

Blue badge free parking

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.

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| Assessment Number: | 269 |
| Brief description: | Blue Badge holders currently pay the same as other car park users when parking in Denbighshire CC Pay and Display car parks. A scrutiny report has been written to assess whether Blue Badge holders should be allowed to park for free instead. |
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| Responsible Service: | Planning & Public Protection |
| 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 you do more to make your approach more sustainable?

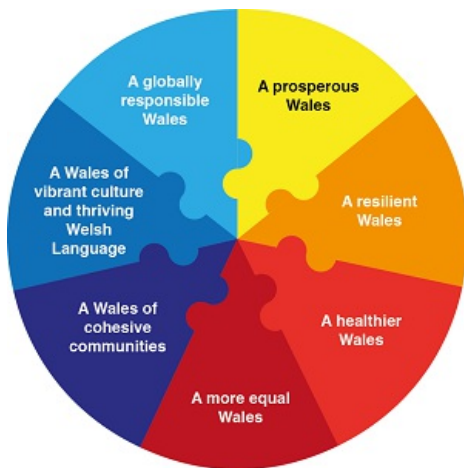


(2 out of 4 stars)

Actual score : 10 / 24.

Summary of impact

Wellbeing Goals



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

Main conclusions

It is not unexpected that the proposal to continue asking Blue Badge holders to pay to park in our car parks will have scored some negative points. However, this is partly mitigated against because allowing Blue Badge holders to park for free would have been likely to significantly increase the occupancy of Disabled Spaces within our car parks, thus reducing their availability for Blue Badge holders.

THE LIKELY IMPACT ON DENBIGHSHIRE, WALES AND THE WORLD

A prosperous Denbighshire

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| Overall Impact | Negative |
| Justification for impact | Removing charges could have had a slightly positive impact by encouraging more blue badge holders to visit town centres although any impact would be fairly negligible. This is listed as negative impact because we are recommending not to implement the free charges |

Positive consequences identified:

Unlikely to have any impact on carbon emissions
Unlikely to have any impact on the creation of quality jobs
Unlikely to have any impact on skills training
No impact likely
No impact likely

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Unlikely to have any impact on carbon emissions
Removal of parking charges for blue badge holders could possibly encourage more shopping trips by Blue Badge holders.
Unlikely to have any impact on the creation of quality jobs
Unlikely to have any impact on skills training
No impact likely
No impact likely

Mitigating actions:

A resilient Denbighshire

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| Overall Impact | Neutral |
| Justification for impact | All these items are not applicable as the tariffs paid by blue badge holders in car parks have no bearing on any of the above. |

Positive consequences identified:

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

A healthier Denbighshire

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| Overall Impact | Positive |
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| Justification for impact | Overall there is likely to be a slightly positive impact from not introducing free parking for blue badge holders because such a step is likely to increase instances of all day parking in some pay and display disabled bays, thereby, reducing availability and access. |
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Positive consequences identified:

Unlikely to have any impact
 Unlikely to have any impact
 Unlikely to have any impact

Free parking for blue badge holders could reduce the availability of blue badge spaces in certain locations, especially as it would allow blue badge holders for unlimited time.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Unlikely to have any impact
 Unlikely to have any impact
 Unlikely to have any impact

Mitigating actions:

A more equal Denbighshire

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| Overall Impact | Negative |
| Justification for impact | Overall there, the costs that will continue to be paid by blue badge holders outweigh the benefit of continuing to ensure that spaces are readily available |

Positive consequences identified:

Not providing free parking ensures that disabled spaces in car parks will continue to be available, as free parking for blue badge holders could have reduced availability especially at busy times

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Free parking for Blue Badge holders could have saved money for those Blue Badge holders would currently pay for parking in car parks
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Mitigating actions:

A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

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| Overall Impact | Neutral |
| Justification for impact | No impact of any of these categories |

Positive consequences identified:

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

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| Overall Impact | Neutral |
| Justification for impact | No impact of any of these categories |

Positive consequences identified:

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

A globally responsible Denbighshire

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| Overall Impact | Neutral |
| Justification for impact | No impact for any of these issues |

Positive consequences identified:

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions: