

Report To: PLANNING & ORDERS COMMITTEE

Date: 1/07/2015

Subject: CYNGOR SIR YNYS MON/ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL (TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER) (VARIOUS LOCATIONS MENAI BRIDGE) ORDER 2015

Portfolio Holder: COUNCILLOR J. ARWEL ROBERTS

Lead Officer: DEWI W. ROBERTS/HUW PERCY

Contact Officer: ELFED LEWIS

Nature and reasoning for reporting

To report details of objections received following advertising the proposed Traffic Regulation Order.

A – INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND/ISSUES

1.0 The proposed Order was prepared in response to complaints received over many years regarding parking and traffic congestion on the A545 Menai Bridge. The congestion is largely due to a combination of the existence of limited waiting parking bay/loading and unloading activities and illegal parking on existing restrictions near the pedestrian crossing.

A copy of the Notice of Proposal and plans detailing the proposed restrictions are attached (Appendix 1).

1.1 In the initial consultation stage one objection was received to the proposed Order.

1.2 The Emergency Services have not objected to the proposal.

1.3 In the formal advertising stage eight objections have been received with respect to the proposed Order (Copies attached). The objections are broadly based on the following grounds:-

a) Possible adverse effect of proposal on local trading and local businesses due to the reduction in on street parking facility.

b) Road safety concerns and increased traffic speeds due to loss of traffic calming effect of on street parking bays.

c) Detrimental effect on character of High Street.

d) Concerns regarding the overall parking capacity of existing off street car parks to accommodate any additional parking due to ongoing construction site vehicle usage.

1.4 A petition signed by approximately 350 signatories has been received in support of the current proposal.

2.0 Current Situation

2.1 The objectors detailed in 1.3 are not satisfied that the provisions within the Order are acceptable.

2.2 The existing parking bay located on the A545 High Street near the pedestrian crossing to which the objections relate is considered to be detrimental to road safety with frequent conflict at this location between oncoming vehicles. The removal of this parking bay will improve and facilitate the free movement of traffic along this section. The proposal will also facilitate egress of vehicles proceeding to the A545 High Street from Askew Street.

2.3 The existing Loading/Unloading arrangements on the A545 High Street will be retained within the provisions of the proposed No Waiting at any time Order.

2.4 The following Statutory Consultees have been consulted:-

1. North Wales Police.
2. North Wales Fire and Rescue Service.
3. Locality Ambulance Officer.
4. The Road Haulage Association.
5. The Freight Transport Association.
6. Chief Engineer (Operational).
7. Local Members (Aethwy).
8. Menai Bridge Town Council.

B – CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 The proposed Order is considered essential in the interest of road safety and to facilitate the movement of traffic.

3.2 It will be for the Committee to determine if they feel the objections are justified or not.

C – IMPLICATIONS AND IMPACTS

The proposed order will remove the short-term parking along the A545 High Street and will improve traffic flow within the town centre. The potential effect of loss of parking on businesses should be balanced against the creation of a safer and more pleasant environment.

D – RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee approves the proposal in accordance with the advertised Order and plans, if is satisfied that there is no alternative solution to the traffic and congestion problems in the town.

Name of author of report: Dewi W. Roberts/Huw Percy

Job Title: Chief Engineer

Date: 22/06/2015

Appendices

1. Notice of Proposal as Advertised.
2. Copies of objections received at the advertising stage.

RHYBUDD O FWRIAD

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR SIR YNYS MÔN/ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL (GORCHYMYN RHEOLI TRAFFIG) (AMRYW LEOLIADAU, PORTHAETHWY) 2015

CYNGOR SIR YNYS MÔN/ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL (TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER) (VARIOUS LOCATION, MENAI BRIDGE) ORDER 2015

RHODDIR RHYBUDD TRWY HYN Iod Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn/Isle of Anglesey County Council yn bwriadu gwneud Gorchymyn o dan Adrannau 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, 124 (1) (d) a rhan iv atodlen 9 o Ddeddf Rheoli Trafnidiaeth Fyrd 1984.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn/Isle of Anglesey County Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, 124 (1) (d) and part iv of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Pan ddaw'r Gorchymyn i rym ei effaith fydd darparu gwaharddiad a chyfyngiadau ar aros fel y cyfeirir atynyt yn Atodlen 1 yma a safle parclo i'r anabl fel y cyfeirir ato yn Atodlen 2 yma.

The effect of the Order will provide for the prohibition and restriction of waiting as referred to in Schedule 1 hereto and for a disabled parking bay as referred to in Schedule 2 hereto.

Mae rhai eithriadau dan y Gorchymyn er mwyn caniatáu i bobl ddod o'u cerbydau a mynd iddynt a hefyd i bwras llwytho a dadlwytho ag i bwras gwneud gwaith cynnal a chadw ac atgyweirio a materion cyffelyb.

Exceptions are provided in the order to allow waiting for the purpose of a alighting, boarding loading and unloading and works of maintenance, repair and the like.

Hefyd mae eithriadau yn y Gorchymyn fel bod cerbydau sydd yn dangos bathodyn person methedig a disc parclo i berson methedig - y ddau hefo'i glydd - yn cael aros ar y stryd am gyfnod hyd at 3 awr (ac o leiaf 1 awr rhwng y naill gyfnod o aros a'r un blaenorol gan yr un cerbyd ar yr un dydd)

Exceptions are also provided in the order to allow vehicles displaying both a disabled persons badge and a disabled persons parking disc to wait for a period not exceeding 3 hours (not being a period separated by an interval of less than one hour from a previous period of waiting by the same vehicle on the same day)

Bydd y rhan hwnnw o'r Gorchymyn Cydgrynhol (Cyfyngiadau aros ar y Stryd a Mannau Parclo) Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn 2007 a Gorchymyn Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn (Gwaharddiadau Aros) Amryw Fyrd Porthaethwy) 2012 yn cael eu diwygio.

That part of The Isle of Anglesey County Council (On Street Waiting Restrictions and Parking Places) Consolidation Order 2007 and The Isle of Anglesey County Council (Waiting Restrictions) (Various Roads Menai Bridge) Order 2012 shall be amended accordingly.

Mae'r Gorchymyn drafft, sydd ynghyd â chynllun yn dangos y ffordd yr effeithlir ami a Datganiad o resymau'r Cyngor dros argymhell gwneud y Gorchymyn, ar gael i'w harchwilio gan y cyhoedd yn :-

The draft Order together with a map showing the length of road concerned and a Statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined at:-

- (a) Swyddfeydd y Cyngor, Llanelni, rhwng 9.30 a.m. a 4.00 p.m. Llun i Gwener;
- (b) Y Llyfrgell, Porthaethwy yn ystod oriau gwaith arferol.

- (a) The Council Offices, Llanelni, between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday.
- (b) The Library, Menai Bridge during normal business hours.

Os dymunwch wrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig anfonwch eich gwrthwynebiad mewn ysgrifen gan gynnwys eich rhesymau dros wneud hynny i'r isod

If you wish to object to the proposed Order you should send your objection in writing specifying the ground thereof to the undersigned at the address specified by the

05.06.2015

Bydd rhain ar gael i'w harchwilio gan y cyhoedd.

These will be available for public inspection.

Atodlen 1

Schedule 1

1. Dim aros ar unrhyw adeg

1. No waiting at any time

a) A545 Stryd Fawr

Ochr Orllewinol

O bwynt 63 metr i'r gogledd gogledd ddwyrain o'r gyffordd gyda Ffordd Cil-bedlam am beiler o 26 metr i gyfeiriad y gogledd, gogledd ddwyrain.

a) A545 High Street

West Side

From a point 63 metres north north east of the junction with Dale Street for a distance of 26 metres in a north, north easterly direction.

b) Ffordd Cil-bedlam

Ochr Gogleddol

O bwynt 103 metr i'r gorllewin o'r gyffordd gyda Ffordd y Ffair am beiler o 26 metr i gyfeiriad y gorllewin.

b) Dale Street

North Side

From a point 103 metres west of junction with Wood Street for a distance of 26 metres in a westerly direction.

2. Aros Cyfyngedig 1 Awr. Dim Dychwelyd 1 awr

2. Limited Waiting 1 Hour. No Return 1 Hour

A545 Stryd y Bont

Ochr orllewinol

O bwynt 17 metr i'r gogledd o'r gyffordd gyda Ffordd y Ffair am beiler o 31 metr i gyfeiriad gogledd, gogledd ddwyrain.

A545 Bridge Street

West Side

From a point 17 metres north of the junction with Wood Street for a distance of 31 metres in a north north easterly direction.

3. Aros Cyfyngedig 2 Awr. Dim Dychwelyd 2 Awr

3. Limited Waiting 2 Hours. No return 2 Hours

Ffordd Cambria

Ochr ddeheuol

O bwynt 12 metr i'r de ddwyrain o'r gyffordd gyda'r A5 Ffordd Mona am beiler o 10 metr i gyfeiriad y de ddwyrain.

Cambria Road

South Side

From a point 12 metres south east of the junction with the A5 Mona Road for a distance of 10 metres in a south easterly direction.

Atodlen 2

Schedule 2

Safle Parclo i'r Anabl - Delliaid Bathodyn Anabiedd vn Unig

Disabled Parking Space - Disabled Badge Holders only

Lon Pen Nabo

Ochr Gogledd Ddwyrain

O'r gyffordd gyda Dew Street am beiler o 8 metr i gyfeiriad y gogledd orllewin.

Hill Street

North East Side

From the junction with Dew Street for a distance of 8 metres in a north westerly direction.

Dyddiedig 14/05/2015

Dated

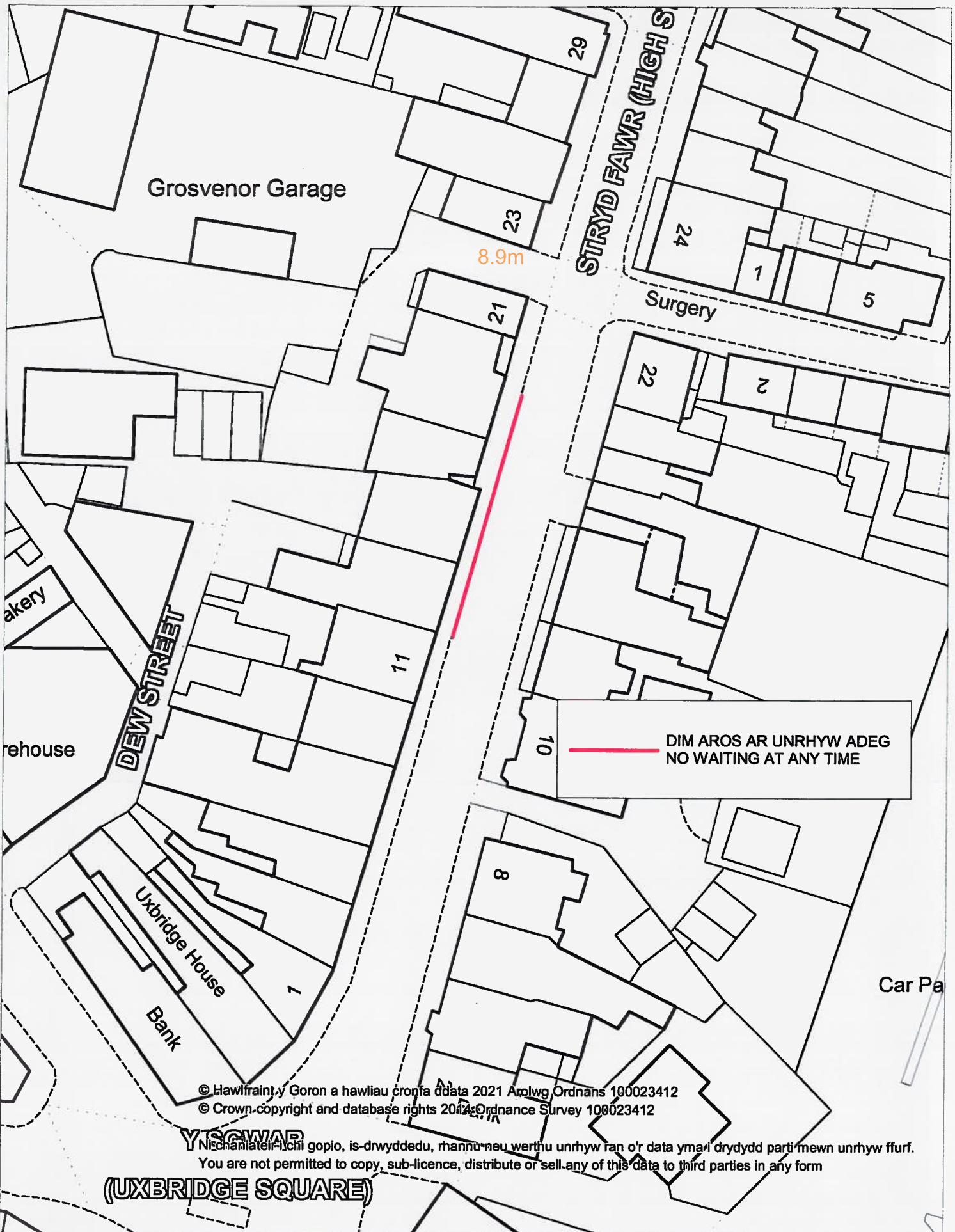
Arwyddwyd gan  Signed

Robyn W Jones

Rheolwr Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol / Legal Services Manager

Swyddfeydd y Cyngor / Council Offices

Llanelni, Ynys Môn LL77 7TW




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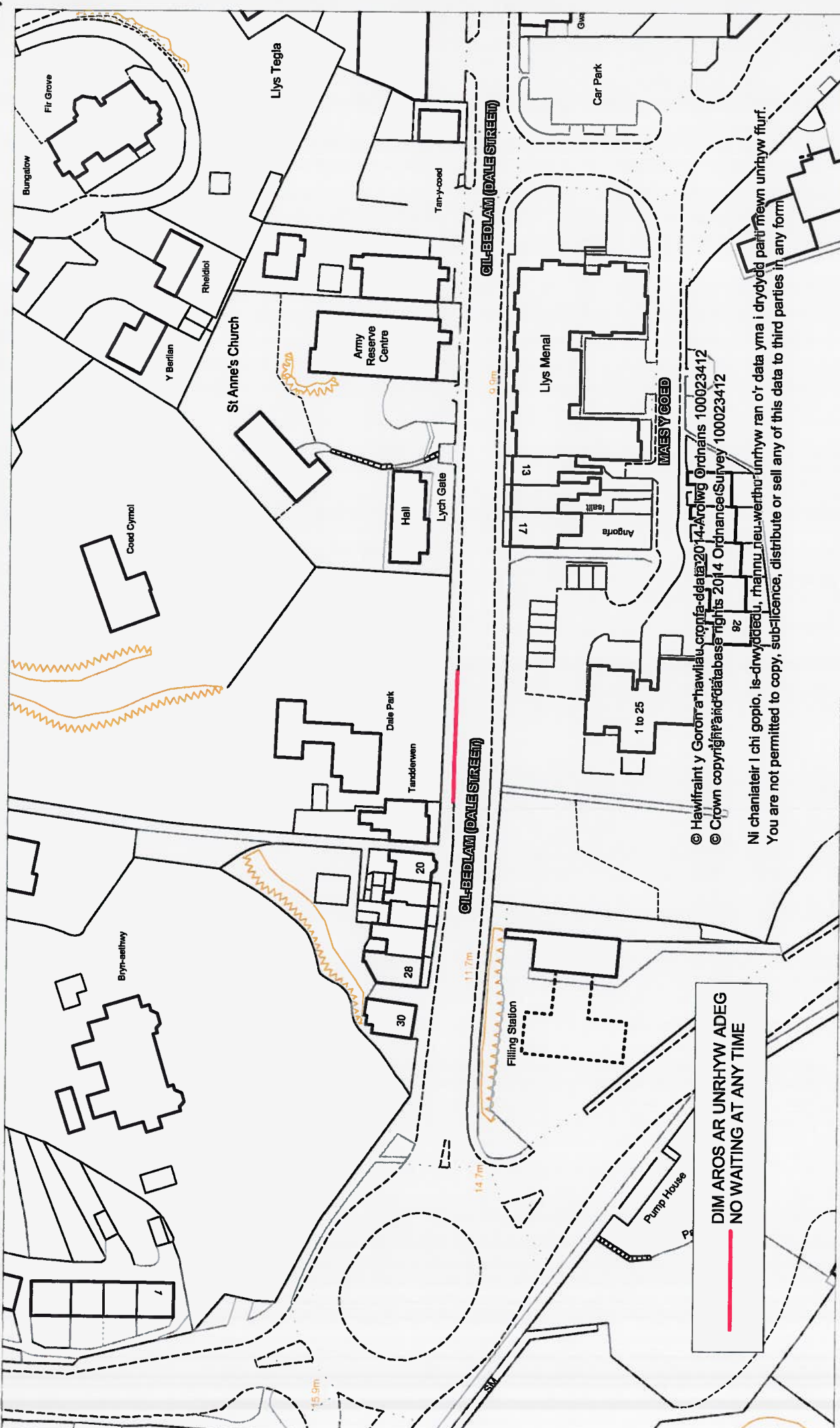
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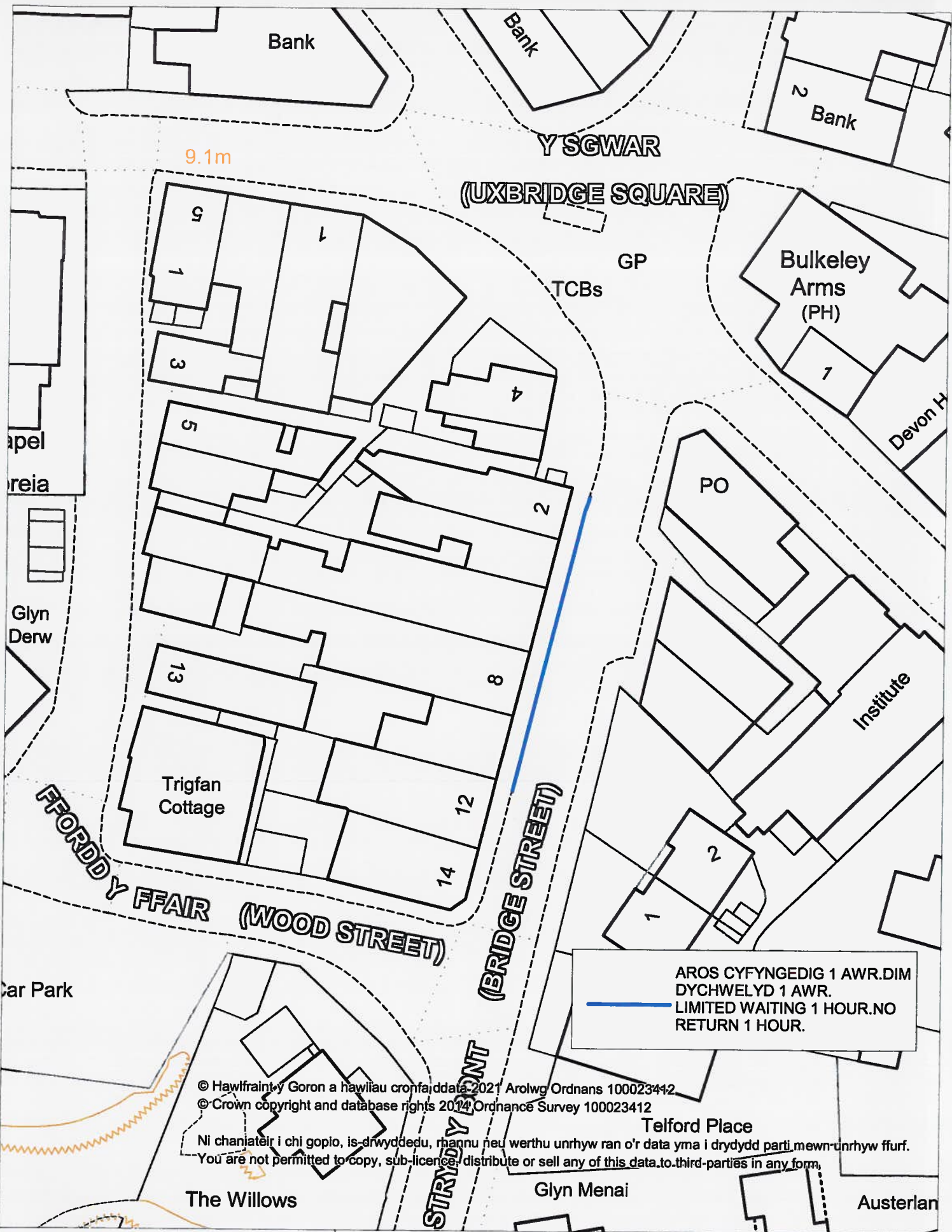
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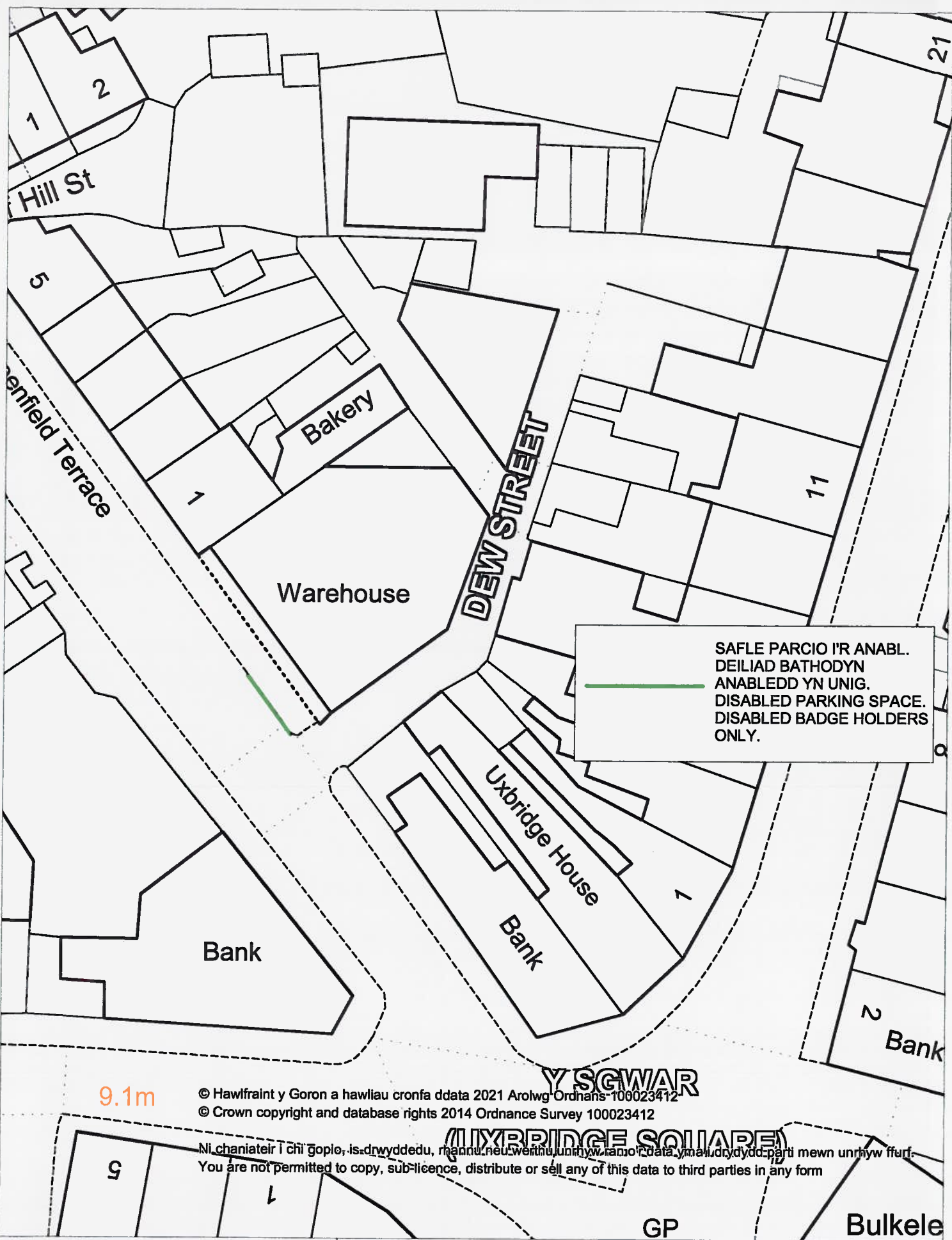
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 PORTHAETHWY/MENAI BRIDGE.**



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 PROPOSED TRAFFIC ORDER,
 LON PEN NEBO/HILL STREET,
 PORTHAETHWY/MENAI BRIDGE.**

From: PEMOUT
Sent: 08 June 2015 09:45
To: PEMHT
Subject: FW: Objection to proposed traffic order various locations at Menai Bridge - Swyddogol - Sensitif

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

- 8 JUN 2015

From: PEMOUT
Sent: 08 June 2015 09:45:12 (UTC) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London
To: PEMOUT
Subject: FW: Objection to proposed traffic order various locations at Menai Bridge - Swyddogol - Sensitif

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From: PEMOUT
Sent: 05 June 2015 16:38
To: PEMOUT
Subject: FW: Objection to proposed traffic order various locations at Menai Bridge - Swyddogol - Sensitif

Elli di weithredu ar y gwrthwynebiad isod, plis.

From: PEMOUT
Sent: 05 June 2015 16:37
To: PEMOUT
Subject: RE: Objection to proposed traffic order various locations at Menai Bridge

Dear

As requested I acknowledge receipt of your objection as set out below.

I will forward a copy to my colleague in the Legal Section with a request that she brings it to the attention of the officer in Highways who is dealing with the matter.

Yours sincerely,

From: PEMOUT
Sent: 05 June 2015 16:27
To: PEMOUT
Subject: Objection to proposed traffic order various locations at Menai Bridge

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to register my objection to the proposed outline in schedule 1 of your proposed traffic order for Menai Bridge various locations dated 14th May 2015.

- A. I wish to object on grounds of road safety. The current limited time parking on the high street has the effect of reducing any potential speeding traffic and allows a steady safe flow of traffic through the town.
- B. The second reason for objection is that the order would change the character of the high street and town, from a convenient small town/village feel to a effectively a through road.
- C. Any such proposal would have adverse effect on the local trading and businesses on the high street and well as other traders in the town. The provision of limited waiting parking is essential for the town to prosper. The only alternative parking would be the pay and display car parks, which are usually quite full at most times, this would deter any passing trade or the convenience of being able to pop in to a business for a few minutes.

I would be grateful if you would accept this as an official objection to the Order as a whole and would request an acknowledgment of receipt of this objection.

By email on 5th June 2015

A yw'r e-bost hwn wedi ei farcio'n 'Swyddogol-Sensitif'? Os ydyw, rhaid i chi ystyried a oes gennych hawl i'w ddyblygu, ei argraffu neu ai anfon ymlaen. Os oes, sicrhewch os gwelwch yn dda fod yr e-bost ynghyd ag unrhyw atodiadau'n cael eu marcio'n 'Swyddogol-Sensitif'. Eich cyfrifoldeb chi yw sicrhau fod mesurau'n cael eu cymryd i ddiogelu, storio a chael gwared ar y wybodaeth mewn modd priodol. Mae hyn yn golygu fod rhaid diogelu'r wybodaeth gyda chyfrinair neu ei chadw mewn cwpwrdd ffeilio y mae modd ei glori. Rhaid cael gwared ar ddogfennau 'Swyddogol-Sensitif' yn y biniau gwastraff y mae modd eu cloi. Os ydych yn ansicr ynghylch sut i ddefnyddio gwybodaeth 'Swyddogol-Sensitif', yna cysylltwch os gwelwch yn dda gyda llywodgwyb@ynysmon.gov.uk

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to register my objection to the proposals outlined in Schedule 1 of your proposed traffic order for Menai Bridge (Various locations) dated 14th May 2015.

1) I wish to object on the grounds of road safety. The removal of the time limited parking will have an adverse effect on road safety. At present the limited parking area acts as an informal traffic/speed calming measure. It has the effect of reducing the speed that vehicles travel along High Street in particular. The removal of such will enable traffic to travel at a greater speed without any calming measure in place. I feel that it will also increase the use of the pedestrian controlled area as an area to pick up and drop off with the resulting decrease in the safety of pedestrians of all ages.

2) My second reason for the objection is that such an order will have a detrimental effect on the character of the High Street. It will change from a "village" effect to a through road. A place where people will not stop but travel through. As a result of this the amenities in the area will also suffer.

3) The A545 is already a designated Go Safe enforcement site. Any removal of "natural" traffic calming measures will have a greater effect on road safety in what is already recognised by the law enforcement agencies as a high risk area.

4) Any such proposal will have an adverse effect on the local trading and traders on the High Street and beyond. The provision of limited waiting is essential to allow businesses to prosper.

I would be grateful if you would accept this as an official objection to the Order as a whole and I request acknowledgment of receipt of this objection.

By email on 3rd June 2015

A yw'r e-bost hwn wedi ei farcio'n 'Swyddogol-Sensitif'? Os ydyw, rhaid i chi ystyried a oes gennych hawl i'w ddyblygu, ei argraffu neu ai anfon ymlaen. Os oes, sicrhewch os gwelwch yn dda fod yr e-bost ynghyd ag unrhyw atodiadau'n cael eu marcio'n 'Swyddogol-Sensitif'. Eich cyfrifoldeb chi yw sicrhau fod mesurau'n cael eu cymryd i ddiogelu, storio a chael gwared ar y wybodaeth mewn modd priodol. Mae hyn yn golygu fod rhaid diogelu'r wybodaeth gyda chyfrinair neu ei chadw

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Dear Sirs/Madam,

Concerning the removal of parking on the high street of Menai Bridge.

We feel that the shops and small businesses of Menai Bridge need all the short stay parking that is available, any reduction in parking spaces would result in a loss of trade.

Due to the hard work of the many small businesses making a successful effort to trade and do business, Menai Bridge in the recent years has become a thriving village. And proposals such as removing parking can threaten this.

Not only will the removal of parking on the high street lead to less people been able to stop to shop, but will also open up the town to becoming a through road. Resulting in the increase of speed of the traffic through the village and making it a danger to pedestrians... and so becoming a less safe and friendly environment for people to spend time exploring the village and all it has to offer.

A point I would also like to make... I myself take many deliveries every year to Beaumaris and other towns and villages beyond... sometimes up to 8 times a week. This requires me to drive through the high street of Menai Bridge where the proposed parking spaces are to be removed. I can say that I have never experienced any undue issues with getting through.

So removing the parking on the high street would result in a loss of trade, increase the speed of the traffic making it less safe, turn the town into a through road, and change the very nature of the town as a place to stop shop and spend some time...to a through town to pass by, destroying what the hard working business community of Menai Bridge have worked so hard to create.

We feel the proposal to remove the parking on the high street would be heavily detrimental to the town of Menai Bridge.

Yours Sincerely

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL
5 JUN 2015

4th June 2015.

Re: Proposal to prevent parking on Menai Bridge High Street.

Dear Sir,

I wish to register my objection to the above proposal.

Car parking here after 10a.m. is very difficult indeed, often impossible in fact. Limited parking therefore is vital to all shopkeepers and businesses on the High Street in order to continue trading. Many of these businesses are second or third generation, most are privately owned, all are employers of local people, in all over 200, whose livelihood is seriously threatened by this proposal.

This is the only town on Anglesey, possibly in the whole of the UK, that has 100% retail occupancy, itself evidence that people do want to shop here if only for a short period.

There is currently a movement for the regeneration of the High Street throughout the Country, why therefore counter this trend at Menai Bridge? a thriving, successful town into which many people have put in a huge effort to establish businesses here in a town of which Anglesey can be very proud.

Errors in implementing proposals such as this in other towns on the island e.g. Holyhead has had a catastrophic effect on businesses, very many having to close down due to lack of trade leaving unsightly boarded up premises, a trend which once it begins cannot be stopped nor reversed as shoppers change their habits and settle into the out of town shopping trend. This change is often the end of many communities.

From our premises at Bridge Street we have one window which looks directly along the High Street, from here we can see all traffic movements from 9 till 5, 6 days per week and having done so for the past 28 years, I can assure you that whenever the street is free of parked cars then traffic passing through does so at an alarming speed and it will only be a matter of time should this proposal be passed that a major accident or fatality will occur. Rarely does traffic have to wait more than 2 minutes before passing from one end to the other, something to be expected when passing through any town centre or built up area.

This proposal only increases the stress incurred in running any High Street business and creating employment, put forward by those who have no interest in the town whatsoever, clearly not supporters of local businesses, and consider it only to be a highway to their own destination.

Petitions favouring the approval of this proposal have been left at various locations locally by one retired lady who has no interest in the town or its future, safe in the comfort of a retirement income with no regard to the careers of those employed here, with new mortgages and family commitments, wages which would be spent back in the town making it the success it is today. The few tourist coaches passing through to Beaumaris are only a seasonal occurrence, bring no income or benefit to Menal Bridge, arrive at Beaumaris and, from speaking to business owners there, mostly browse the shops but spend little, thus contributing very little to the economy which is reflected by the number of empty shops there. Years of hard work and serious financial commitment by business owners has made this town the success it has become today, the envy of many other towns, proof that with proper parking facilities and consideration for shoppers needs a little town like this can prosper. Clearing the High Street of all parking to ease the passage for tourist company coaches, thus creating empty shops will only give the impression of a run down area and will be of no help to this town nor any other close to it.

I trust that you will give the above your earnest consideration.

Yours faithfully

3 June 2015

Dear Mr Jones

ISLE OF ANGLESEY (TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER) (VARIOUS LOCATIONS MENAI BRIDGE) 2015

I am writing in response to the intention to introduce the above Order, as a resident of Menai Bridge and an owner of a business located on Bridge Street. I trust that the Council has followed all the statutory consultation procedures in relation to the Order, but I wish to voice my disappointment at the lack of informal consultation and the fact that there has been no effort to gauge the opinion of the town's residents, or the businesses located in the town centre, businesses that will directly and negatively impacted by the proposed development – this is especially disappointing when the proposed changes have arisen as a result of a request by a member of the public in the first place.

My observations relate specifically to the proposal to abolish the parking spaces on the west side of Bridge Street, although I am of the view that the overall reduction in the number of parking spaces will have a detrimental impact on the town in its entirety.

Over the last few years Menai Bridge has prospered, and this is something that should be a matter of great pride to the residents, business owners, the Town Council and County Council. One of the principal reasons for this is the number of small businesses that have been established recently along the high street, adding to several successful long-established businesses. The Council has demonstrated its commitment to assisting these businesses by its business rate rebate scheme, and it would be a shame if this development undermined this recent prosperity.

Careful consideration should be given prior to the introduction of any new measures, even if they appear innocuous, that could pose any threat to this success. I would be interested to know whether any impact assessment has been conducted in relation to the likely effect on visitor numbers and the economy as a result of abolishing parking spaces on the street. In such a precarious economic period, the Council should be extremely cautious before introducing any change without considering all the possible consequences. It is certain that eliminating free parking spaces will not increase visitor numbers in Menai Bridge, or make it a more attractive and convenient destination.

Menai Bridge's central location has added to its success: it is a convenient location to stop on the way to Beaumaris, Bangor, Llanfairpwll etc. The existence of some short-term free parking spaces undoubtedly attracts people here to shop. Our business certainly benefits

greatly from the parking spaces immediately outside our shop. If these spaces in particular were eliminated in future, I am certain that it would have a huge impact on our customers and our business. I am not exaggerating in stating that the reduction of free parking spaces in close proximity could lead us to having to close our business.

A number of the businesses in Menai Bridge are, like us, shops that sell 'low value' goods (in our case, greetings cards, books, gifts etc). By forcing people to pay to park in a car park only to dash to a convenient shop to buy comparatively inexpensive goods, they will be attracted more to out-of-town shopping areas with free parking, or to supermarkets. This point hardly needs reinforcing; you only need to consider the nearby towns without sufficient free parking to see the impact on their high streets (e.g. Bangor, Llangefni, etc). In addition, a number of the businesses are very dependent upon people who wish to shop during working hours (e.g. older people and parents with young children – these are the people who place the greatest importance on convenient parking spaces.

I am certain that road and pedestrian safety is one of the factors on which these changes are based. However, although there is occasional traffic congestion, it is only during the 6-week summer holiday period during the rush-hour when it causes any problems. The parking along one side of the street also slows down the traffic through the town centre. On both sides of the high street, cars can be observed exceeding the 30mph limit, but they are forced to slow down when passing through the town centre. This is beneficial in relation to pedestrian safety, by giving more opportunities for them to safely cross the road, and also avoids the need for traffic calming measures. If one of the concerns is the congestion across the junction at Menai Bridge square, has the idea of creating a 'box junction' been considered to alleviate the problem?

There is no doubt that decreasing the number of free parking spaces will have a negative impact on the number of local people and visitors to Menai Bridge. As the Council and Town Councillors evidently wish Menai Bridge's commercial success to continue, I would propose at the very least, if this proposal must proceed, that the same number of short-term free parking spaces be offered in one of the town's car parks. This would be a positive gesture of good will and a sign of the Council's eagerness to continue to nurture the area's economic success.

I'm certain that this Order is based on firm evidence, and that some modification is necessary to the parking arrangements in Menai Bridge. However, I don't believe that the right solution has been found here, and that any solution must safeguard the town's businesses: without the prosperity of small businesses, Menai Bridge will not be such a desirable place in which to live and work. I very much hope that serious consideration will be given to all these aspects (and a further opportunity to consult with the affected businesses) before the details of this Order are confirmed.

Yours sincerely,

ADAIN GYFREITHIOL

- 5 JUN 2015

LEGAL SECTION

3 Mehefin 2015

Annwyl Mr Jones

**GORCHYMYN CYNGOR SIR YNYS MÔN (GORCHYMYN RHEOLI TRAFFIG) (AMRYW
LEOLIADAU PORTHAETHWY) 2015**

Rwy'n ymateb i'r bwriad i gyfiwyno'r Gorchymyn uchod fel un o drigolion Porthaethwy ac fel perchennog busnes sydd wedi'i leoli ar Stryd y Bont.

Yn gyntaf, rwy'n hyderu bod y Cyngor wedi dilyn yr holl brosesau ymgynghori statudol ynghylch y Gorchymyn, ond hoffwn ddatgan fy siom na fu mwy o gyfle am ymgynghori anffurfiol ac i ofyn am farn y trigolion, ac yn benodol, y busnesau a fydd yn cael eu heffeithio'n uniongyrchol ac yn negyddol gan y datblyglad arfaethedig – yn enwedig gan mai canlyniad i gais gan aelod o'r cyhoedd yw'r gorchymyn arfaethedig yn y lle cyntaf.

