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Overview

The North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent, on behalf of the Welsh Government is currently investigating revisions to the A458 one-way gyratory system in Welshpool town centre following concerns raised by traders and residents.

We wish to seek your views on the proposed changes to the one-way system.

How to respond

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

Please complete and return the 'response form questionnaire' to the address below by 3rd December 2018.

Further information and related documents

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

Contact details

The document is available on:

<https://beta.gov.wales/a458-welshpool-town-centre-one-way-system>

For further information:

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Introduction

The North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent, on behalf of the Welsh Government is currently investigating revisions to the A458 one-way gyratory system in Welshpool's town centre to address concerns raised by traders and residents since the gyratory system was introduced in 2011.

The revisions to the existing network being considered are;

- The possibility of reducing Broad Street to single lane from 'The Cross' junction to the 'High Street' outside the town hall.
- The installation of a 'Zebra' crossing on Broad Street near the town hall.
- Improvements to make Brook Street two-way between Church Street and Jehu Road which would require alterations to A458 signage at Sarn-y-Bryn Caled roundabout and 'The Flash' Junction.

This consultation seeks your views on the above.

Location Plan



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Background

The A458 trunk road is one of the main east – west links in Wales and passes through the centre of Welshpool, a market town in rural Powys. A one-way gyratory system was introduced in 2011 resulting in the A458 traffic using Broad Street westbound, the main shopping street, and B4381 Brook Street eastbound.

There are three junctions that lead into Welshpool from the A483 by-pass, these are; Sarn-y-Bryn Caled roundabout at the end of the by-pass south of Welshpool, a roundabout mid-way along the by-pass near to 'The Old Station' in Welshpool and a 'T' junction known locally as 'The Flash' junction at the north side of Welshpool. All three junctions have primary route signage for the A458, the A458 traffic at the Sarn-y-Bryn Caled roundabout and 'The Flash' junction use mostly residential streets while from 'The Old Station' the A458 traffic uses mostly commercial / retail streets.

Concerns have been expressed over pedestrian safety along Broad Street as well as inappropriate driver behaviour through the main shopping area of the town such as speeds and undertaking as well as illegal double parking obstructing traffic lanes.

Development

Powys County Council on behalf of the Welsh Government have investigated potential revisions of the parking layout and widths on Broad Street as part of a parking review undertaken in 2017. This work built on previous work undertaken by Powys County Council, including a review into the one-way system to investigate various concerns raised by traders and residents regarding the gyratory system, and a pedestrian review of the uncontrolled crossing on Broad Street.

The parking review report recommended that Broad Street be reduced to a single lane through the use of road markings to provide a visual narrowing of the carriageway from 'The Cross' signalised junction up to the town hall. In addition the section of road which currently has no on street parking near the town hall would be physically narrowed to 4.5m through the widening of the adjacent footways / paved areas allowing the installation of a 'Zebra' controlled crossing facility to replace an existing uncontrolled crossing point.

As part of the assessment of the one-way system an option for the east end of Brook Street to revert back to two-way was proposed. This would require the removal of the current right turn lane from Union Street into Church Street, resulting in travellers heading towards 'The Cross' signalised junction having to negotiate the one-way system via Church Bank and Mill Lane.

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Proposals

The existing and proposed layouts are shown on the A3 plans included with this document.

Figure 1 – Existing Layout of One-Way System.

Figure 1 shows the current layout of the one-way system in the town centre.

Figure 2 – Overview of the Town Centre Revisions.

There are three main elements to the proposal, these include;

- allowing two-way traffic flow on part of Brook Street,
- narrowing Broad Street to a single lane,
- installation of a Zebra crossing on Broad Street in the vicinity of the town hall.

These are highlighted on Figure 2 to provide an overview of each part and their place within the proposal.

Figure 3 – Brook Street / Jehu Road Junction, Traffic Island Revised.

As part of the two-way traffic flow proposal on Brook Street, the existing traffic / refuge island at the Brook Street / Jehu Road needs to be altered. Figure 3 shows the proposed alterations to the island and road markings in the vicinity of the junction.

Figure 4 – Union Street / Church Street Junction, Traffic Lanes Remodelled.

As part of the two two-way traffic flow proposal on Brook Street, the existing right turn lane from Union Street into Church Street has to be removed. The removal of this lane allows for traffic from Mill Lane to turn into Union Street / Brook Street heading west.

This will result in additional travel as drivers wishing to utilise Church Street from Brook Street / Union Street will have to negotiate the gyratory system of Church Bank then Mill Lane before turning left up Church Street. Figure 4 shows the proposed alterations to the Union Street / Church Street junction.

Figure 5 – Broad Street, Zebra Crossing with Single Traffic Lane.

To address the concerns of traders and residents, Broad Street will be reduced to a single lane of traffic. The road width will be visually reduced to 3.7m adjacent to the on-street parking through the use of road markings. While the section adjacent to the town hall will be physically reduced to 4.5m by widening of the footways / paved areas either side. This footway / pavement widening improves visibility past parked vehicles and will allow a 'Zebra' controlled crossing facility to be installed near to the town hall. Figure 5 shows the proposed alterations to Broad Street.

Figure 6 – High Street / Jehu Road, Footway Widening.

A Road Safety Audit on the pedestrian refuge islands at the High Street / Jehu Road junction was undertaken as part of those improvement works. As part of the audit the auditors raised concerns regarding illegal and inconsiderate parking within the hatched areas adjacent to the islands. To address these concerns the proposal includes widening the footways over the hatched areas to physically reduce the available road width. Figure 6 shows the proposed alterations.

Questionnaire response form

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

Please review the information on the proposal for the revisions to the one-way system in Welshpool's town centre, and let us know what your comments are by **3 December 2018**.

Information on the proposals can either be viewed at the drop-in sessions at the Town Hall on the 14 September and 30 October 2018 or on the website <https://beta.gov.wales/a458-welshpool-town-centre-one-way-system>. If you have any queries on the proposals, the project team at the drop-in sessions will be happy to assist.

The questionnaire 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 welshpooltowncentre@powys.gov.uk

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

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Questionnaire response form

Name and / or
Organisation

Address

Publication of responses

If you would prefer your name and address not to be published, please tick here

1) – How do you use the one-way system? (Select all that are relevant to you).

Local Resident

Local Business Owner

Other Interest, please state

2) – Which mode of transport do you use when you interact with the one-way system? (Select all that are relevant to you).

Pedestrian

Cyclist

Motorcyclist

Driver

Other, please specify

3) - Do you feel that there are safety issues with the existing one-way system?

- Current one-way on Brook Street

Yes

No

- Current two traffic lanes on Broad Street

Yes

No

- Current crossing facilities on Broad Street

Yes

No

If yes please list any safety concerns you have with the existing situation in the box below.

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Questionnaire response form

4) – 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) Proposed two-way on Brook Street.
- b) Proposed reduction to single lane on Broad Street.
- c) Proposed Zebra crossing facility near the town hall.

a) b) c)

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.

5) - If you have any other suggestions or comments please provide them below.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire.