

Statement of Reason

The Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Rest Bay Access Road, Porthcawl.

The proposal is to revoke the existing 24-hour clearway restrictions (no stopping) and replace them with a new Traffic Regulation Order for the "Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Unloading at any time" parking restrictions.

The current clearway has a legal requirement for only clearway signage to be in place which can cause confusion to drivers. However, the revised restrictions will be supported with yellow lines which will provide clarity for all road users of the restrictions in place.

It is also proposed to replace the current "Disabled Badge Holders Only" restriction with a restriction of "Disabled Badge Holders Only, 4 hours, No return within 2 hours".

The current unrestricted provision allows vehicles to occupy the parking bays for extended periods, limiting availability for other users. Introducing a time restriction will increase turnover and improve access for a greater number of disabled badge holders.

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) 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 amend the current parking restrictions on Rest Bay Access Road, Porthcawl 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 amend the current parking restrictions on Rest Bay Access Road.

The scheme is shown on the 2 drawings reference number SL.01.26
The scheme is being funded by the Parking Services Department.