Mae fy sylwadau isod yn ymwneud yn benodol â'r bwriad i ddiddymu'r llecynnau parcio ar ochr orllewinol Stryd y Bont, er fy mod o'r farn y bydd y lleihad cyffredinol yn nifer y llefydd parcio yn cael effaith andwyol ar y dref yn ei chyfanwydd.

Mae Porthaethwy yn y blynyddoedd diwethaf wedi ffynnu, a dylai hyn fod yn destun balchder i'r trigolion, masnachwyr, y Cyngor Tref a'r Cyngor Sir. Un o'r prif resymau am hyn yw'r nifer o fusnesau bychan sydd wedi sefydlu'n llwyddiannus yn ddiweddar ar hyd y stryd fawr, gan ychwanegu at y nifer o fusnesau sydd wedi hen sefydlu yn y Borth. Mae'r Cyngor wedi dangos ei ymrwymiad i gelsio cynnal y busnesau hyn drwy atal y Dreth Fusnes, a byddai'n drueni petai'r datblyglad hwn yn tansellio'r ffyniant a welwyd yn ddiweddar.

Rhaid ystyried yn ofalus iawn cyn cyfiwyno unrhyw fesurau, waeth pa mor fach y maent yn ymddangos, allai fygwth y llwyddiant hwn mewn unrhyw ffordd. Hoffwn wybod a oes unrhyw asesiad effaith wedi'i gynnal mewn perthynas â'r effaith ar nifer yr ymwelwyr a'r economi a ddaw yn sgil atal y parcio ar y strydoedd. Mewn cyfnod economaidd mor fregus, dylid bod yn wylladwrus iawn cyn cyfiwyno unrhyw newid heb ystyried yn union beth fydd ei effaith. Yn sicr, ni fydd diddymu llefydd parcio am ddim yn cynyddu nifer yr ymwelwyr i'r Borth, nac ychwaith yn ei gwneud yn fwy cyfleus iddynt ymweld â'r dref.

Does dim dwywaith ychwaith bod lleoliad Porthaethwy fel cyrchfan cyfleus mewn car wedi ychwanegu at y llwyddiant hwn: mae'n lleoliad hwylus i stopio ar y ffordd I Fiwmares, Bangor, Llanfairpwll, Llangefni ac ati. Mae rhywfaint o lefydd parcio byr-dymor am ddim yn denu pobl yma i wneud rhywfaint o'u siopa. Mae ein busnes ni yn sicr eiwa'n fawr iawn o'r llefydd parcio yn union y tu allan i'r siop. Petai'r llefydd yma yn cael eu diddymu yn y dyfodol, rwy'n hollol sicr y byddai'n cael effaith enfawr ar ein cwsmeriaid ac ar ein busnes.

Nid wyf yn gorddweud wrth ddatgan y gallai cwtogi ar nifer y llefydd parcio am ddim ein harwain i orfod cau'r siop.

Mae nifer o fusnesau Porthaethwy yn rhal, fel ein siop ni, sy'n gwerthu nwyddau 'gwerth isel', (yn ein hachos ni, cardiau cyfarch, llyfrau, anrhegion ac ati). Drwy orfodi pobl i dalu am barcio mewn maes parcio er mwyn lddynt bicio i siop gyfleus am nwyddau cymharol rad, byddant yn cael eu denu fwyfwy tuag at leoliadau allan o ganol trefi sydd â meysydd parcio pwrpasol, neu i'r archfarchnadoedd. Nid oes angen profi'r pwynt yma, does dim ond angen edrych ar yr holl drefi cyfagos sydd heb barcio am ddim i weld beth sydd wedi digwydd i'r strydoedd mawr (ee Bangor, Llangefni, ac ati). Yn ogystal, mae nifer o'r busnesau yn ddibynnol iawn ar bobl sy'n dymuno siopa yn ystod oriau gwaith (ee. pobl hŷn a rhieni & phlant ifanc) – sef yr union bobl y mae llefydd parcio hwylus yn bwysig iawn lddynt.

Rwy'n sicr bod dlogelwch ar y stryd i gerddwyr ac i geir yn un o'r ffactorau y tu ôl i'r newidiadau hyn. Fodd bynnag, er y ceir peth tagfeydd traffig yma, dim ond yn ystod cyfnod 6-wythnos gwyllau'r haf, a hynny yn ystod oriau brig y prynhawn y mae unrhyw wir broblem. Mae'r parcio ar un ochr y stryd hefyd yn arafu'r traffig drwy ganol y dref. Ar y naill ben a'r liall o'r stryd fawr mae ceir yn gyrru'n gyflymach na'r terfyn o 30 mya yn gyson, ond maent yn gorfod arafu tra'n pasio drwy'r dref. Mae hyn yn fanteisiol o ran dioglewch i gerddwyr, yn rhoi mwy o gyfle i gerddwyr groesl'r ffordd yn ddiogel ac yn osgol'r angen am fesurau i arafu a lliniaru traffig drwy'r canol. Os mai un o'r rhesymau y tu ôl i'r newid yw'r tagfeydd traffig ar gyffordd sgwâr y Borth, beth am roi 'box junction' yno a gweld a fydd hynny'n lleihau'r broblem?

Does dim amheuaeth y bydd cwtogi ar nifer y llefydd parcio rhad ac am ddim yn cael effaith negyddol ar nifer y bobl leol a'r ymwelwyr a ddaw i Borthaethwy. Gan fod y Cyngor a'r Cynghorwyr Sir a Thref yn amlwg yn dymuno i lwyddiant masnachol Porthaethwy barhau, credaf mai'r peth lleiaf y gellid ei gynnig, os mynnir parhau â'r bwriad hwn, fyddai creu yr un nifer o lefydd parcio byr-dymor am ddim yn un o feysydd parcio'r dref. Byddai hyn yn arwydd pendant o ewyllys da i'r trigollon ac yn arwydd o'r awydd i barhau i feithrin lwyddiant economaidd yr ardal.

Rwy'n sicr bod tystiolaeth yn sail i'r Gorchymyn hwn a bod angen rhal addasiadau a newidiadau i'r trefniadau parcio ym Mhorthaethwy. Fodd bynnag, ni chredaf mai dyma'r ateb cywir; rhaid i'r datrysiad ddogelu'r busnesau yn y dref: heb lwyddiant y busnesau bach ni fydd Porthaethwy ychwaith yn lle mor ddymunol i fyw ac i weithlo ynddo. Rwy'n mawr obeithlo y rhoddir ystyriaeth ddifrifol i'r agweddau hyn (a chyfle pellach i ymgynghori â'r busnesau a effeithir) cyn y cadarnheir manyllon y Gorchymyn.

