

D59/36 – PROPOSED TRAFFIC ORDER
NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY
BOROUGH COUNCIL

(OFF STREET PARKING PLACES)
(COUNTRY PARKS)
ORDER 2025

STATEMENT OF REASON

The Order is necessary to provide a more consistent approach to parking measures at Country Parks in Neath Port Talbot.

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL CASTELL-NEDD PORT TALBOT**

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NOTICE is given that the Council intends to make an Order under Sections 32, 33, 34, 35 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act of 1984”) and of all other powers them enabling and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 of the Act of 1984, the effect of which is as set out in the Schedules below.

A copy of the draft Order and plan can be inspected on the Council’s Internet Website <https://www.npt.gov.uk/traffic-regulation-orders-tros>.

Any objections should be submitted in writing, setting out the reasons thereof, to reach the Operations Manager, Margam Country Park, Port Talbot, SA13 2TJ by the 18th February 2025.

If you have any further enquiries regarding this Notice, please send your email to: margampark@npt.gov.uk

SCHEDULES

Schedule 1 – Revocation

All existing Off-Street Parking Orders made under the Act of 1984 or Notices made under Section 35c of the Act of 1984 are hereby revoked in so far as they relate to any Car Park specified in the Schedule attached to this Order.

Schedule 2

<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>	<u>Column 3</u>	<u>Column 4</u>	<u>Column 5</u>	<u>Column 6</u>	<u>Column 7</u>	<u>Column 8</u>	<u>Column 9</u>	<u>Column 10</u>
<u>Name of the Parking Place</u>	<u>Date at which the order will come into effect in relation to parking place</u>	<u>Position in which vehicles may wait</u>	<u>Classes of vehicle</u>	<u>Days of Operation of Parking Place</u>	<u>Hours of Operation of Parking Place</u>	<u>Maximum Period for which vehicle may wait</u>	<u>Scale of Charges</u>	<u>Parking Permit</u>	<u>Bands</u>
Margam Park	1 st April 2025	Wholly within a parking bay other than a disabled parking space applies to (i) to (iii) of column 4 herein. Wholly within a parking space applies to (iv) & (v) of column 4 herein.	(i) motor cars within provision of section 136 (2) (a) of the Act (ii) motor cycles as defined in section 136(4) of the Act (iii) motor vehicles constructed or adapted for the use for the conveyance of goods or burden the unladen weight of which does not exceed 1525kg (iv) invalid carriages (v) disabled persons vehicles	Monday to Sunday excluding Christmas day	8.00am to 9pm No overnight stays	10 hours	Car - All Day £8.50 Motorbike - All Day £4.30 Coach - All Day £40.00 Mini Bus - All Day £19.50 *Late arrival £5.50 *Winter - 1st September - Good Friday after 2.30pm *Summer - Good Friday - 31st August after 4pm	£65 per annum All Parks Pass £90 (£7.50 Direct Debit payment option)	N/A
Afan Forest Park Car Park Port Talbot	1 st April 2025	Wholly within a parking bay other than a disabled parking space applies to (i) to (iii) of column 4 herein. Wholly within a parking	(i) motor cars within provision of section 136 (2) (a) of the Act (ii) motor cycles as defined in section 136(4) of the Act (iii) motor vehicles constructed or adapted for the use	Monday to Sunday excluding Christmas day	8.00am to 9pm No overnight stays	10 hours	Up to 1 hour £1.10 Up to 4 hours £2.75 All Day £3.75	£55 per annum All Parks Pass £90 (£7.50 Direct Debit payment option)	N/A

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Gnoll Park Car Park Neath	1 st April 2025	Wholly within a parking bay other than a disabled parking space applies to (i) to (iii) of column 4 herein. Wholly within a parking space applies to (iv) & (v) of column 4 herein.	(i) motor cars within provision of section 136 (2) (a) of the Act (ii) motor cycles as defined in section 136(4) of the Act (iii) motor vehicles constructed or adapted for the use for the conveyance of goods or burden the unladen weight of which does not exceed 1525kg (iv) invalid carriages (v) disabled persons vehicles	Monday to Sunday excluding Christmas day	8.00am to 9pm No overnight stays	10 hours	Up to 4 hours £3.50 All Day £4.50	£65 per annum All Parks Pass £90 (£7.50 Direct Debit payment option)	N/A

DATED 28th JANUARY 2025
M C GRIFFITHS
HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL CASTELL-NEDD PORT TALBOT**

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The Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 32, 33, 34, 35 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act of 1984”) and of all other powers it enabling and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 of the Act of 1984 hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order shall come into operation on the _____ 2025 and may be cited as the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Country Parks) Order 2025.

