**Statement of Reason**

**The Introduction of prohibition of waiting at any time parking restrictions A473, Park Street, Bridgend.**

Following the grant of planning consent P/18/983/FUL for the new Sunnyside Health Centre and Housing Development, it is proposed to introduce new parking restrictions on Park Street, Bridgend, to support the installation of an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing refuge island, shown on drawing No. SL.02.26. The proposed parking restrictions are considered necessary to improve road safety, to remove obstructive parking in the vicinity of the new pedestrian refuge island and for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

The proposed restrictions form part of the planning consent to improve pedestrian access across Park Street and enhance the pedestrian route to the new Sunnyside Health Centre Development.

The proposed pedestrian refuge proposal will be provided under section 68 of the Highways Act 1980.

To support the implementation of the uncontrolled crossing the existing bus stop on the southern side of Park Street is being moved a short distance westwards.

It is considered that it is appropriate to implement the proposed parking restrictions for the purposes contained in Section 1 (1) (a) (c) and (f) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 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 Waiting 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 waiting at any time’ parking restrictions.

The scheme is being funded by the Developer.