



Car Park Investment Plan: Well-being Impact Assessment Report

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

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Brief description: 5 year investment plan for Denbighshire CC managed public car parks (not including Countryside Services car parks).

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Localities affected by the proposal: Whole County,

Who will be affected by the proposal? Car park users, retailers and tourist operators

Was this impact assessment completed as a group? Yes

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

2 out of 4 stars

Actual score : 24 / 36.

Summary for each Sustainable Development principle

Long term

The purpose of the Car Park Investment Plan is to ensure that investment in our car parks is prioritised to ensure most the effective and efficient use of limited available funding. The Plan is intended to ensure that a strategic approach is taken to ensure that works are prioritised where they are most needed.

Prevention

Consideration will be given to the recycling of planings, and use of recycled resurfacing materials.

Integration

The proposal contributes towards the Connected Denbighshire theme. This is because well-maintained and well-managed car parks are an important part of the transport network.

Collaboration

The Investment Plan is based on the existing condition of our car park assets, with prioritised according to that condition.

Involvement

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The Draft Car Park Investment Plan is to be considered and discussed by Communities Scrutiny Committee.

Summary of impact

Well-being Goals	Overall Impact
A prosperous Denbighshire	Positive
A resilient Denbighshire	Neutral
A healthier Denbighshire	Neutral
A more equal Denbighshire	Neutral
A Denbighshire of cohesive communities	Positive
A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	Neutral
A globally responsible Denbighshire	Positive

Main conclusions

It is important that we continue to maintain our car parks to keep them safe, clean, tidy and welcoming to use. Whilst national transport policy gives a higher priority for modes of transport other than the car, private car use will continue to play an important role in a predominantly rural county like Denbighshire. Effective, well-managed car parks are important for the local economy especially in terms of retail and tourism.

The likely impact on Denbighshire, Wales and the world.

A prosperous Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

The Plan involves taking a proactive approach to optimise investment in our car parks.

Further actions required

Submit annual business case for Traffic and Parking Block Capital so that Capital Scrutiny Group has the opportunity to scrutinise proposed car park spend.

Positive impacts identified:

A low carbon society

Within the lifespan of the previous Car Park Investment Plan, we introduced Electric Vehicle Charging Points in a total of 12 of our public car parks. We are currently at the stage of evaluating the usage of those existing EV charging points before deciding upon the introduction of any further charging points.

Quality communications, infrastructure and transport

Safe, secure, clean, tidy and well-managed car parks are an important part of infrastructure for many car-based trips, especially trips to town centres and tourist attractions.

Economic development

Well-managed car parks are important for town centre retail. A regular turnover of parking spaces ensures availability of spaces. A failure to maintain car parks effectively can negatively impact perceptions and the visitor experience.

Quality skills for the long term

Not applicable

Quality jobs for the long term

Not applicable

Childcare

Not applicable

Negative impacts identified:

A low carbon society

Modern national transport policy prioritises sustainable modes of transport such as active travel and passenger transport. In large towns and cities, transport policy can sometimes involve reducing the number of available parking spaces to encourage greater use of other modes of transport. We are not proposing to take that approach because we recognise that Denbighshire is predominantly rural, meaning that many people are dependent upon the private car.

Quality communications, infrastructure and transport

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Economic development

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Quality skills for the long term

Not applicable

Quality jobs for the long term

Not applicable

Childcare

Not applicable

A resilient Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Neutral

Justification for impact

There are fairly even mix of positive and negative impacts above.

Further actions required

Consider use of permeable paving solutions for the Lower Barkby Beach Car Park.

Consider rain water gardens in some car parks, providing that any features provided are very low maintenance.

Positive impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment

Not applicable - The Car Park Investment Plan is not likely to increase biodiversity in the natural environment.

Biodiversity in the built environment

We do not have any immediate plans to increase the amount of green infrastructure in our car parks under these proposals. However, this is something that could be considered, and could also help to reduce the amount of impermeable areas.

Reducing waste, reusing and recycling

The potential to recycle car park surface planings, and to use recycled materials for new surfacing will be considered.

Reduced energy/fuel consumption

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People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity

The Car Park Investment Plan will not impact upon people's awareness of the environment

Flood risk management

Generally, the Car Park Investment Plan is not likely to increase the amount of impermeable surfacing within our car parks, the only exception to this is the Lower Barkby Beach Car Park.

Negative impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment

Not applicable - The Car Park Investment Plan is not likely to increase biodiversity in the natural environment.

Biodiversity in the built environment

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Reducing waste, reusing and recycling

Despite any potential use of recycled materials, resurfacing car parks is still likely to result in the production of some waste products.

Reduced energy/fuel consumption

Additional fuel will be consumed using construction plant to resurface the car parks, and for other construction works

People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity

The Car Park Investment Plan will not impact upon people's awareness of the environment

Flood risk management

We are considering proposals to resurface the car park at Lower Barkby Beach in Prestatyn. The

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current surface is unbound and permeable.

