

Statement of Reasons

Proposed Prohibition of Driving (Except for Access), Belmont Road, Belmont Close and White's Close, Abergavenny.

Belmont Road/Close and White's Close are located in close proximity to Abergavenny Train Station, therefore, an attractive option for commuters avoiding parking charges at the station. Therefore, an experimental prohibition of driving was introduced 3 years ago to address instances of non-residential traffic from parking in the above named streets.

An 18 month Experimental Order was introduced in March 2020 to address the parking issues. This order expired in in September 2021 at the height of the Covid19 pandemic. Therefore, following discussion with Gwent Police and residents it was determined that the arrangement was working well and would be worth continuing with this arrangement.

As such, another experimental order was made to further understand the issues and to determine whether the prohibition of driving should be made permanent.

The 2nd experimental order was made and subsequently, expired on 31st May 2023, discussions have taken place with Gwent Police prior to the expiration of this order, whereby they offered no objection to the order being made permanent.

The introduction of this Order will contribute to creating a safer highway environment for all road users including residents and limit instances of inconsiderate and obstructive parking occurrences within the extent of the proposed Prohibition of Driving (Except for Access) Order.