town.

Please do what is best for Aberystwyth and leave things as they are.

Too much money is already being wasted by CCC.

Please spend the money on the upkeep and maintenance of the Promenade, Castle, Parks etc. The town is looking so tired and run down.

Thank you

Dear Ceredigion council

This plan to turn 67+ parking spaces into prohibited waiting effectively removing them and to impose limited waiting on others spaces around New Promenade , South Prom and surrounding areas is an all round dreadful idea.

How on earth can this be said "to avoid danger to persons or other traffic and preventing the likelihood of such danger arising, to facilitate passage on the roads involved (including for pedestrians), and to improve the amenities of the area." In reality it will do exactly the opposite:

-I see no way that this avoids danger - explain!

-There is nothing like enough parking now in this area - the shortage will spread throughout town causing danger elsewhere.

-rather than improve amenities It will kill local businesses that rely on people being able to park

The effect on local residents will be catastrophic.

To whom it may concern;

I would just like to share my concerns with regards to the new parking proposals for Aberystwyth.

There is rarely any free spaces at the best of times with or without visitors/tourists.

All this will do is cause chaos resulting in visitors taking up areas where residents park and all we need is campers etc trying to manoeuvre in the towns narrow streets.

What possible benefits are there to be gained by this? People need encouraging to come to Wales the 20 mph has already discouraged enough.

CCC needs to rethink this, Aberystwyth will suffer and so will local businesses some of which are already struggling to keep their heads above water because of ever rising costs.

Regards

To whom it may concern,

I'm emailing to inform you of my opposition to the proposed changes to parking in Aberystwyth on the sea front, King street and Laura Place. I live on [removed], my son goes to school in Comins Coch, which we can only reliably reach by driving. It is essential that I can get a parking space near my house so that I can get him to school on time. It is already extremely difficult to find parking in this area, which is likely to get worse once the old university buildings reopen and new visitors are attracted as well as staff students etc. The proposed changes would make this situation vastly worse. I hope that this email and the others you will no doubt have received on this issue persuade you to reconsider.

Kind Regards

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And with the 14% council tax increase this year (disgusting) I'd like to think you'd have better ideas of how to spend that money, in ways that actually benefit this town and promote people coming into it.

In regards to parking changes proposed on the promenade, I think the proposals are ludicrous, and have not been thought through at all.

Only fools could devise such idiotic proposals, which will have a detrimental affect on our beloved town.

The restrictions towards South Promenade will massively reduce parking for local residents, who park here all year round. Having lived in [removed] for over 10 years and regularly parked on the promenade I know how vital parking there is.

Secondly, Aberystwyth relies heavily on the tourist industry. The majority of our tourists come because of our promenade. Even in the state it's in (see the sand pit/ paddling pool). Parking restrictions will adversely affect our tourism in the town, and therefore many businesses will suffer.

The question is, simply, do you care?

Yours

Good day

I have recently become aware of the proposed changes to parking laws on the promenade in Aberystwyth and the surrounding streets. I am a resident and business owner in the area and feel very concerned about the proposed changes. Parking has become a real issue in the area, there is not enough space for residents to park by their homes. At busier times of the year it's a nightmare, but I recognise that the town benefits from an increase in footfall, particularly local businesses. By restricting these spaces further will, in my opinion, result in initial mass shortage of residential parking, a further lack of spaces for visitors, which will eventually result in people staying away from the town. We are struggling, we need help to regenerate the town and these constraints are not beneficial to our local economy which relies on visitors. I urge the council to arrange a public meeting so we can discuss these concerns before a final decision is made.

Kind regards

Rwy'n gwrthwynebu oherwydd

1. Mae eisioes yn anodd iawn parcio yn Aberystwyth yn arbennig os yw rhywun am bicio mewn i siopa yny dref. Does dim angen unrhyw gyfyngiadau pellach -Mae cydbwysedd da eisioes rhwng mynediad a char a manau cerdded. Dychmyger bod yn dwrist yn cyrraedd yma -anodd gweld lle i barcio - bydden ni'n gyrru'n syth at y prom. Pa mor ddiflas i'r twrist a'u teuluoedd blinedig fyddai dod ar draws promyn llawn onodiadau swyddogol yn dweud wrthy ch i beidio parcio yn nunlle - llinellau melyn neu goch -pamor anghrosawgar

2. I'r twristiaid a'r trigolion fel eu gilydd rhan o ddelwedd unigryw Aberystwyth yw y teimlad hen ffasiwn retro y dref. Mae'r parcio rhydd ar y prom yn rhan o'r ddelwedd agored hwnnw. Mae pobol yn gwerthfawrogi yteimlad yma - mewn byd lle mae cyfyngiadau ym mhob man -peth amheuthun ac unigryw yw darganfod lle sy'n rhydd o gyfyngiadau. Mae'n bwysig fod Aberystwyth yn adeiladu ar hyn sy'n ei wneud yn unigryw.

3. Un o bleserau mawrcerdded ar y promtuag at draeth y de yw gweldy twristiaid bodlon yn eu camper vans - mae'n hyfryd gweld pobol yn hapus a'u dychmygu ynteithio o un. llei'rlall - DYma West Coast Vibes Aberystwyth hefyd -nid Canol Llundain sydd yma

Yn fras credaf fod polisi arfaethedig yn creu diflastod lle nad oes angen i drigolion a thwristiaid - lle dylem fod yn canolbwyntio ar greu delwedd hapus a rhydd i Aberystwyth -

To whom this may concern,

As a resident in [removed], Aberystwyth, I oppose the idea to restrict parking along the Aberystwyth seafront and further areas. Parking around our residential area is very difficult as it stands, to restrict areas and effectively remove over 60 parking spaces available would hinder those living in these areas where alternative transport would not be feasible. I implore you to rethink this unnecessary idea.

Sincerely,

I absolutely object to the proposed changes to loading and unloading on the promenade. The reasons are both spurious and offending.

Firstly, reason sited is danger to public and pedestrians. What are the statistics that prove this? A & E statistics, Police or Fire reports? To take out 50/60 parking spaces citing amendments need to be made is ludicrous.

If its dangerous then why are we allowing traffic on the promenade at all?

The people who regularly use the promenade fall into 2 x categories. Firstly, locals that either cannot park outside their residences because there are no proper car parks available for all day parking and locals on national minimum wage who can't afford to pay the rate for all day outside town by the steam train or want to get soaked walking into work and back when you've been on you're feet all day. Secondly, tourists who we badly need and want to encourage not dissuade. I work part time for a small business in town and will not be able to afford all day parking full stop. We struggle to get staff at the best of times. We already have had very late arrivals for their tables over Easter from people who booked in advance and couldn't

find anywhere to park. More than a few resorted to Tesco or Matalan car parks so arrived late, cut short their meals and left. They loved Aber but all said their were easier places to park in.

This is an ill conceived plan that will impact, yet again, the lower paid workers of Aberystwyth, all the businesses who rely on these workers and deter the tourists from coming in. I respectfully suggest that perhaps someone from Aberystwyth actually does a risk analysis that would help to illuminate the situation.

I intend to submit a freedom of information act request to assess the documentation you state is or will cause a danger to the extent of 50 to 60 car lengths and have already contacted the Sennydd. Simply put, the people of Aberystwyth have had enough!!!! I look forward to you're response.

Hi

I would like to strongly object to all the proposed parking changes in Aberystwyth town centre, including the loss of parking spaces and charging for parking on the prom.

As a town centre resident, finding a parking space in the vicinity of my home is already difficult. We have as right as out of towners to own and be able to park a car for free and are restricted to on street parking. Where do you propose we park our cars if you take away more parking?

There will be more people driving around town looking for parking spaces and polluting the air where I live.

Since Covid, it feels like CCC don't realise Aberystwyth town centre has residents. There needs to be residents parking only, if you bring in these changes.

Has any proposing these changes actually driven around the residential streets? Outside of 8 to 9am, and 4.30 - 5.30pm, you'd be lucky to find a free space without several laps around the streets.

People have to park on pavements as it is. Taking away more parking will only make this worse.

Aberystwyth town centre residents pay more council tax than any one else and continue to receive the worst service.

Yours

I was born and raised in Aberystwyth and my family still live here. I was visiting during the Easter holidays with my sons and was disappointed that we couldn't go on

to the jetty and had difficulty getting to the castle due to the broken bridges. I have heard that the council are considering charging for parking in the prom. This is outrageous, especially when we can't even access certain things. In general, I'm the first to defend Aber, but after visiting as a 'tourist', it makes me wonder why anyone would want to visit Aber. Sad times.

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to formally object to the Council's proposed plans for changes to parking spaces in Aberystwyth Town, with specific reference to the loss of 67 parking spaces along the South Marine Terrace/Promenade area and proposed 2 - 4 hour parking restrictions in other areas in Aberystwyth.

I am a resident of Aberystwyth town, and I know that these changes will have a direct impact on mine and my neighbours lives, as well as to any individuals who work in town, and all visitors to Aberystwyth, all year round.

Every Tuesday, (Council Bin Collection day) between 9am & 1pm, residents of; Prospect Street, Pen Maes Glas Rd, and Custom House St, are required to move their cars. This involves up to 40 cars needing to relocate. Given the proposed restrictions, this will become even more difficult than it already is, and will affect other town residents and businesse as a result.

Where would you like us to park?

The Council's proposal to place time limited restrictions of 2-4 hrs in other areas of town, will further affect residents who will have yet fewer options to move their cars to on Tuesdays, which is already challenging, competing for parking spaces with individuals working in town.

The removal of parking spaces along the South Marine Terrace below the Castle is not the only option to ensure an easier flow of traffic and it definitely will not in any way prevent "health & safety risks to Pedestrians", because this risk does not exist. As far as I am aware, in the 15 years that I have lived in this part of town, there have not been any incidents where pedestrians have been injured or put at risk. I welcome any evidence to the contrary.

This particular stretch of South Marine Terrace, below the Castle, has only become an issue with traffic congestion since Pier Street was turned into a 1 way street, impacting on the flow of traffic through town. A potentially more effective approach to managing this particular area of traffic congestion would be to install a Traffic light system. This has been used temporarily in the past along this stretch of road, and in my opinion was very effective in managing the flow of traffic. I personally question whether or not any actual studies or observations have been made in town to support any of these proposed changes.

The removal of parking spaces in town, if anything, will increase the number of irate drivers who are unable to find parking, especially in the Summer months with

more visitors, potentially increasing the health risk to pedestrians due to increased pollution from these cars.

Have there been any studies or any research done in Aberystwyth to support Ceredigion Councils' proposal? Have any consultations with residents or businesses been held? Currently there is a natural flow of parking between people working and Living in town. The Councils' proposal will change this dynamic considerably. Have the Council got any alternative proposals for residential parking?

I reiterate my objection to these proposed changes and Implore the Council to relook at their current proposals for the changes to parking in Aberystwyth town centre, that will have an enormous impact on residents and businesses; particularly with reference to the South Marine Terrace region and to the introduction of further time restricted parking zones. I ask that you remain open minded to alternatives that may be proposed by residents and businesses who live and coexist within our town.

Sincerely

Dear sir/madam

After visiting Aberystwyth today and seeing the proposed plans to remove parking spaces I am absolutely astounded and also interested in the reasons for coming up with this ludicrous idea.

I am a local resident of ceredigion and come into the town working and also socially on a daily basis which I can guarantee will stop if this idea goes ahead due to the limited amount of parking already available.

I would also be concerned on how a small business like the hut will survive when the holiday season is over and the local foot fall has been pushed out of the town due to lack of parking.

I really hope for the future of our fantastic town that this badly thought out idea is overturned as quickly as possible.

I look forward to a response.

This email is to record my objection to the proposed parking changes in Aberystwyth. I object on the following grounds:

1. All day parking is already insufficient for the towns need.
2. Further reduction of all day parking will negatively affect businesses in town- their staff will not be able to park for the duration of their shifts meaning- less staff and a decline in quality of/availability of services, thus a decline in the number of visitors to the town and consequently less money coming into the economy.

3. Parking further away from the town centre will mean an increased potential for harm to come to staff- walking dark streets and alleys at night after a late shift is not desirable.
 4. Worker spend in the town will decrease considerably- I myself spend around £25 a day with local businesses- breakfast and coffee on arrival in town, lunch and shopping for dinner each day- with the lack of parking, I shall be looking to work from home more often as I already have issues finding a suitable parking space if arriving in town after 9am- and as a result my money will be spent away from Aberaeron. The situation is the same for at least 4 members of staff at the office I use and I am aware of at least 1 other business currently looking to relocate out of Aberystwyth should the parking situation worsen.
 5. The changes would have a huge affect on tourism- visitors will have the same challenges in attempting to park and may well leave the town and continue to other, more welcoming towns in the area- again reducing the amount of money spent in Aberystwyth.
 6. Time limited spaces create a totally unwarranted pressure on car owners- they will not have time to wander our wonderful range of local shops or to sample the delights of the many local cafes/bars- more loss of income for the area!
- In short, the proposed changes are totally negative- they'll even increase pollution as people drive round and round in circles trying to find a space, and also raise the potential for accidents!
- Whoever came up with the proposal could do with giving their head a good wobble!

Annwyl Syr/Fadam

Hoffwn wrthwynebu'r cynlluniau presennol i gyfyngu ar y gallu i barcio ar hyd y prom yn Nhraeth y De, Aberystwyth, yn benodol felly o'r Gofeb Ryfel i lawr at yr Hut. Nid oes digon o leodd parcio yn y dref fel y mae hi ar hyn o bryd. Pe byddai modd cyrraedd y dref yn rhwydd a diogel ar drafnidiaeth gyhoeddus neu mewn ffyrdd gwyrdd (e.e. Seiclo) gallwn ddeall y cynlluniau yn well, ond yn sgil y toriadau enbyd i wasanaethau bus o'r pentrefi cyfagos i Aberystwyth, a'r ffaith fod cyrraedd y dref ar feic yn dal i fod yn fenter beryglus iawn er gwaethaf rhai llwybrau seiclo newydd tameidiog, ni allaf ddeall o gwbl y bwriadau presennol. Mae dirfawr angen pobl yng nghanol tref Aberystwyth, yn bobl leol a thwristiaid, i gefnogi'r busnesau lleol ar adeg mor anodd yn economaidd. Mae'r prom hefyd yn lle mor llesol ar gyfer cerdded ar y gwastad mewn ardal lle nad oes llawer o leodd gwastad ag arwyneb da ar gael. Ond rhaid i bobl allu cyrraedd y dref a pharcio yno i wneud hyn.

Byddwn yn dra diolchgar pe gellid ystyried y gwrthwynebiadau hyn.

Diolch

Annwyl sir / madam

I am emailing to object to the proposed parking changes on Aberystwyth Promenade.

Anything that makes it harder for the isolated rural and economically poor population of Ceredigion to walk and socialise will have detrimental effects on the health and well being of the county. Considering the cuts in public transport (that have meant me having to hitchhike for the first time in twenty years) it is fundamentally important that Aberystwyth residents and the surrounding community have easy and affordable access to walking the prom and it doesn't just become a place for the privileged few who can afford to pay for parking. I would also ask you to note the multitudes with limited mobility and hidden disabilities who don't necessarily possess disabled parking rights but need access to easy, central parking. The prom provides an accessible and affordable way of getting exercise for many locals. By making it harder for people to afford to use the prom your proposed parking changes will increase rural isolation and loneliness (and in turn dementia, depression, addiction, obesity etc).

Monetising the parking on the prom will also detrimentally effect the availability of parking for the residents of town - who already struggle with limited spaces to park.

I am also saddened by the council's lack of imagination when it comes to camper van culture, we should be embracing the presence of international visitors who often drive from as far as Germany and the Netherlands to visit our beautiful country. It is also important to acknowledge the value of welcoming the digital nomad economy - I would encourage you to look at the municipal visitor dock/mooring ball models of North Carolina and the USA national park camping models as an alternative, progressive and positive way forward. Ceredigion can do better and needs to look to the wellbeing of it's population and visitors.

Diolch

I wish to raise an objection to these plans. I recognise that parking and traffic management generally within Aberystwyth is an issue, but these plans will do nothing to improve the situation for the town as a whole; it will simply result in parking and traffic problems being exacerbated elsewhere in the town, especially for residential streets which currently have no parking restrictions. I live on High Street and parking anywhere close to my house is already a real problem; delivery vans and service vehicles are often forced to load/unload when simply stopped in the middle of the street due to no road-side parking or loading spaces being available; cars are often 'parked' up on the pavement at the narrow part of the street (especially in the evening) thereby blocking the pavement for pedestrians with mobility scooters, prams etc. The reduction of parking options in non-residential areas can only lead to further problems being incurred to residential areas, as above.

I would be very happy to support measures to improve accessibility and use of the town for pedestrians, and would welcome the introduction of pedestrianised zones; however, such initiatives need to be considered as part of a greater strategy for traffic management: e.g. the development and encouragement of parking facilities on

the outskirts of the town, with priority for access to the town centre given to residents, businesses and blue-badge holders; the development of out-of-town campervan parks (for example) would also be a great help (eg following the lead shown by the local rugby club); greater efforts to ensure that 'through traffic' is diverted away from the town centre. The plans as currently put forward do not seem to have any consideration of any such wider strategy; and as such need to be rejected until a more coherent strategy is developed.

I also have seen no evidence to suggest that these plans will improve pedestrian safety within the town, and would be interested to see some justification for any claims that it will do so.

Yours

Annwyl Syr/Madam

Dymunaf nodi fy ngwrthgwynebiad i'r Gorchmynion Gwahardd a Diwygio a nodir yn nheitol y neges hon sy'n effeithio ar lan y môr Aberystwyth.

Rydw i'n gwrthwynebu oherwydd bydd y cynlluniau, hyd y gwelaf, yn lleihau nifer y lleoedd parcio o 68 ac yn cyfyngu'n helaeth ar opsiynau eraill. Mae trigolion, gweithwyr ac ymwelwyr yn dibynnu ar lefydd Parcio yn y Dre sydd eisoes yn brin. Hefyd, byddwn yn dymuno gweld tystiolaeth i gyfiawnhau y rheswm hwn 'er mwyn osgoi perygl i bobl neu draffig arall ac atal y tebygolrwydd y bydd perygl o'r fath yn codi' - ni welaist ddim yn y manylion.

Rwy'n cefnogi'r syniad tu ôl i'r ail reswm a roddir 'hefyd hwyluso taith ar y ffyrdd hyn (gan gynnwys i gerddwyr) a gwella amwynderau'r ardal.', ond rhaid gwrthwynebu'r Gorchmynion yn eu ffurf presennol gan eu bod yn niweidiol i'r anghenion parcio cyfredol, a ddim yn cynnig datrysiad I hynny.

Buaswn yn croesawu cynllun sy'n edrych ar bedestraneiddio y Prom a chanol y dref bron yn gyfangwbl (ac eithrio I breswylwyr, Parcio anabl ac ati) a darparu strwythur parcio sylweddol gyferbyn a gorsaf yr heddlu / opsiynau teithio gwyrddach i ganol y dref.

Yn gywir

Good Evening,

I am writing to OBJECT against the proposals to introduce new parking restrictions on Aberystwyth seafront.

The proposals would have a detrimental effect on overall parking availability in the vicinity, in particular for residents.

The pavement/promenade is wide enough so that the removal of a small width of the

pavement, one slabs width, along an appropriate length, such as between the Pier and the junction with South Road, would enable two way traffic to flow much more freely than at present.

Yours Sincerely,

Dear Ceredigion County Council,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

I must oppose these changes if they come at the expense of parking. Below are my key concerns regarding the proposal

1. Significance of Parking: Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike.
2. Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town.
3. Lack of Alternatives: No viable alternative solutions have been presented to mitigate the loss of unrestricted/all-day parking.

I hope that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Hello,

First some quick praise/kudos: thank you so much for fixing the National Cycle Route 81/82 where it riverbank washed out.

I moved here from Vancouver Canada, part of the reason I chose to move here is because I have PTSD after beinghit & killed by a car while cycling home from work. With that in mind, I approach everything very much with a safety perspective.

Fixing the Cycle Route 81/82 directly contributes to my health & well-being because I need cycling routes away from cars to stay fit and stay positive. Thank you again.

Now, I have some feedback on the proposed changes to parking on the promenade in Aberystwyth. Parking is already a challenge everywhere in town so removing parking is only going to increase people driving in circles looking for parking and may actually increase exhaust output. I also find that the wider the road the faster cars drive. It's a funny trick of human psychology, when the road is wider they feel safer so drive faster. With that in mind I think removing parking along the promenade and widening the road may actually make it less safe.

I think what would make roads in town safer would be clearer signage and enforcement around the one-way streets. And, to the end better design and signage of one-way roads to help tourists get where they want to go and find parking would both decrease exhaust emissions and increase safety.

I sat on the municipal Pedestrian, Cycling, Vehicle Infrastructure committee back in Vancouver if you'd like any other insights/help/advice/opinions.

Thanks very much!

Dear CCC

Please don't remove the free parking on the seafront, Aber has so little parking especially at this end of town and it will have a huge impact on local businesses and residents, in particular in the summer.

I would also add that this road doesn't need to be two lanes. Whenever I drive it there's rarely a problem with traffic, but in any case it's just a matter of waiting 30 seconds for the other car to pass. It's not a busy road and it doesn't need its capacity for traffic to be increased (especially as such a change often increases the amount of traffic that uses a road).

Please listen to the community on this, it is not needed or wanted.

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Aberystwyth resident

Dear Ceredigion County Council,

The plan to take away 67+ parking spaces on the prom is a terrible idea. It's going to affect so many people in every way. Many years ago we lost our precious little daughter very suddenly aged just 2 years old. She was our world and we were

devastated. Without being able to get out of the house and walk along the prom , I don't know where we would have been. At the time we lived in High Street so were therefore able to walk to the prom but after losing Gemma we moved to [removed]. Weekdays the bus service is reasonable , but weekends very hit and miss. It definately helped to save our mental health. What are people like my husband and i going to do if this is passed? Walking by the sea and water is well documented to be good for your wellbeing and mental health. Please think very carefully about people like us before you pass this legislation.

Bore da,

I wish to object to the proposal to introduce car parking charges and time restrictions in the promenade area of Aberystwyth.

The reasons for my objections are the following:

Impact on local residents

Impact on other local residents wishing to use services at that end of town

No provision of alternative car parking provision

Impact on local businesses as customers cannot park nearby e.g take away food provision.

Aberystwyth Town Council have better explained the reasons for objection in an excellent response.

Please act to improve the lives of local people,not make it even more difficult.

Thank you

To whom it may concern,

The parking in Aberystwyth for residents has always been problematic at the best of times. Where will the residents who live on the seafront and surrounds now park?

This surely this will lead to more congestion on smaller roads too.

I'm also concerned that having parking means encouragement of parking in what is quite a dangerous area when the tide is in. Will the council pay for the accrued damages to the prom and cars?

The area is full of commuters forced to drive by a lack of infrastructure. Where will they now go.

The obvious question for me is why are we not opening up the park and ride, reducing the payment and encouraging people to use it.

Yours faithfully,

Rather than remove parking places on the prom to make the road past the castle two way, why not introduce a one way system as this would alleviate congestion on South road. I will be affected by lack of parking

[arrived as complaint]

Annwyl Gyfeillion

Ysgrifennaf i fynegu fy ngwrthwynebiad i gynlluniau'r Cyngor Sir parthed parcio yn Aberystwyth.

Ers blynnyddoedd, maer Cyngor Sir wedi gweithio i leihau'r manau ble all pobol barcio eu ceir yn strydoedd y dref. Byddai cyflwyno cyfyngiadau pellach yn gamgymeriad mawr.

Byddai gweithredu'r cynllun hwn yn golygu colli llefydd parcio i dros hanner cant o geir, heb unrhyw awgrym o fan parcio arall.

Mae nifer fawr o bobol sy'n gweithio yn Aberystwyth yn byw yn y pentrefi cyfagos ac yn gyrru i'r gwaith bob dydd. Nid yw'r trafnidiaeth gyhoeddus yn ddigonol i ganiatau i'r gweithwyr hyn hepgor eu ceir.

Rwyf y sylwi fod cynnig i gyfyngu parcio yn Maes Laura i ddwyawr yn unig; ble mae disgwyl i breswylwyr barcio eu cerbydau?

Byddai gweithredu'r cynllun hwn yn ergyd i weithwyr Aberystwyth; i ymwelwyr; ac i drigolion y dref.

Hoffwn wneud yn glir fy mod yn gwrthwynebu'r cynllun yn gyfangwbl.

Yn ddiffuant

To whom it may concern

Re: The Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024

I wish to register my objections to the proposed changes to parking spaces and timing restrictions on, and in the vicinity of, Aberystwyth Promenade for the following reasons:

There is already insufficient 24/7 parking for residents and town centre workers, especially at seasonal peak times. Significantly reducing the number of available parking spaces, and also adding time restrictions to many of those remaining, will not reduce the number of car owners seeking a parking space. Congestion will increase as drivers circle the streets in search of a space; day-trippers may well give up and take their money elsewhere but those who live and/or work in Aber will have no choice but to persevere. Increased congestion will result in increased carbon emissions, which will impact the Council's goal of becoming a net zero council by 2030, as stated in the Council's Corporate Strategy 2022-2027.

Moving the parking bays for Blue Badge holders on South Marine Terrace from the prom side of the road to the inland side so the disabled visitors will have to cross the road to access the prom, will increase the risk to those pedestrians, which is in direct contradiction to the stated intention from the "Statement of Reasons" in the proposal document.

With the overall reduction in parking spaces on the prom, more people will have to cross more roads to access the prom and the beach, again increasing the risk to pedestrians, particularly children.

The following possible solutions would be a far more effective way to reduce congestion and carbon emissions in the town, while safeguarding tourist revenue and maintaining pedestrian safety, without needing to lose significant numbers of parking spaces or impose timing restrictions:

Return Pier Street to 2-way traffic. A large number of the vehicles driving south along New Promenade turn left into South Road when they reach The Hut, so are clearly just trying to leave the prom. This could be resolved by returning Pier Street to 2-way traffic, or reversing the one-way direction.

Reintroduce the passing area halfway between Castle Point and The Hut. Losing just a few parking spaces here seemed to work very well in reducing congestion (and driver frustration) when it was tried a couple of years ago.

Provide 24/7 parking at the site next to The Fountain Inn in Trefechan. This site was until recently being used as a works depot but appears to be vacant again and is already marked out with parking bays. Allowing housing to be built on the site will exacerbate the parking/congestion/emissions issues in the town, whereas buying/renting the site and providing more parking at a reasonable price for visitors, workers and residents would ease congestion on the prom and town centre.

I hope the views of the local residents and town centre workers will be listened to and the proposed changes reconsidered.

Yours sincerely

Dear Ceredigion CC,

I am writing to express my strong objections to the proposed parking restrictions in Rheidol Ward, Aberystwyth. As a resident of this area, I believe that these restrictions would have detrimental effects on the community and its residents.

First and foremost, implementing parking restrictions would severely limit the accessibility of our neighborhood for residents and visitors alike. Many of us rely on on-street parking spaces for our daily activities, such as commuting to work, running errands, and attending appointments. The parking restrictions that are being proposed along the promenade would only exacerbate existing congestion issues as people commuting into Aberystwyth will be forced to park in the surrounding residential streets to the detriment of residents who will need to seek alternative, often less convenient, parking options.

I am also concerned about the potential impact of parking restrictions on local businesses. Many establishments rely on convenient parking access to attract customers and drive economic activity in the area.

Moreover, I believe that the consultation process for these proposed restrictions has been inadequate. As a resident, I was not sufficiently informed or given the opportunity to provide meaningful input into the decision-making process. It is imperative that the Council engages in transparent and inclusive dialogue with residents to ensure that any proposed changes accurately reflect the needs and concerns of the community.

In conclusion, I urge the Council to reconsider the proposed parking restrictions in Rheidol Ward, Aberystwyth. Instead of implementing punitive measures, let us work together to develop holistic solutions that prioritise the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors.

Regards

As a resident of Aberystwyth, I live with my wife in [removed], our driveway is continuously under siege from visitors who unfortunately find themselves unable to park due to the total lack of traffic management and signage both on the main approach roads and in the town itself. North Rd carpark is full by 10.00 ish as it is used by those working in the town and staying in the properties on the front. The wardens work tirelessly to issue tickets to offenders who due to their arrogance park wherever they find a space or lack of one. The wardens are hampered by the total lack of maintenance of the existing line markings and signage. North Rd leading into Queens Avenue is due to the issues raised above, a main route to the front and town and is in fact used by large vehicles on route to the town and South Beach. Due to the amount of admin, they must complete daily, the wardens do not patrol after late

afternoon so an early evening walk along the mile and a half of the prom offers endless parking offences, so please explain how the new additional restrictions are going to be enforced let alone have a positive effect for the town?

Along with the other residents of Ceredigion who pay their Council Tax we have just had to deal with the 11.9% increase to our bill, may I take this opportunity to thank you from someone who is on a fixed income. It is difficult to understand apart from senior staff wages any justification for such an increase. I understand nature has a way of tripping up any planning however ask some locals, refer to tide tables, and weather forecasts and learn from past years, it may help! As someone who spent 38 years of a near 50 year working life in site and property maintenance, prevention rather than cure saves both capital and revenue budgets. Can I suggest having a walk along the prom and looking at the profile of North Beach, you may realise that a day or two spent recovering the height of the sea walls north of the pier may remove the gentle slope which even a moderate tide with wind behind uses to breach the prom. As a bonus try it in rain and you will realise that the damage to the children's sand pit area is caused not only by tide and storm but in part by the flow of rainwater travelling down the slope from the pier.

Well, I have had my say and vented my frustration, e-mails are easy to delete.

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PS Come on Aber Town men we need a couple of wins and well done the women, a great season.

I am writing to strongly object to the proposals for Seafront parking!

In the 25 years of running my Business, parking problems have increased all the time and now with this current proposal being the final nail in the coffin.

Where can we park?? The option of parking at the Church car park has already being removed. There will be no parking for local Businesses and certainly none for visitors so it will be back to out of town shopping like it was with the restrictions in place post lock down when the roads were closed and Businesses in town suffered, some were forced to close!

Kind regards

Dear Ceredigion County Council,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed amendments outlined in the Consultation regarding the Ceredigion County Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Aberystwyth Seafront) (Amendment Order No.11) 2024.

While I acknowledge the importance of enhancing the promenade and supporting active travel initiatives, as a disabled person and a mother who so wants to enjoy this town but is constantly restricted due to parking. I have lived in Aberystwyth the entirety of my life and I must oppose these changes. Below are my key concerns regarding the proposal:

Significance of Parking: Parking remains a critical issue for local residents, commuters, visitors, and businesses alike. Especially for Disabled users, the spaces we currently have are not sufficient as more people who don't have a badge are continually using these spaces as there just isn't anywhere to park in the surrounding areas of the main high street. The disabled bays are regularly used by tradesmen and lorry's delivering goods to businesses on east gate street.

The spaces you plan to remove will have a huge impact on so many different people, in such a beautiful town with many visitors, students and local people we cannot just remove spaces when what the town needs is more parking. Understandable that this costs money and need to be in keeping with the town. However this is far more important and would ease the traffic we currently have in our streets therefore resulting in the steps you plan to take. We are losing shops daily in our town and I fear this restriction will just push even more people to stop visiting our town.

Loss of Parking Spaces: The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately 50-65 unrestricted, all-day parking spaces, greatly impacting residents and workers in the town. And creating a knock on effect where people start parking in shopping areas such as Matalan, Tesco etc. This will only cause severe delays and push people to shop elsewhere like Carmarthen.

Accessibility Concerns: Moving disabled parking spaces to the opposite side of South Marine Terrace poses accessibility challenges, requiring disabled visitors to cross a busy road to access the beach.

Wider Parking Review: I urge for a comprehensive review of parking in Aberystwyth, including consultation with Aberystwyth University to explore options such as offering parking at the university campus to reduce congestion in the town centre.

Timing of Consultation: Given that UKSPF funding for this project must be spent by March 2025, it is concerning that consultation is taking place at such a late stage, raising doubts about the meaningfulness of the process.

Alternative Allocation of Funds: There are alternative areas where the allocated funding could be better utilised, particularly to address bottlenecks that impede cycling and active travel along the promenade.

I trust that you will carefully consider these objections and take them into account during the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

The following are suggested responses to the grounds of many of the objections received during consultation, though it is not an exhaustive list of all issues raised in the objections. It is intended that these responses will be used as a generic response to be sent to all objectors to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order and scheme, to provide an overall rationale for the proposal and the reasons for the objections to be over-ruled.

1. Request mitigation measures. Including passes on the seafront/residents parking schemes elsewhere/improved public transport etc.

- a) This is outside the scope of this project but can be looked at in the future as part of the strategy of where the main Council car parks should be located.
 - b) A residents parking scheme can be considered in the future, but the costs and resource involved in introducing one in a small/limited area are not financially viable. This would have to be done on a wider basis and include other towns in Ceredigion to make it financially sustainable. Residents should also be aware that any such scheme would need to be self-financing, and one must note that only a proportion of the available parking would be allocated to such a scheme which would also likely be oversubscribed, and therefore 'guaranteed' parking would never be a realistic outcome.
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2. Object on grounds of displacement parking causing problems elsewhere

- a) Mitigation for the loss of parking in this area which is at an equivalent or shorter distance to the town centre is being investigated alongside these proposals. The strategy for all long stay parking in Aberystwyth should be on the approaches to the town centre, with the parking that does exist in the town being used by either transient visitors or for those with mobility problems. The limited parking available along the Prom in the wider sense encourages drivers to enter the town and drive around looking for spaces. By creating adequate provision on the approaches, time can be saved, less pollution generated, and a better environment for people created.
 - b) The time constraints and other factors have not made introducing mitigation measures prior to this set of proposals possible. These mitigation measures are planned this for the current financial year and Capital funding has been made available to take this forward.
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3. Object on grounds there should be a wider review of parking/traffic management in Aberystwyth

- a) Previous parking studies have identified over 1,500 on street parking spaces available within the town centre, alongside over 700 spaces within and the proposals put forward relate to approximately 3% of those spaces.
- b) Further spaces are available within the various retail car parks within the town centre, which significantly increases the availability of parking within the town.

- c) Proposals are being finalised to increase the parking available within Maes-yr-Afon car park which will look to increase the available spaces by over 150 spaces, resulting in a net increase of approximately 100 spaces within an equivalent distance to the town centre.
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4. Object to disabled parking being moved to landward side of South Marine Terrace

- a) Disabled users often need their doors to open wider to allow for wheelchairs and assistance to be given. The lower anticipated footfall along the landward side of South Marine Terrace would better accommodate this and provide less obstruction to users of the prom.
- b) Part of the proposed scheme to provide a wider width to the useable area of the prom involves moving all street furniture back to the kerb line. This may obstruct some vehicles from opening their door fully depending on the where in the parking bay any available space is present. No street furniture or signposts exist on the landward side of South Marine Terrace and would remove a potential problem that disabled users may have.
- c) The effective width of the prom along this section is further restricted by the lack of parapet protection down to the beach along the top of the sea wall. This reduces the width that users feel safe to use. Reducing this space by moving the street furniture to cause obstruction to the continuous clear width created would be detrimental to the Active Travel commitments of the scheme.
- d) Part of the scheme is to provide a far narrower crossing point across South Marine Terrace at its junction with South Road. The changed alignment and junction priority aims to make this crossing far safer and more user friendly for all pedestrians regardless of whether they have mobility problems. There will also be a raised table junction with ramps leading up to the higher carriageway level to act as traffic calming at the junction. This will also make crossing far safer and easier than at present. The whole junction will be raised and give way markings applied at the new priority give way to South Road. Under the Highway Code, pedestrians have greater priority now, but the shortened crossing width (4.8m) and slow speeds would reduce any risk of collision. The ethos behind the scheme is to slow vehicles to give vulnerable road users improved presence.
- e) Following the initial consultation exercise with elected representatives, it is proposed that the access to the Castle ground and picnic area from South Road will become ramped and the steps that currently exist, removed. This complements the disabled parking bay as it would provide a shorter access route to the Castle Grounds which is one of the prime objectives of this project. The South Road crossing is to be made far shorter and will benefit from also being within the raised table junction area.

- f) It is likely that any coastal defence solution along this length of South Marine Terrace would involve the construction of a wall on the seaward side, which would further restrict access to those with mobility issues seeking to park along this section of road.
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5. Loss of significant parking by Castle Point insufficiently justified.

- a) One of the prime objectives is to provide better access from the highway network to the Castle. It has been identified as being poor and all the road crossings are subject to poor pedestrian/car visibility or having no footpath provision. The three crossing points that exist along this section need to be improved and clear visibility provided. Removing parked vehicles from this location will allow these safety improvements to be made.
- b) Removing circulating traffic from Aberystwyth and using the available highway space in a more Active Travel focussed way is also a primary objective for the County Council. Increasing and encouraging parking on the immediate periphery of the town centre is a behavioural change that this project also aims to embrace.
- c) There are several highway safety constraints that exist along this section:
- I. Currently the available width along the prom for pedestrians that is unobstructed by street furniture varies between 3.2m & 3.5m. The recommended width for shared use is 4.0m. Moving the street furniture into the space currently occupied by the parking would allow for this.
 - II. The carriageway width, excluding a 2m wide parking bay, is 3.8m. The recommended single carriageway width is 4.0m. This allows for HGV traffic that accesses the harbour sufficient width without passing too close to the edge of the footway. Removing the parking bay would allow the carriageway lane width to be widened. There is no space for the parking to remain if the proposed shared path and vehicle lane width are to be constructed.
 - III. The National Cycle Route 81 continues through this highway space and relies on a choice for the cyclist to use either the footway (illegal currently) or the road. The presence of parking bays and poor visibility (because of the other parked cars) make the risk of cyclist being seriously injured by opening car doors. Legal off road routes for those that are less confident on the road removes another barrier to those wishing to use non-motorised forms of transport.
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6. Object specifically to loss of unrestricted parking in Laura Place

- a) Overnight parking will remain in these spaces for local residents between 18:00 - 08:00 with a 2hr window either side of this permitted i.e. 16:00 - 10:00 legally permitted.

- b) It is anticipated that there will be a significant increase in the use of this area that will be generated by the redevelopment of the Old College. The car park in St Michaels Church will be used by visitors to the Old College using the new hotel arrangements and more limited waiting is needed in the immediate vicinity to balance this demand.
 - c) Mitigation is planned. It is not realistic for everybody is able to park in front of or close to their own property in a busy and thriving town centre.
 - d) St Michaels Church is being expanded and is now controlled by the Old College for parking for the new development. This was a planning condition that has been discharged.
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7. Requests that Pier Street be returned to two-way traffic since the present one-way system originally introduced via an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order has led to increased flows on the Prom.

- a) This is beyond the scope of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order and scheme
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8. Feels that the scheme will lead to Increased air pollution (e.g. due to drivers circulating trying to find parking spaces)

- a) The limited parking available along the Prom in the wider sense encourages drivers to enter the town and drive around looking for spaces. By creating adequate parking provision on the approaches to the town centre through the planned mitigation measures, time can be saved, less pollution generated, and a better environment for people created. Reduced motorised circulating movements within a busy town centre would be a significant road safety and environmental improvement.
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9. Feels that existing footpath on this section of the Prom is sufficiently wide.

- a) The aim is to make the whole Prom more used and the increase in numbers of pedestrians that the Old College project is planning is an opportunity for people to explore and access different parts of Aberystwyth. Currently the Castle Point section of highway is predominantly used as a commuter car park and there are significant opportunities to link the Castle to the prom with improved access between each asset.
- b) There are several highway safety constraints that exist along this section:
 - I. Currently the available width along the Prom for pedestrians that is unobstructed by street furniture varies between 3.2m & 3.5m. The recommended width for shared use is 4.0m. Moving the street furniture into the space currently occupied by the parking would allow for this.

- II. The carriageway width, excluding a 2m wide parking bay, is 3.8m along the priority section. The recommended single carriageway width is 4.0m. This allows for HGV traffic that accesses the harbour sufficient width without passing too close to the edge of the footway. Removing the parking bay would allow the carriageway lane width to be widened.
- III. The National Cycle Route 81 continues through this highway space and relies on a choice for the cyclist to use either the footway (illegal currently) or the road. The presence of parking bays and poor visibility (because of the other parked cars) increase the risk of cyclist being seriously injured by opening car doors.
- IV. The carriageway width through the section opposite Cor y Castell and around Castle Point is two-way flow and is currently only 4.0m wide where a 2m parking bay exists (6m or less where they don't). The recommended minimum two-way flow carriageway width along this section is 5.5m. The proposal ensures that this is achieved and an improved crossing point to Cor y Castell from the prom including an improved footway in front of Cor y Castell is provided. There is insufficient space, without reducing the prom width, to include a parking bay and a 5.5m wide two-way carriageway.



INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IIA) TOOL

Proposal Details

Title of Policy / Proposal / Initiative	
Introduction of parking restrictions and the removal of parking along areas of the Promenade in Aberystwyth	
Service Area	Officer completing IIA
Highways and Environmental Services	Corporate Lead Officer
Corporate Lead Officer	Strategic Director
Rhodri Llwyd	Barry Rees
Please give a brief description of the purpose of the proposal	
To introduce parking restrictions alongside the removal of parking along sections of the Promenade in Aberystwyth between the Harbour and the Pier in order to increase the availability and turnover of parking spaces alongside the improvement of active travel provision along the Promenade.	
Who will be directly affected by this proposal? <u>HINT</u>	
Whilst the proposal is likely to affect the general public as a whole to some extent, it is more likely to affect commuters and visitors to Aberystwyth.	
Have those who will be affected by the proposal had the opportunity to comment on it?	
Yes, proposals for introducing an amended Traffic Regulation Order have been subject to public consultation. The proposed design changes that the TRO support have also been subject to consultation with the Local Members and the Town Council.	

Version Control

The IIA should be used at the earliest stages of decision making, and then honed and refined throughout the decision-making process. It is important to keep a record of this process so that we can demonstrate how we have considered and included sustainable development, Welsh language and equality considerations wherever possible.

Version Number	Author	Decision making stage <u>HINT</u>	Date Considered	Description of any amendments made <u>HINT</u>
1.0	Rhodri Llwyd	Cabinet	14/05/2024	N/A

Council Corporate Well-being Objectives

Which of the Council's Corporate Well-being Objectives does this proposal address and how? Click here to read a summary of our [Corporate Strategy 2022-27](#)

Boosting the economy, supporting business, and enabling employment.	The proposal will seek to increase the turnover of parking spaces around the Pier and Old College areas within Aberystwyth, whilst at the same time providing opportunity to improve active travel opportunities along the promenade, improving access to the Castle grounds and enhancing the public realm along the promenade at this location.
Creating caring and healthy communities	N/A
Providing the best start in life and enabling learning at all ages	N/A
Creating sustainable, greener, and well-connected communities	The proposal will seek to encourage more sustainable modes of transport (walking, cycling and public transport) for those shorter journeys within the town and its immediate environs, whilst seeking to reduce traffic congestion and vehicle conflict at this location. On road cycle safety will also be enhanced

National Well-being Goal: A Prosperous Wales

An innovative, productive, and low carbon society where everyone has decent work and there is no poverty.

Click [here](#) for information about a prosperous Wales.

Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive or negative impacts. (Click [here](#) for information)

Positive

The introduction of parking restrictions alongside the removal of some parking will encourage more use of alternative transport modes including public transport which could contribute to the reduction of carbon emissions in the county. The proposal will also allow/enable improved active travel provision along the promenade which in itself is a zero-carbon option.

What evidence do you have to support this view?

Alternative parking is proposed to be introduced at Maes-yr-Afon car park in Aberystwyth which is within similar walking distance to the town centre will reduce the number of vehicles needing to access the town centre and its immediate environs to access parking facilities, thereby reducing carbon emissions. Easy and available parking on the town centre approach will reduce the need for vehicles to circulate around the town making Aberystwyth and the prom area a better environment for people to be.

What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to this National Well-being Goal?

It is proposed to pursue plans to provide additional/alternative parking at Maes-yr-Afon car park in Aberystwyth which is within similar walking distance to the town centre, as well as investigating a review of parking charges for annual/seasonal passes which will further reduce the already reasonable cost of utilising the Council's car parks.

National Well-being Goal: A Resilient Wales

A society where biodiversity is maintained and enhanced and where ecosystems are healthy and functioning.

Click [here](#) for information about a resilient Wales.

Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive or negative impacts. (Click [here](#) for information)

A greater sized planting space will be provided to mitigate the removal of planters on the prom around the Hut. The TRO will not directly affect this but the design proposals that the TRO support will see a modest improvement on biodiversity. Encouraging Active Travel behaviour will contribute to the Net Zero Carbon aims of the County Council.

What evidence do you have to support this view?

Reduction in the reliance on non-motorised transport will reduce Carbon emissions. As strategic approach to parking in Aberystwyth with EV provision will reduce the need for people to drive around town looking for parking spaces and pollute the areas where the County Council want pedestrian activity.

What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to this National Well-being Goal?

Introducing a new car park that has 10% EV charging facilities. New larger planters and planting scheme around South Road/New Prom junction proposed

National Well-being Goal: A Healthier Wales

A society where people make healthy choices and enjoy good physical and mental health.

Click [here](#) for information about a healthier Wales.

Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive or negative impacts. (Click [here](#) for information)

Positive

The introduction of parking restrictions alongside the removal of some parking will encourage more use of alternative transport modes including public transport which could contribute to the reduction of carbon emissions in the county. The proposal will also allow/enable improved active travel provision along the promenade which in itself is a zero-carbon option. Better pedestrian access to the Castle grounds from the prom and South marine Terrace will encourage use of this space.

What evidence do you have to support this view?

The proposal will seek to improve pedestrian and cycle access to recreational areas along the Promenade, whilst also looking to encourage more sustainable modes of transport such as walking and cycling.

What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to this National Well-being Goal?

N/A

National Well-being Goal: A More Equal Wales

A society where everyone has an equal chance whatever their background or circumstances.

This section is longer because you are asked to assess the impact of your proposal on each group that is protected by the **Equality Act 2010**.

Click [here](#) for information about equality in Wales.

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on people because of their age? (Click here for information)	
Children and Young People up to 18	None / Negligible
People 18-50	None / Negligible
Older people 50+	None / Negligible
Describe the positive or negative impacts.	
The proposal is designed to increase the turnover of parking available at one location along the Promenade whilst seeking to introduce improved active travel opportunities at another, and would not disproportionately affect one age group over another.	
What evidence do you have to support this?	
More space will be available to all through the improvement of the promenade.	
What action(s) can you to take to mitigate any negative impacts?	
Is there an opportunity to use this proposal to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or encourage good relations between people in this group and the rest of the population?	
N/A	

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on people because of their disability? (Click here for information)	
Hearing Impairment	None / Negligible
Physical Impairment	Positive
Visual Impairment	Positive
Learning Disability	None / Negligible
Long Standing Illness	Positive

Mental Health	Positive
Other	None / Negligible
Describe the positive or negative impacts.	
The increased turnover generated by restricting the length of time that people are allowed to park around the Old College and the Pier, they will be afforded more opportunity to park in those areas.	
What evidence do you have to support this?	
Wider more accessible footways with reduced obstructions are to be created. Improved disabled friendly access arrangements to the Castle grounds and across the carriageway to the Old College will be introduced. Open space availability contributes to better management of mental health	
What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts?	
Is there an opportunity to use this proposal to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or encourage good relations between people in this group and the rest of the population?	
N/A	

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on people who are transgender? (Click here for information)	
Trans Women	None / Negligible
Trans Men	None / Negligible
Non-binary people	None / Negligible
Describe the positive or negative impacts	
The proposal would not disproportionately affect people who are transgender.	
What evidence do you have to support this?	
N/A	
What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts?	
Is there an opportunity to use this proposal to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or encourage good relations between people in this group and the rest of the population?	
N/A	

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on people with different sexual orientation? (Click [here](#) for information)

Bisexual	None / Negligible
Gay Men	None / Negligible
Gay Women/Lesbian	None / Negligible
Heterosexual/Straight	None / Negligible

Describe the positive or negative impacts

The proposal would not disproportionately affect people with different sexual orientation.

What evidence do you have to support this?

N/A

What action(s) can you to take to mitigate any negative impacts?

Is there an opportunity to use this proposal to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or encourage good relations between people in this group and the rest of the population?

N/A

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on people who are married or in a civil partnership? (Click [here](#) for information)

People who are married	None / Negligible
People in a civil partnership	None / Negligible

Describe the positive or negative impacts

The proposal would not disproportionately affect people who are married or in a civil partnership.

What evidence do you have to support this?

N/A

What action(s) can you to take to mitigate any negative impacts?

Is there an opportunity to use this proposal to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or encourage good relations between people in this group and the rest of the population?

N/A

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on people who are pregnant or on maternity leave? (Click [here](#) for information)

Pregnancy	Positive
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Maternity	Positive
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Describe the positive or negative impacts

The increased turnover of parking in close proximity to the Pier, Old College and the retail centre of Aberystwyth will result in a positive impact, whilst the improvement of the promenade will provide wellbeing benefits.

What evidence do you have to support this?

The increased turnover of parking in close proximity to the retail centre of Aberystwyth.

What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?

N/A

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on people because of their ethnic origin? (Click [here](#) for information)

Asian / Asian British	None / Negligible
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Black / African / Caribbean / Black British	None / Negligible
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Mixed / Multiple Ethnic Groups	None / Negligible
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White	None / Negligible
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Other Ethnic Groups	None / Negligible
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Describe the positive or negative impacts

The proposal would not disproportionately affect people because of their ethnic origin.

What evidence do you have to support this?

N/A

What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts?

Is there an opportunity to use this proposal to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or encourage good relations between people in this group and the rest of the population?

N/A

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on people with different religions, beliefs, or non-beliefs? (Click [here](#) for information)

Buddhist	None / Negligible
Christian	None / Negligible
Hindu	None / Negligible
Humanist	None / Negligible
Jewish	None / Negligible
Muslim	None / Negligible
Sikh	None / Negligible
Non-belief	None / Negligible
Other	None / Negligible

Describe the positive or negative impacts

The proposal would not disproportionately affect people with different sexual orientation.

What evidence do you have to support this?

N/A

What action(s) can you to take to mitigate any negative impacts?

Is there an opportunity to use this proposal to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or encourage good relations between people in this group and the rest of the population?

N/A

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on men or women? (Click [here](#) for information)

Men	None / Negligible
Women	None / Negligible

Describe the positive or negative impacts

N/A

What evidence do you have to support this?

N/A

What action(s) can you to take to mitigate any negative impacts?

Is there an opportunity to use this proposal to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or encourage good relations between men and women?

N/A

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on people from the Armed Forces Community? (Click [here](#) for information)

Members of the Armed Forces	None / Negligible
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Veterans	None / Negligible
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Spouses	None / Negligible
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Children	None / Negligible
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Describe the positive or negative impacts

The proposal would not disproportionately affect people from the Armed Forces Community.

What evidence do you have to support this?

N/A

What action(s) can you to take to mitigate any negative impacts?

N/A

Socio-economic Duty

Socio-economic disadvantage means living on a low income compared to others in Wales, with little or no accumulated wealth, making it more difficult to access basic goods and services.

Family background or where a person is born still affects their life. For example, a child from a wealthy family often does better at school than a child from a poor family, even if the poorer child is more naturally academic. This is sometimes called socio-economic inequality.

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on people experiencing socio-economic disadvantage?	None / Negligible
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Describe the positive or negative impacts

The proposal would not disproportionately affect people experiencing socio-economic disadvantage.

What evidence do you have to support this?

There is a significant amount of free parking, both on and off street available within the town.

What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts?

Public consultation was undertaken as part of the TRO process.

Is there an opportunity to use this proposal to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or encourage good relations between people in this group and the rest of the population?

Free on-street parking remains available within close proximity to the promenade, and associated proposals aim to increase parking capacity within similar distance to the town centre.

National Well-being Goal: A Wales of Cohesive Communities

A society with attractive, viable, safe, and well-connected communities.

Click [here](#) for information about cohesive communities.

Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive or negative impacts. HINT

The introduction of parking restrictions and the removal of some parking will enhance the attractiveness of the Promenade to visitors and aid with providing active travel-based connectivity opportunities.

What evidence do you have to support this view?

The improved promenade proposals for active travel and better access facilities across roads and to facilities.

What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to the goal?

N/A

National Well-being Goal: A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language

A society that that promotes and protects culture, heritage, and the Welsh language and which encourages people to take part in the arts, sports, and recreation.

Click [here](#) for information about culture and the Welsh language

Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive or negative impacts.	
The increased turnover in parking opportunities in close proximity to cultural venues, as well as the promenade will have a positive impact on people wishing to access culture, heritage and sports/recreational assets. The proposals of the main scheme will add Welsh local sayings into the fabric of the footway surface. This will promote the Welsh language in the area and the improvements to the available footway area will allow more people to experience these cultural additions.	
What evidence do you have to support this view?	
The increased turnover in parking opportunities in close proximity to cultural venues, as well as the promenade will have a positive impact on people wishing to access culture, heritage and sports/recreational assets. Local Welsh language will be more visible to the public.	
What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to the goal?	
N/A	
With reference to the following, do you think this proposal will have a positive or negative effect on the Welsh language?	
Click here for information	
Opportunities for people to use the Welsh language	Positive
Treating the Welsh language, no less favourably than the English language	Positive
What evidence do you have to support this view?	
There is no distinction between the languages within this proposal and nor does it have an impact on the use of the Welsh language. All signage and associated documentation will be fully bilingual.	
What action(s) can you take to increase the positive impact or mitigate any negative impact on the Welsh language?	
All signage and associated documentation will be fully bilingual.	

National Well-being Goal: A Globally Responsible Wales

A society that considers how our actions might impact on other countries and people around the world.

Click [here](#) for information about global responsibility.

Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive or negative impacts. HINT

The proposed change will have a positive impact on a Globally Responsible Wales by encouraging the public to utilise more sustainable modes of transport, and through providing increased availability of additional parking from associated proposals on the approaches to the town centre, reducing the number of people who drive around looking for spaces within the town centre.

What evidence do you have to support this view?

N/A

What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to the goal?

N/A

Strengthening the Proposal

If you have identified any negative impacts in the above sections, please provide details of any practical changes and actions that could help remove or reduce the negative impacts.

What will you do?	When?	Who is responsible?	Progress
Consultation was held with Aberystwyth Town Council as part of the development and implementation of the proposal	Autumn 2023	HES	Complete
Public consultation will be held as part of the development and implementation of the proposal	April 2024	HES	Complete
If no action is to be taken to remove or mitigate negative impacts, please justify why. (If you have identified any unlawful discrimination then the proposal must be changed or revised.)			
See above.			
How will you monitor the impact and effectiveness of the proposal?			
By monitoring of increased pedestrian and cycle use of the promenade between the Harbour and Pier along Aberystwyth Promenade.			

Sustainable Development Principle: 5 Ways of Working

Describe below how you have implemented the five ways of working in accordance with the sustainable development principle of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015



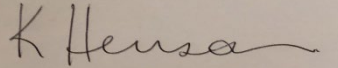
<p>Long term Balancing short-term needs with long-term need and planning for the future.</p> <p><u>HINT</u></p>	<p>The proposal will enable the improvement of active travel provision and the attractiveness of the promenade to residents and visitors in close proximity to many of the assets and attractions available within the retail and tourist areas of Aberystwyth.</p>
<p>Collaboration Working together with other partners to deliver.</p> <p><u>HINT</u></p>	<p>The proposal will be the subject of consultation with other stakeholders in order to shape the final proposals put forward for public consultation.</p>
<p>Involvement Involving those with an interest and seeking their views.</p> <p><u>HINT</u></p>	<p>The proposal will be the subject of public consultation and a further Cabinet resolution before any implementation is considered.</p>
<p>Prevention Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse.</p> <p><u>HINT</u></p>	<p>On-street parking is not a preventative service.</p>
<p>Integration Considering the impact of your proposal on the four pillars of well-being (social, economic, cultural and environment) the objectives of other public bodies and across service areas in the Council.</p> <p><u>HINT</u></p>	<p>It is not considered possible to include the integration of the service with activities undertaken by other stakeholders and/or partners.</p>

Risk

Summarise the risk associated with the proposal.

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Impact Criteria	Very Low	Low	Medium	High	Very High
Likelihood Criteria	Unlikely to occur	Lower than average chance of occurring	Even chance of occurring	Higher than average chance of occurring	Expected to occur
Risk Description	Impact	Probability	Score (Impact x Likelihood)		
Proposal not being supported following public consultation	3	3	9		

Sign Off

Position	Name	Signature	Date
Corporate Manager			
Corporate Lead Officer	Rhodri Llwyd		24/04/2024
Corporate Director	Barry Rees		24/04/2024
Portfolio Holder	Keith Henson		24/04/2024