Yn gywir,



June 3rd 2015

Mr. Arthur Owen,
Director of Sustainable Development,
Cyngor Sir Ynys Mon,
Swyddfa'r Cyngor,
Llangefni,
LL77 7TW.

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

4 JUL 2015
PRIFYFODD, TRAFNIDIAETH A CňICOD
HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND COUNCIL SERVICES

Dear Mr. Owen,

At our recent Branch meeting it was brought to our attention that parking spaces in Menai Bridge were to be lost. As we have many members in the town we feel that we should fight on their behalf to try and keep these spaces, as losing them will have a detrimental effect on their businesses and there is already talk of some businesses closing.

Parking has become a major problem in the town both from the business point of view and the tourist point of view – one of which depends on the other to a large extent. For months now the public Car Park at the rear of the High Street has become anything but public as it has virtually been taken over by the Contractors working on the Marine Science Building .

Rumour has it that the construction work is to end soon but even then it is understood that there will be insufficient parking for the staff and students on the site and the public car park will still be largely taken over.

Any further loss of parking spaces in the town could prove disastrous to businesses in the town.

We hope that you can support us in this matter. According to the published Road Traffic Order objections were to be received by the 5th June, 2015.

Yours Sincerely

Reply to:

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Head of Service - Environment and Technical

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Eich Cyf - Your Ref. -

5th June 2015

Dear

PARKING SPACES IN MENAI BRIDGE

I refer to your letter of the 3rd June 2015 addressed to Arthur Owen regarding the above.

It would be interesting to note if at your recent Branch meeting whether any representatives from Beaumaris were present. I have over the years received many complaints from Beaumaris, Llandegfan and elsewhere regarding traffic delays in Menai Bridge, caused in the main by the four parking bays on the High Street. These delays have grown from peak times to most of the day, thus the problem must be addressed, as without free traffic flow the town of Menai Bridge will also suffer eventually.

An additional factor is that a high proportion of these spaces are used by staff working in the high street shops, who only move their cars when my Parking Attendants are in the town. Unfortunately, these parking officers are unable to be present in Menai Bridge throughout the day.

Your comments regarding contractors parking in the car park are noted, but this is only a temporary measure.

Yours sincerely

DEWI WILLIAMS
HEAD OF SERVICE (ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNICAL)

Copy to: Dewi W Roberts

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From:
Sent: 08 June 2015 09:47
To: PEMHT
Subject: FW: Parking at Menai Bridge

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

From:
Sent: 08 June 2015 09:43
To: PEMOIT
Cc:
Subject: FW: Parking at Menai Bridge

- 8 JUN 2015

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ATTN

From:
Sent: 04 June 2015 14:17
To:
Subject: Parking at Menai Bridge

I strongly object to the new proposed parking restrictions in Menai Bridge. I have been trading here in the village for the past 21 years and due to the parking plans I am looking to relocate. I have offered a good service both commercial and retail to the public and have been told we will be missed. The only problem here has always been parking. If the council wishes to have clear roads through the village then they should create a new parking ground. The car parks here are always full from first thing in the morning. The car park at the back of the Bulkeley Hotel is taken by college staff and vehicles working on the college (do they pay?) Can I suggest that the council could relocate the football field? (It is always wet I hear) or maybe purchase the ground owned by [redacted] to create parking spaces. There is so much talk about KEEP THE VILLAGE SHOPS OPEN but our council do not agree.

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30th May 2015

**Mr Robyn W. Jones
Legal Services Manager
Isle of Anglesey County Council
Council Offices
Llangefni
LL77 7TW**

Dear Mr Robyn Jones

We run a retail business and a decorating business on the High Street in Menai Bridge (the family has done so for well over 100 years) and have been very concerned to see the latest Traffic Order regarding Menai Bridge and the effect which it will have on parking in the town.

Parking has become a major problem in the town both from the business point of view and the tourist point of view - one of which depends on the other to a large extent. For months now the public Car Park at the rear of the High Street has become anything but public as it has virtually been taken over by the Contractors working on the Marine Science Building to the extent of seeing their workmen standing at the entrance to the Car Park directing traffic and preventing access at times. Rumour has it that the construction work is to end soon but even then we understand that there will be insufficient parking for the staff and students on the site and the public car park will still be largely taken over.

Any further loss of parking spaces in the town could prove to be disastrous and although it is understood that the citizens of Beaumaris, Llandegfan, Llangoed etc. support the prevention of parking on the High Street surely priority must be given to the views of Menai Bridge and the danger that this could be to businesses in the town. It is hoped that the Town Council of Menai Bridge will see it as their duty to defend the business community and not calmly accept the situation and the possibility that some businesses will shut down.

ADAIN GYFREITHIOL
...../2

- 2 JUN 2015

LEGAL SECTION

Letter dated 30th May 2015 to Mr Robyn W. Jones (contd...../2)

In your traffic order you say that the prevention of parking on the High Street is proposed for road safety reasons and to ensure the free flow of traffic. Living as we do on the High Street we are witnesses to the 'free flow' which occurs in the evening when the parking spaces are often empty. The speed with which vehicles travel along the High Street is anything but conducive to road safety

We very much hope that you will take due note of our objections

Yours sincerely

From:
Sent: 14 April 2015 09:54
To: PEMHT
Subject: Re : Ref. 025.00.39/EL/SWD/M020910 Proposed Traffic Order Various Locations Menai Bridge

Dear

The above order was considered in our meeting, the following observations and comments were made for the proposed order, as follows :-

No Observations - Concerns were raised about speeding, parking and retail closures and that the proposed measures could 'kill off' small businesses especially in view that most problems occur during the summer.

The suggests to the County Council that the removal of the High Street parking bays, should be between May and August, rather than all year round. It was also reported that many of the shop owners use the current parking facilities themselves.

Regards,

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14 APR 2015

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From: PEMHT
Sent: 08 June 2015 12:07
To: cyngordref@hotmail.com
Subject: Proposed Traffic Order, Various Locations, Menai Bridge (025.00.39 / M022757)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your e-mail and enclosure of the 4th June, 2015 relating to the above mentioned. The Order is currently at the Notice of Proposal stage which ended on the 5th June, 2015.

A number of objections/observations have been received during the advertising period and these will be reported to the Planning and Orders Committee at the earliest opportunity.

You will be notified of the Committee's decision in due course.

Yours faithfully,

pp. DEWI ROBERTS

CHIEF ENGINEER (TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT)

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