

Llandough Resident Parking Permits Survey – Position Statement provided by the Vale of Glamorgan Council

Following calls from residents and working with local elected members and the Community Council, the Vale of Glamorgan Council undertook to assess the need for resident permit parking zones in Llandough.

Firstly, the appetite for parking permits from residents was measured through a short survey that was undertaken in late 2020. 107 Llandough residents responded to the survey in support of introducing permits, 20 were neutral and 35 disagreed with the suggestion.

As there was general support for the introduction of parking permits in Llandough from residents the next step involved undertaking a vehicle parking survey to obtain detailed information on the current parking situation in the area.

Surveys were carried out throughout the Dochdwy estate in February 2021 and along Spencer Drive and Lewis Road in September 2022. The Dochdwy estate surveys identified that only 7% of the parked vehicles during the survey were likely to be hospital worker vehicles. On Spencer Drive the survey results revealed some 20% were potentially associated with the hospital whilst on Lewis Road no parked vehicles could be attributed to parking from Llandough hospital.

The survey results therefore did not identify a significant proportion of the overall parking volume being associated with displacement parking from Llandough hospital and did not justify the implementation of a resident permit parking scheme within the Llandough area.

Although there was general support from local residents for the introduction of a residents parking scheme, there are a number of disbenefits of residential parking zones that may disproportionately impact residents. This includes only one visitor permit allowed under the policy which has proved restrictive and a cause for complaint by residents in other areas where residents parking schemes have been introduced.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council presented this position, along with the survey results to the Community Council who acknowledged the Vale of Glamorgan Council's interpretation that the parking survey results appear not to justify the implementation of a resident permit parking scheme within the Llandough area.

LLANDOUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Note of an Informal Meeting of Councillors, County Borough Councillor and the Operational Manager (Engineering) held remotely on Monday 10 July 2023 at 6.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Dr M. Misra (Chair)
Councillor J. Byworth-Morgan
Councillor Mrs P. Carreyett
Councillor M. Edwards
Councillor P. King
Councillor D. Mears
Councillor G.D. Carroll – Vale of Glamorgan Council
M.T. Clogg – Operational Manager (Engineering)

1. The meeting had been arranged to enable MC to present the results of the parking survey of Lewis Road and Spencer Drive undertaken on 20 September 2022. The results of the earlier survey undertaken on the Dochdwy Road estate had previously been presented to Community Councillors when the conclusions drawn from the data collected were as follows:

The total number of vehicles recorded parked on-street throughout the survey period was 394.

The total number of parked vehicles meeting the agreed criteria* as potential hospital workers is 27.

Percentage of potential hospital work cars compared to total numbered parked is <7%.

* Criteria for a hospital worker, i.e., no vans, parking duration over 4 hrs; and arrival after 7.30am.

The actions agreed at that meeting held on 18 March 2022 were as follows:

- The traffic signal phasing at hospital entrance could be reviewed.
- It was suggested that percentage of vehicles present against capacity should be considered if similar surveys progressed.
- CC members requested total number of vehicles compared to hospital workers identified from survey (based on above criteria).
- We discussed how the survey may be disseminated to residents – agreed challenging position – possible to represent survey results as pie chart.
- A possible residential parking trial 10-12 & 3-4 was suggested – this was not considered appropriate given results and resources available.
- Copy of survey results spreadsheet to be provided with part registration numbers removed.
- Community council reps to feed back their position to Cllr Carroll.
- Dean Mears suggested that future surveys should count number of potential parking spaces along the street.

It was agreed future actions to be considered: -

- ✓ Possible additional survey works along Spencer Drive and Lewis Road to understand possible displacement at these locations.
 - ✓ Potential to re-run residents survey re parking permit scheme, but this time do not count non-returns as positive – this was considered to skew original result.
 - ✓ Likely any further work would be on-hold until after 5th May elections in which case Cllr Carroll to be informed accordingly.
2. The survey of Lewis Road and Spencer Drive was undertaken on 20 September 2022 during the period 7.30am until 8.30pm with the same criteria as for the Dochdwy Road estate being used (see above). The criteria specified assumptions made so as to make the interpretation of the results to be meaningful and a solid base for consideration of any traffic management measures that may or may not be needed.
 3. In relation to Spencer Drive, only 8 vehicles were identified as likely to be linked to hospital related parking which was not sufficiently significant to warrant any measures to introduce residential parking zones. Similarly, in Lewis Road most parking was likely to be of a residential nature and not linked to the hospital. A similar position applied to the Dochdwy Road estate survey with there being insufficient evidence to warrant the introduction of residential parking zones.
 4. MC gave some examples of other areas in the county borough area where residential parking zones introduced had not been supported by survey data and had created many issues for residents which were proving to be problematic.
 5. It was noted that some Llandough residents were looking to the Vale Council to hold a public meeting when the results of the surveys could be shared. MC agreed that the results should be shared and with the support of the Community Council he suggested that they could be shared on social media or through a community newsletter. All present were in agreement that the results should be shared noting that resident feedback would need to be managed appropriately.
 6. One member referred to the situation in Spencer Drive where many residents parked their vehicles partly on the pavement due to the narrowness of the roads. MC responded that it was quite commonplace for households to have multiple vehicles and this often resulted in vehicles being parked on partly on footways along roads. Enforcement of obstructions caused by footway parking was however a matter for the police and not the highways authority.
 7. It was suggested that the results of the survey would likely to be different if undertaken in 2023. One member commented that it now appeared that there were more hospital staff parking on roads in the Dochdwy Road estate with a specific issue in Vale View Crescent which was located close to the hospital main entrance. This could probably be accounted for by changes in the services now provided at the hospital.
 8. Councillor Carroll was of the view that the survey data should be presented by MC at a public meeting before final decisions are taken on any future actions. At such a meeting, residents could be advised of the possible impact of residential parking zones. MC commented that the final decision on whether

traffic management measures were taken rested with the Vale Council who would need to account for the current policy on residential parking zones in this regard.

9. MC expressed some reservations about holding a public meeting as it might build up unrealistic expectations on the part of residents especially having regard to the survey data not highlighting a priority need for resident parking zones. On that basis alone there was little if any support for undertaking further surveys. It was inevitably the case that some residents would understand the rationale for no action and others that would not.
10. The majority view of those present was that a public meeting should not be held and instead a summary of the survey results and conclusions drawn should feature in an article prepared by MC which could be circulated to all households with the Community Council's Summer newsletter. In the article issues concerning the disbenefits of residential parking zones should be explained. It should also include a link to the Vale Council's policy on residential parking zones.