

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS PANEL HELD IN  
COMMITTEE ROOM 2/3, CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, ON  
TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST 2006 AT 2:15PM.

Present:-

Councillor S B Smith – Chairperson

Councillors

C Westwood  
G Thomas

Officers:

J Duddridge - Head of Transportation  
T Taylor - Traffic Management Officer  
K Ralph - Assistant Traffic Management Officer  
R Hughes - Legal Officer  
L John - Temporary Legal Assistant  
S Clark - Cabinet and Committee Officer

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

8 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING  
- PLASNEWYDD STREET, MAESTEG

The Traffic Management Officer submitted a report on behalf of the Executive Director - Environment, outlining the nature of the proposed prohibition of waiting, loading and unloading traffic order at the above location and objection subsequently received.

Members' attention was drawn to details of the procedure used in relation to the proposed traffic order, responses to consultation, issues raised by the objector, conclusions and recommendations.

The Panel expressed concern at the Authority being perceived to be discriminatory against the disabled should the proposed traffic order be made.

The Head of Transportation addressed the concerns raised by the Panel and issues raised by the objector, particularly in regard to alternative car parking facilities at the nearby Llynfi Road car park. He stressed that security enhancements had been made at the car park and advised that additional disabled car parking spaces had been created closer to the new pedestrian footbridge. Work was also being carried out to improve access for the disabled and a further CCTV camera would be installed in the area.

The Head of Transportation summarised that the proposed road traffic order was based on objectives of improving road safety and protecting pedestrians. If vehicles were allowed to continue to park in the area, there would clearly be a road safety issue in terms of visual obstruction of pedestrians.

Upon questioning from the Panel, the Head of Transportation confirmed that a legal agreement was in place to preclude the Authority from charging for car parking at the Llynfi Road, car park at this time.

The Legal Officer outlined the options available to the Panel when making their decision.

Members then retired to consider the matter further. On their return it was

- RESOLVED:
- (1) That the objection to the County Borough Council's intention to make a permanent traffic regulation order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to prohibit waiting, loading and unloading in the turning head at Plasnewydd Street be rejected on the grounds that the order is necessary for public safety and in particular pedestrian safety, and that the Order be confirmed as advertised.
  - (2) That works to move parking facilities for disabled people from the far side of the Llynfi Road car park to a location near to the new pedestrian footbridge be completed as soon as possible.

The meeting closed 2.44pm.