



Welsh Government
Consultation Document

Builth Wells parking study

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Action required: responses by 5 May 2020

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This document is also available in Welsh.

Overview

The North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent, on behalf of the Welsh Government, is currently carrying out a parking study on the A483 Garth Road, Builth Wells.

We wish to seek your views on proposed changes to the highway network at this location.

The consultation includes a set of specific questions to which the Welsh Government would welcome your response.

How to respond

Please complete and return the response form to the address below by 5 May 2020.

Further information and related documents

Large print, Braille and alternative language versions of this document are available on request.

The document is available on:

<https://gov.wales/builth-wells-parking-study>

Contact details

For further information:

Address:

Garth Road - Builth Wells Consultation
FREEPOST
Welsh Government
Sarn Mynach
Llandudno Junction
Conwy LL31 9RZ

Email: garthroadbuilthwells@powys.gov.uk

Please include **Garth Road Parking** in the subject line.

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The Welsh Government will be data controller for any personal data you provide as part of your response to the consultation. Welsh Ministers have statutory powers they will rely on to process this personal data which will enable them to make informed decisions about how they exercise their public functions. Any response you send us will be seen in full by Welsh Government staff dealing with the issues which this consultation is about or planning future consultations. Where the Welsh Government undertakes further analysis of consultation responses then this work may be commissioned to be carried out by an accredited third party (e.g. a research organisation or a consultancy company). Any such work will only be undertaken under contract. Welsh Government's standard terms and conditions for such contracts set out strict requirements for the processing and safekeeping of personal data.

In order to show that the consultation was carried out properly, the Welsh Government intends to publish a summary of the responses to this document. We may also publish responses in full. Normally, the name and address (or part of the address) of the person or organisation who sent the response are published with the response. If you do not want your name or address published, please tell us this in writing when you send your response. We will then redact them before publishing.

You should also be aware of our responsibilities under Freedom of Information legislation

If your details are published as part of the consultation response then these published reports will be retained indefinitely. Any of your data held otherwise by Welsh Government will be kept for no more than three years.

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- to be informed of the personal data held about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
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- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
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CARDIFF
CF10 3NQ

e-mail:

DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

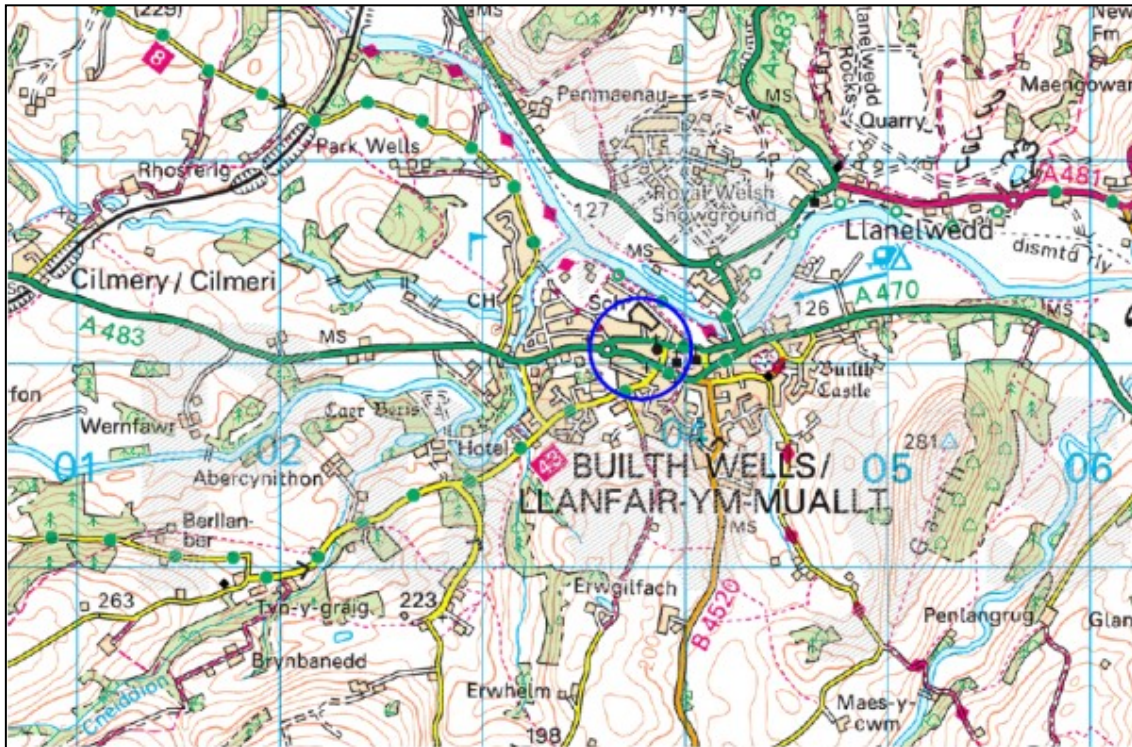
Tel: 01625 545 745 or
0303 123 1113

Website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Introduction

The North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent, on behalf of the Welsh Government, is currently carrying out a Parking Study along the A483T Garth Road, Builth Wells. The current situation has a negative impact on traffic movements and safety of all road users.