2. (1) In this Order:-

“Charging Hours” in relation to each Parking Place means the period shown in Columns 5 and 6 of Schedule 1 to this Order;

“Disabled Parking Space” means a Parking Bay or area provided by the Council in a Parking Place for the exclusive use of vehicles driven by or used for the carriage of disabled persons and who are the holders of Disabled Persons Badges, such bays or areas being marked as such;

“Disabled Persons Vehicle” has the same meaning as in The Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (Wales) (Amended) Regulations 2000;

“Disabled Persons Badge” has the same meaning as in The Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Wales) (Amended) Regulations 2000;

“Relevant Position” has the same meaning as in the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Wales) (Amended) Regulations 2000”;

“Driver” in relation to a vehicle waiting in a Parking Place means the person driving the vehicle at the time it was left in the Parking Place;

“Parking Attendant” means a person authorised by or on behalf of the Council to supervise any Parking Place;

“Parking Place” means any Car Park specified by name in Column 1 of Schedule 1 to this Order and shown edged in red on the plans attached and provided by the Council in pursuance of Section 32(1) of the Act of 1984 for use as a Parking Place;

“Parking Bay” means the defined area within which parking is permitted within the Parking Place;

“Transferable Ticket” means a ticket purchased in either a Band “A”, Band “B” or a Band “C” Car Park;

“Band “A” Car Park” means a Car Park specified in Column 10 of Schedule 1 to this Order as being a Band “A” Car Park;

“Band “B” Car Park” means a Car Park specified in Column 10 of Schedule 1 to this Order as being a Band “B” Car Park;

“Band “C” Car Park” means a Car Park specified in Column 10 of Schedule 1 to this Order as being a Band “C” Car Park;

“Parking Ticket Machine” means any apparatus generally or specially approved by the Secretary of State for Wales in accordance with Section 35(3) of the Act of 1984 for the purposes of this Order being apparatus designed to issue a “Pay and Display Ticket” indicating whether the charge referred to in Article 7(1) of this Order has been paid, the time at which it was paid and the expiry time.

“Vehicle” for the purpose of this Order means any vehicle whether or not it is in a fit state for use on roads and includes any chassis or body with or without wheels appearing to form part of such a vehicle and any load carried by and anything attached to such a vehicle;

“Expiry Time” is the time indicated on the Pay and Display Ticket and is the time by which the vehicle must leave the Parking Place.

“Parking Permit” means a parking permit issued by the Council entitling the vehicle to park in the off Street Car Park to which the permit relates.

- (2) Except where otherwise stated any reference in this Order to a numbered Article or Schedule is a reference to the Article or Schedule bearing that number in this Order;
 - (3) The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
3. (1) All existing Off-Street Parking Orders made under the Act of 1984 or Notices made under Section 35c of the Act of 1984 are hereby revoked in so far as they relate to any Car Park specified in the Schedule attached to this Order.

USE OF PARKING PLACE

4. (1) The Car Parks specified by name in Column 1 of Schedule 1 to this Order may be used subject to the following provisions of this Order as a Parking Place for such classes of Vehicles in such manner and on

such days and during such hours as are specified in relation to that Car Park in the said Schedule.

- (2) Insofar as a vehicle is left in a Parking Place during the Charging Hours the Driver thereof shall, subject to Clause 4(3), Clause 4(4) or Clause 4(5) below, pay a charge in accordance with the following provisions of this Order.
 - (3) Where a person has purchased a Transferable Ticket in a Band “A” Car Park as identified in Column 10 of Schedule 1 to this Order, that ticket may be utilised in another Band “A” Car Park provided the time period indicated on that ticket has not expired.
 - (4) Where a person has purchased a Transferable Ticket in a Band “B” Car Park as identified in Column 10 of Schedule 1 to this Order, that ticket may be utilised in another Band “B” Car Park provided the time period indicated on that ticket has not expired.
 - (5) Where a person has purchased a Transferable Ticket in a Band “C” Car Park as identified in Column 10 of Schedule 1 to this Order, that ticket may be utilised in another Band “C” Car Park provided the time period indicated on that ticket has not expired.
5. (1) Where in Schedule 1 to this Order a Parking Place is described as available for Vehicles of a specified class or in a specified position or during specified hours the Driver of a Vehicle shall not permit it to wait in that Parking Place:-
- (a) unless it is a vehicle of the specified class, and
 - (b) is parked in the position specified for such a vehicle, and
 - (c) is parked there only during those hours specified in relation to the vehicle.
- (2) Where within any Parking Place Parking Bays are marked on the ground, Vehicles shall only be parked within such bays and in any other cases Drivers of Vehicles must ensure that they are parked in an orderly manner and so as not to cause any obstruction to any other user of the Parking Place.
 - (3) A Vehicle may only be parked in a Disabled Parking Space where it is driven by or used for the carriage of a disabled person who is the holder of a Disabled Persons Badge which is displayed in the relevant position within the vehicle.
 - (4) The Driver of a Vehicle shall not permit it to wait in a Parking Place for longer than the maximum period permitted for waiting specified in Column 7 of Schedule 1 to this Order in relation to that Parking Place.
 - (5) The Driver of a Vehicle shall not permit it to wait in a Parking Place any longer than the expiry time shown on the Pay and Display Ticket displayed.

- (6) Failure by the Driver to display on the Vehicle a ticket covering the time parked in the Car Park will result in an issue of a Penalty Charge Notice, unless a Parking Permit has been issued by the Council for the Vehicle.
6. The owner of a Vehicle may on application to the Council purchase a Parking Permit in respect of that Vehicle for a charge determined by the Council and that Parking Permit shall be valid in such Parking Places as are specified during the period for which it is issued and no additional charge shall be payable by the Driver of a Vehicle left in a Parking Place to which the said Parking Permit relates.
7.
 - (1) The Driver of a Vehicle using a Parking Place shall on leaving the Vehicle in that Parking Place, subject to Clause 4(3), Clause 4(4) and Clause 4(5) above, pay the appropriate charge in accordance with the Scale of Charges specified in Column 8 of Schedule 1 to this Order.
 - (2) The Charge referred to in paragraph 7(1) shall be payable by the insertion of the appropriate fee into the Parking Ticket Machine provided. Failure to pay the correct Charge will result in the issue of a Penalty Charge Notice.
 - (3) The ticket or tickets issued on payment of the Charge referred to in Paragraph 1 of this Article shall be placed in/on the Vehicle in respect of which it was issued in the following manner:-
 - (a) In the case of a Vehicle fitted with a front windscreen on the near side of and immediately behind the windscreen in such manner so as to allow the time of issue of the ticket to be clearly visible at all times from outside the Vehicle.
 - (b) In the case of a Vehicle not fitted with a front windscreen in a position on the Vehicle where it can easily be read by any Parking Attendant checking that the vehicle has a valid ticket.
 - (4)
 - (a) Where in a Parking Place there is no Parking Ticket Machine in operation the charge referred to in Paragraph 1 of this Article shall be payable to the Parking Attendant on demand.
 - (b) Where in a Parking Place a driver is entitled to 1 hour free parking in accordance with this Order he/she must (in order to park his/her vehicle free of charge for such a period) obtain a valid ticket from the Parking Ticket Machine by inserting the correct registration number for the vehicle using the Car Parking place into the Parking Ticket Machine or obtain a ticket from the Parking Attendant in accordance with paragraph 4 (a) above and attach it to the vehicle as set out in paragraphs 3(a) and 3(b).

