

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE COUNTY OF CARMARTHENSHIRE (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) (PENTRE AWEL, LLANELLI) CONSOLIDATION (VARIATION NO.5) ORDER 2025

The decision to implement an Off-Street Parking Order at Pentre Awel car park has been made in response to a range of operational, financial and community considerations:

1. Support for Site Management and Accessibility

Pentre Awel is a multi-use development, attracting a high volume of visitors, including patients, staff, students and leisure users.

Introducing free parking for the first three hours will benefit short-term visits to the development. Pay & Display for longer-term parking ensures fair and consistent access to parking spaces, discouraging long-term or unauthorised use, and improving turnover.

2. Encouraging Sustainable Travel

Charging for parking supports wider transport objectives by encouraging the use of public transport, active travel routes and car-sharing where appropriate and aligns with Carmarthenshire County Council's commitment to reducing congestion and carbon emissions.

3. Consistency Across Council-Managed Sites

The introduction of Pay & Display brings Pentre Awel in line with other council-operated car parks in Llanelli and the wider county and ensures a standardised approach to parking management and enforcement.

4. Improved Monitoring and Enforcement

The introduction of the Order enables more effective monitoring of usage patterns and supports enforcement against misuse, such as overstaying or parking in restricted areas.

It also enhances safety and accessibility for all users, including those with mobility needs.