Location Plan



Background

The A483 is one of the main North-South trunk roads linking Swansea to Chester. Builth Wells is a town in the county of Powys, it is located to the confluence of the river Wye and the river Irfon, within the historical county of Brecknockshire. The A483 and A470 both converge into Builth Wells in order to utilise the Wye Bridge to traverse the river, before splitting in the village of Llanelwedd, with the A470 traveling in a North West direction and the A483 to the North East.

Builth Wells being a historic drover town has little change to the road network over the years. The area consists of narrow streets which traffic must negotiate in order to pass through the town. The A483 has tailored itself to suit the town layout of Builth Wells, with the road splitting at one point and there are two parallel sections of two-way traffic of the A483. One of these sections is Garth Road where inappropriate parking is frequently recorded, placing a risk on pedestrian and driver safety.

Development

Powys County Council, on behalf of the Welsh Government, have been commissioned to investigate the parking issues along Garth Road as part of a feasibility study.

The parking study has highlighted an issue of inappropriate parking along Garth Road, that increases potential risk to road users and reduces carriageway widths, potentially restricting traffic flows along this section of the A483.

The study proposed four options for further consideration, these being;

- a) Leave as existing
- b) New prohibition of parking at any time with parking areas
- c) One way system through Garth Road
- d) A new one-way system linking Garth Road, Park Road, and Church Street.

Response form

Thank you for taking the time to complete the following response form. Your views are important to us.

Please review the information on the proposed options for improvement at Garth Road, Builth Wells, and let us know what your comments are by 5 May 2020.

Information on the options can either be viewed at the drop-in session at Antur Gwy, Builth Wells on the Thursday 19 March 2020 between 14:00 to 18:00 or on the website <https://gov.wales/builth-wells-parking-study>. If you have any queries on the proposals, the project team in attendance at the drop-in session will be happy to assist.

The response form can be returned in the envelope provided to the FREEPOST address below, or handed to a project team member at the drop-in session, or submitted by email to garthroadbuilthwells@powys.gov.uk

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Alternatively, you can fill in an online questionnaire, which can be found at the website address above.

Consultation Response Form

Your name:

Organisation (if applicable):

E-mail / telephone number:

Your address:

Q1: How do you use Garth Road? (Select all that are relevant to you)

Local resident Garth Road ☐

Non-resident of Builth Wells ☐

Local resident Builth Wells ☐

Other Interest, please state:

Q2: Which mode of transport do you use when you interact with the highway arrangement? (Select all that are relevant to you)

Pedestrian ☐

Cyclist ☐

Motorcyclist ☐

Driver ☐

Other, please specify:

Q3: Do you feel that there are safety issues with the existing highway arrangement?

a) Current two traffic lanes on Garth Road

Yes

☐

No

☐

b) Current parking provisions on Garth Road

Yes

☐

No

☐

c) Current pedestrian facilities on
Garth Road

Yes

☐

No

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If you answered 'yes' to any safety issues in question 3, please list any safety concerns you have with the existing situation in the box below.

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Q4: If you answered 'yes' to question 3, how do you think the proposals will affect these concerns? Please select one for each proposal below.

- a) Leave as existing
- b) New prohibition at any time with parking areas
- c) One way system through Garth Road
- d) New one-way system linking Garth Road, Park Road, and Church Street

a) b) c) d)

- 1. Improves safety – removes safety concerns
- 2. Slight improvement in safety – partly removes safety concerns
- 3. No change – safety concerns remain unaltered
- 4. Slight decrease in safety – safety concerns made slightly worse
- 5. Decreases safety – safety concerns made worse or others added

Please expand on reasons for your selection in the box below:

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Q5: Please rank the improvements in order of your preference, using the numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 (1 most preferred option and 4 least preferred option).

Improvement option	Please rank (1 to 4)
a) Leave as existing	
b) New prohibition at any time with parking areas	
c) One way system through Garth Road	
d) New one-way system linking Garth Road, Park Road, and Church Street	

Question A: We are under a duty to consider the effects of our policy decisions on the Welsh language, under the requirements of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011.

We would like to know your views on the effects that the Builth Wells parking study would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favorably than English.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Question B: Please also explain how you believe the Builth Wells parking study could be formulated or changed so as to have positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favorably than the English language, and no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favorably than the English language.

Question C: We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:

Please enter here:

Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here:

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