- (c) Where in a Parking Place the Parking Ticket Machine requires the insertion of a Vehicle registration number in order to obtain a ticket a driver must ensure that he/she enters the correct Vehicle registration number for the Vehicle using the parking place in order for that ticket to be deemed valid.
- (5) The Driver of a motor Vehicle using a Parking Place shall stop the engine as soon as a Vehicle is in position in the Parking Place and shall not start the engine except when about to change the position of the Vehicle or to depart from the Parking Place.
- (6) No person shall whilst a Vehicle is in a Parking Place:-
 - a. Except with the permission in writing of the Council use the Vehicle in connection with the sale of any article to persons in or near the Parking Place or in connection with the selling or offering for hire of his skill or services or those of others.
 - b. Carry out work of maintenance or repair or the washing down of the Vehicle except when such maintenance or repair is necessary to enable the Vehicle to be moved from that Parking Place.
 - c. Except with the permission in writing of the Council use the Vehicle or permit it to be used for residential or camping purposes.
 - d. Use the Parking Place for eating or cooking purposes.
- 8. The Driver of a motor Vehicle using a Parking Place shall not sound any horn or other similar instrument except when about to change the position of the Vehicle in or to depart from the Parking Place.
- 9. (1) Where a Parking Attendant is of the opinion that any of the provisions contained in Articles 5, 7 and 8 of this Order have been contravened or not complied with in respect of the Vehicle left in a Parking Place he may remove the Vehicle from the Parking Place or cause it to be removed and where it is so removed shall provide for its safe custody.
(2) Where a Vehicle is removed in accordance with the provisions of this Article the Council may recover the reasonable cost of such removal and storage from the Driver or other person claiming the Vehicle.
- 10. Any person duly authorised by the Council or a Police Constable in uniform may move or cause to be moved in case of emergency to any place he thinks fit any Vehicles left in a Parking Place.
- 11. Any person removing or altering the position of a Vehicle by virtue of Articles 9 and 10 above may do so by towing or driving a Vehicle or in such other manner as he may think necessary to enable him to remove it.
- 12. The Driver of a Vehicle whilst it is in a Parking Place shall comply with any instructions given to him by the Parking Attendant as to the manner of waiting of the Vehicle and shall remove the Vehicle from the Parking Place on being required by the Parking Attendant to do so.

13. Nothing in this Order shall prevent the Council by Notice displayed at the Parking Place:-
- (a) from closing the Parking Place or any part thereof for any period whilst any works are being executed therein or whilst the Parking Place or part thereof is required for the use of some special purpose or
 - (b) from setting aside for use only by specially authorised Vehicles any part or parts of the Parking Place on all days or certain days or during certain parts of certain days.
14. No person shall except with the permission of any person duly authorised by the Council drive any Vehicle in the Parking Place other than for the purpose of leaving that Vehicle in the Parking Place in accordance with the provisions of this Order or for the purpose of departing from the Parking Place.
15. No person shall in the Parking Place wantonly shout or otherwise make any loud noise to the disturbance or annoyance of users of the Parking Place or residents of premises in the neighbourhood.
16. No person shall in the Parking Place use any threatening, abusive or insulting language, gesture or conduct with intent to put any person in fear or so as to occasion a breach of the peace or whereby a breach of the peace is likely to be occasioned.
17. No person shall use the Parking Place as a means of passage, proceeding from one road to another road.
18. Where in the Parking Place signs are erected or surface markings are laid for the purpose of:-
- (a) indicating the entrance to or exit from the Parking Place or
 - (b) indicating that a Vehicle using the Parking Place shall proceed in a specified direction within the Parking Place
- no person shall drive or cause or permit to drive any Vehicle:-
- (i) so that it enters the Parking Place otherwise than by an entrance or leaves the Parking Place otherwise than by an exit so indicated or
 - (ii) in a direction other than that specified as the case may be.
19. In the Parking Place no person shall:-
- (a) erect or cause or permit to be erected any tent, booth, stand, building or other structure without the written consent of the Council.
 - (b) light or cause or permit to be lit any fire.

- 20. No unauthorised person shall enter onto the Parking Places except with the intention of passing to or from a Vehicle left in the Parking Place in accordance with this Order.
- 21. No object shall be left in such a manner in the Parking Place so as to cause an obstruction or nuisance to any person lawfully using the Parking Place.

THE COMMON SEAL)
OF THE COUNCIL WAS)
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THE DAY OF 2025)
IN THE PRESENCE OF: -)

PROPER OFFICER