A healthier Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Neutral

Justification for impact

The Car Park Investment Plan is not applicable to the majority of these.

Further actions required

Not applicable.

Positive impacts identified:

A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being

Not applicable. The Car Park Investment Plan will not contribute towards health and well-being.

Access to good quality, healthy food

Not applicable. The Car Park Investment Plan will not contribute towards access to good, healthy food.

People's emotional and mental well-being

Not applicable. The Car Park Investment Plan will not contribute towards people's emotional and mental well-being.

Access to healthcare

Maintaining car parks well, may have a positive impact on access to healthcare in some cases, for example, any car parks that are the best location for parking to access healthcare, will assist if they are well-maintained i.e. feel safe, secure, are well-lit and free of potholes and other trip hazards.

Participation in leisure opportunities

Not applicable. The Car Park Investment Plan to people's participation in leisure opportunities.

Negative impacts identified:

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Access to healthcare

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Participation in leisure opportunities

Not applicable. The Car Park Investment Plan to people's participation in leisure opportunities.

A more equal Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Neutral

Justification for impact

The Car Park Investment Plan is intended to ensure that car parks are well-maintained, and to avoid situations (such as potholes, loose handrails or uneven surfaces) that could be potential barriers to

people with impaired mobility.

Further actions required

Ensure effective inspection regimes, reporting of problems and effective prioritisation of works.

Positive impacts identified:

Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation

If car parks are not maintained well, then they could potentially have a negative impact upon people with impaired mobility as this could make areas of the car park inaccessible. Having a Car Park Investment is therefore more likely to have a positive impact in this regard.

People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage

Not applicable. The Car Park Investment Plan will not impact upon this.

People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes

Not applicable. The Car Park Investment Plan will not impact upon this.

Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage

Not applicable. The Car Park Investment Plan will not impact upon this.

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Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage

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A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

The Car Park Investment Plan will help contribute towards safety, connected communities and the attractiveness of an area.

Further actions required

Ensure Investment Plan is used as basis of Block Capital bid and progress is reviewed against it regularly.

Positive impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals

Well-maintained car parks are more likely to feel safe, i.e. lighting and CCTV (where provided) is working effectively, surfaces are maintained, car parks are kept tidy and not overgrown.

Community participation and resilience

The Car Park Investment Plan is not applicable to this.

The attractiveness of the area

Whilst people do not visit an area to view its car parks, there is no doubt that badly-maintained car

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parks can create a negative perception for an area. Often, within a car park will be the first time where a brand new visitor to an area sets foot on the ground.

Connected communities

Well-maintained car parks are an important part of transport infrastructure.

Rural resilience

The Car Park Investment Plan is not likely to impact upon rural resilience.

Negative impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals

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Community participation and resilience

The Car Park Investment Plan is not applicable to this.

The attractiveness of the area

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Connected communities

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Rural resilience

The Car Park Investment Plan is not likely to impact upon rural resilience.

A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Overall Impact

Neutral

Justification for impact

The Car Park Investment is not likely to have an impact upon Welsh language usage or promotion, not Welsh culture and heritage.

Further actions required

Not applicable

Positive impacts identified:

People using Welsh

Not applicable - the Car Park Investment Plan is not likely to impact upon usage of the Welsh language.

Promoting the Welsh language

All Car Park signage will be provided in accordance with the Welsh Language Standards i.e. Bilingual Welsh above English. The smartphone app we use, PayByPhone, also has a Welsh Language version available.

Culture and heritage

Not applicable - the Car Park Investment Plan is not likely to impact upon Welsh culture and heritage.

Negative impacts identified:

People using Welsh

Not applicable - the Car Park Investment Plan is not likely to impact upon usage of the Welsh language.

Promoting the Welsh language

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Culture and heritage

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Not applicable - the Car Park Investment Plan is not likely to impact upon Welsh culture and heritage.

A globally responsible Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

Use of local supply chains and suppliers. Encouraging use of EVs through providing charging points in our car parks.

Further actions required

Consider availability of local contractors and suppliers when procuring work and equipment.

Positive impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains

Local contractors and suppliers will be used wherever possible, subject to compliance with Contract Procedure Rules.

Human rights

Not applicable to human rights

Broader service provision in the local area or the region

Not applicable

Reducing climate change

We will use LED lighting when lighting is being upgraded. 98% of our Pay and Display machines use solar power. We have existing EV charging points in our car parks, and will consider providing more where there is demand, and where it is financially viable.

Negative impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains

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Human rights

Not applicable to human rights

Broader service provision in the local area or the region

Not applicable

Reducing climate change

Well-maintained car parks do not contribute directly to encouraging greater use of active travel modes and passenger transport.