

Statement of Reason

The Introduction of 'No Unloading or Loading at Any Time' Parking Restrictions on Eastern Promenade and Griffin Park Roundabout, Porthcawl.

Eastern Promenade is a key emergency and bus route serving Porthcawl, and it is essential that it is kept clear from obstructions in order to reduce the response times for emergency vehicles and avoidable delays to bus services.

Accordingly, it is considered appropriate to introduce new 'No Unloading or Loading at any time' parking restrictions to facilitate the free flow of traffic whilst avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads and it is considered the scheme will improve road safety.

It is considered expedient to make the Order that will introduce the new provisions for the reasons set out in Section 1 (a), (c) and (f) traffic regulation orders outside of Greater London, of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, set out as follows:

- (a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising,
- (c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians),
- (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

In deciding whether or not to make an Order to introduce 'No Unloading or Loading at any time parking restrictions' the Council is required to have regard to the matters set out in section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Section 122(1) requires the Council to exercise the functions conferred on it by the 1984 Act as (so far as practicable having regard to the matters specified in section 122(2)) to secure the expeditious, convenient, and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians), and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.

The matters to which the Council must have regard in s122 (2) are:-

1. The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
2. The effect on the amenities of any locality affected and the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run;
3. The national air quality strategy prepared under section 80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1995;
4. The importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles;
5. Any other matters appearing to the Council to be relevant.

After consideration of the S122 duty, it is considered that it is appropriate to introduce 'No unloading or loading at any time' parking restrictions.

The restriction road markings will be in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

The scheme is shown on drawing number EB22.11.

The scheme is being funded by the Traffic Management Department.