

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE COUNTY OF CARMARTHENSHIRE (LLANELLI) (WAITING RESTRICTION AND STREET PARKING PLACES) CONSOLIDATION (VARIATION NUMBER 43) ORDER 2026

The above-named order (“the Order”) gives permanent effect to the provisions previously introduced by ‘The County of Carmarthenshire (Llanelli) (Experimental Waiting Restriction and Street Parking Places) Consolidation (Variation Number 43) Order 2024’, which came into operation on the 1st November 2024 (“the Experimental Order”).

Purpose of the Experimental Order

The Experimental Order was introduced by Carmarthenshire County Council (“the Council”) to test the operation and effectiveness of traffic management measures intended to achieve the statutory purposes set out in Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, namely:

- a) facilitating the safe and efficient movement of traffic (including pedestrians) by maintaining safe access and egress to nearby off-street parking, creating a designated Loading Only Bay for local businesses and widening footways; and
- b) avoiding danger, or the likelihood of danger, to all road users by preventing parking near a junction, thereby improving visibility at the junction, and providing disabled-only parking spaces.

The Council considered it appropriate to introduce these restrictions on a trial basis initially, in order to assess their impact in practice before determining whether they should be retained permanently.

Reasons for Making the Order Permanent

Having considered the operation of the Experimental Order, the Council is satisfied that the continuation of the restrictions outlined in the Experimental Order is justified and proportionate under a permanent order:

1. The Council considers that the permanent order appropriately balances the needs of different highway users and supports the wider transport and road safety objectives of the area.
2. No formal objections were received from members of the public or the statutory consultees to the making of a permanent order on the same terms as the Experimental Order during the first six months of the Experimental Order taking effect.
3. The Council is satisfied that the permanent measures do not give rise to any unlawful discrimination and that any impact is proportionate and justified.

For the reasons set out above, the Council considers it appropriate to make the Order giving permanent effect to the provisions of the Experimental Order.