

# MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



## OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS SUB COMMITTEE MEETING

**2.00 PM Monday, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2013**

CONFERENCE ROOM 1

### **A G E N D A**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest  

Members of the Objections and Appeals Sub Committee are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and prejudicial interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Members Code of Conduct.
3. Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council Un-named Roads Between Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Village roundabout and the Welsh Government Offices/Orbit Centre, Merthyr Tydfil (On-street Parking Places) Order 2012 - Consideration of Objection  

To consider report of the Director of Customer **(Pages 1 - 8)** Services.
4. Any Other Business

**COMPOSITION:**

Councillors E Galsworthy (Chair)  
H Barrett and R Braithwaite

Together with appropriate Officers

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## **OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**



Date Written	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2013
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Committee Division	Objection & Appeals Sub-Committee
Committee Date	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2013

*To: Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen*

### **Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council Un-named Roads Between Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Village roundabout and the Welsh Government Offices/Orbit Centre, Merthyr Tydfil (On-street Parking Places) Order 2012 - Consideration of Objection**

#### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:**

To consider an objection received against the proposal for charging on the un-named road between Merthyr Leisure Village Roundabout and the Orbit Centre.

#### **1.0 INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 On the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012 a report was submitted to Cabinet recommending on street pay and display. A further report was submitted to cabinet on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012 indicating the proposed tariff as shown in Appendix A. The matter was further reported to Council on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013.
- 1.2 Cabinet resolved that subject to satisfactory consultation with the Emergency Services and other representative users groups, Public Notice be given of the County Borough Council's intention to make an

Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and that in the event of no objections being received, the said permanent Order be made.

- 1.3 In accordance with statutory procedure the proposed Traffic Regulation Order to introduce on street pay and display was advertised on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013 with objections by 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013.
- 1.4 Only one objection was received. On the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 an objection was received on behalf of the Welsh Government in respect to the proposal.
- 1.5 In accordance with legislation before making an order, the Council must consider all objections and decide on how to proceed.

## **2.0 CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTION**

- 2.1 The response from the WG is only in relation to the short stay parking directly adjacent to the entrance to the main car park marked '✱' on plan shown in Appendix B.
- 2.2 The letter of objection from WG is at Appendix C - but in summary it has been requested that this area be extended to all day parking or a minimum of 4 hours parking to accommodate visitor needs.
- 2.3 It should be noted that WG have 19 parking bays onsite for visitors and that all day parking is available on the main access road shown in Appendix B marked '⊗' a few yards away
- 2.4 Further free all day parking is also available at Merthyr Leisure Village which is easily accessible and within a very short walking distance to the WG building.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)**

- 3.1 Financial requirements in relation to set up costs have been approved previously and will not be affected by changes to the proposal.

## **4.0 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 4.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has been submitted for previous reports relating to this matter, it has been identified that is not required for the purpose of this report.

## 5.0 RECOMMENDATION(S) that

- 5.1 The advertised proposals of 2 hour time limit remains at this locations on the basis that adequate long stay parking is available within close proximity to the WG Offices and the Order be confirmed and a Notice of Making be advertised accordingly.

**GARY THOMAS**  
**DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMER SERVICES**

<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>		
<i>Title of Document(s)</i>	<i>Document(s) Date</i>	<i>Document Location</i>
Un-named Road between Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Village Roundabout and the Orbit Centre – Proposed Permanent Traffic Regulation Order	28/03/2012	Intranet
Un-named Road between Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Village Roundabout and the Orbit Centre – Proposed Permanent Traffic Regulation Order	18/07/2012	Intranet
Update to Off Street Parking Places Order	9/1/2013	Intranet

***Consultation has been undertaken with Executive Board in respect of each proposal(s) and recommendation(s) set out in this report.***

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*APPENDIX A*  
**Proposed Tariff**

The main link road bays (8am – 6pm)

70p for 1 hour  
£1.10 for 2 hours  
£1.30 for 3 hours  
£2.10 for 4 hours  
£3.50 per day  
£15.00 five days  
£17.00 Six Days

The bay on the access road directly outside the WG Office Entrance (8am – 6pm)

70p for 1 hour  
£1.10 for 2 hours

APPENDIX B



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UN-NAMED ROAD BETWEEN MERTHYR TYDFIL LEISURE VILLAGE  
 ROUNDABOUT AND THE ORBIT CENTRE - PROPOSED TRAFFIC  
 REGULATION ORDER



SCALE	1 : 1500
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Pobl, Lleoedd a Gwasanaethau Corfforaethol  
People, Places and Corporate Services



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

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Ein cyf/Our ref

G Thomas,  
Director of Customer Services,  
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough  
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24<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Dear Mr Thomas

**UN-NAMED ROADS BETWEEN MERTHYR TYDFIL LEISURE VILLAGE ROUNDABOUT  
AND THE WELSH GOVERNMENT OFFICES/ORBIT CENTRE, MERTHYR TYDFIL (ON-  
STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2013**

I refer to the above named order which was issued on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

I am submitting an objection on behalf of the Welsh Government in respect of the proposed parking restrictions on the access road to the Welsh Government offices/Orbit Centre

For Welsh Government business operational purposes the proposed 2 hour limit is very restrictive. Ideally we would want the ability for all day car parking on this stretch of road. But if this is not acceptable, as a compromise and ensuring the spaces will be used solely by visitors, we would like the proposed Pay and Display bay restrictions on the approach road to our site entrance revised to allow up to 4 hours parking, for which there would be a maximum car parking charge of £2.30.

The Merthyr office has effectively operated at under capacity for a number of years, but as part of our Location Strategy this office has been identified as remaining one of the core Welsh Government offices in the medium/long term. We have moved more functions to the Merthyr office and when Health Inspectorate Wales moves into the office in the Autumn it will be operating at full capacity. This will clearly result in more meetings being held at the office and more visitors.

Our proposal seeks to address the fact that the meetings visitors attend at our offices are very often all morning or all afternoon events, therefore extending the parking limit up to 4 hours would support our essential requirements in delivering the business of Government.

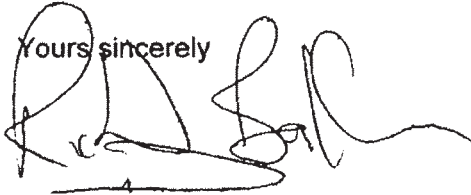


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I trust that you will give our objections due consideration and be supportive of our compromise proposal.

Yours sincerely



**Richard Baker**  
**Head of Estates**  
**Property Division (People Places & Corporate Services)**  
**Welsh Government**

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