

Car Park Asset Management Plan

Wellbeing Impact Assessment Report

This report summarises the likely impact of a proposal on the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Denbighshire, Wales and the world.

Assessment Number:	271
Brief description:	The development of a Car Park Asset Management Plan
Date Completed:	Version: 0
Completed by:	
Responsible Service:	
Localities affected by the proposal:	Whole County,

IMPACT ASSESSMENT SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Before we look in detail at the contribution and impact of the proposal, it is important to consider how the proposal is applying the sustainable development principle. This means that we must act "in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Score for the sustainability of the approach

Could some small changes in your thinking produce a better result?



(3 out of 4 stars)

Actual score : 17 / 24.

Summary of impact

Wellbeing Goals



A globally responsible Wales	A prosperous Denbighshire	Positive
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language	A resilient Denbighshire	Positive
A Wales of cohesive communities	A healthier Denbighshire	Positive
A more equal Wales	A more equal Denbighshire	Positive
A healthier Wales	A Denbighshire of cohesive communities	Positive
A resilient Wales	A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	Positive
A globally responsible Wales	A globally responsible Denbighshire	Positive
A prosperous Wales		

Main conclusions

The Wellbeing Assessment recognises that better management of our car park assets will have a range of benefits for the local economy, in terms of reduced energy consumption and improved safety within car parks.

THE LIKELY IMPACT ON DENBIGHSHIRE, WALES AND THE WORLD

A prosperous Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The Car Park Asset Management Plan will have a positive impact in terms of reducing carbon emissions and helping to support town centre economies through providing more attractive, secure and better managed car parks.

Positive consequences identified:

Pay and display machines will continue to be solar powered Car Park lighting will be upgraded to LED to reduce energy consumption as and when existing lighting is due for renewal
Better managed car parks will benefit town centre economy through being more attractive, through better information provision and through more modern pay and display machines offering more flexible payment methods such as chip and pin and contactless payments
Well managed car parks can benefit the town centre economy and, therefore, potentially have an indirect positive impact on jobs
Quality car parks are an important element of car-based journeys that visit town centres or attractions

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

Clear prioritisation of car park investment will help to ensure that investment is focussed where it is most needed.

A resilient Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	Better asset management and use of lighting that uses less power will reduce energy consumption and reduce waste, although this positive impact will be reduced by some possible reduction in planted areas.

Positive consequences identified:

Better management of car park assets should maximise the life of assets
Converting existing lighting to LED car park lighting will reduce energy costs

Unintended negative consequences identified:

The proposal could result in the reduction in some planted areas where, for example, it is decided that they're removed to reduce maintenance.

Mitigating actions:

A healthier Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	Improvements to actual and perceived safety (personal security) through better managed car parks that are attractive, well-maintained and secure.

Positive consequences identified:

More attractive and secure car parks will improve both the real and perceived safety for car park users

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

A more equal Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	Car Park AMP will include a review of facilities for those with disabilities in terms of bays, access, gradients etc.

Positive consequences identified:

Reviewing car park assets will include an assessment of facilities for car park users who have a disability. Whilst we know that the provision of disabled parking bays is already good and meets the Department for Transport recommendations, we will also need to consider access issues such as whether pay and display machines are accessible and whether there are any other obstacles in the form of narrow footway widths, lack of dropped kerbs and gradients.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	Better managed car parks should be more visually attractive, through being cleaner, better maintained and having appropriate planting and flower beds. They should also be more secure and therefore improve both the actual and perceived safety of car park users.

Positive consequences identified:

More secure and attractive car parks will help to improve the actual and perceived safety within car parks through better design and CCTV cameras where appropriate. Well-maintained and clean facilities also tend to reduce ASB related crime through the effect of encouraging more usage generally of the car park.

Car parks are obviously an important part of the public realm in our town centres and other popular visitor areas, therefore, their attractiveness contributes to the overall attractiveness of the public realm. Our car parks are often the first impression that many visitors have of our towns which is another reason why their attractiveness is important.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	New signing will all be bilingual Welsh above English, machines uses the Welsh Language by default and work is being undertaken to help car parks complement the tourist offer.

Positive consequences identified:

All new car park signage will be bilingual Welsh above English. Pay and Display machines will operate in Welsh by default, with car park users needing to press the grey button to change the language to English

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We are working with colleagues from Destination Management to look at how car parking provision can complement the tourist offer through measures such as flexible ticketing and more tourist information in car parks.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

A globally responsible Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The Car Park AMP will see investment increase in car parks creating more opportunities for both local and national supply chains

Positive consequences identified:

Local suppliers are often used for car park repair work, for example, local fabricators are used for barrier repairs. The Car Park AMP will increase investment in car parks in a planned manner and will increase work opportunities

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions: