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1.	<p>From: Resident, North Parade, Carmarthen</p> <p>(i)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One way plan will double the traffic using both streets • Disabled access/Increased difficulty in access to private garage on property • Abuse of current parking arrangements outside property • Residents were inadequately informed of the proposed planning condition to introduce the one way scheme 	<p>Response:</p> <p>(i)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reasons for introducing a one way traffic system on North Parade and The Avenue is to create a new vehicular access to facilitate the conversion of the Grade II listed former infirmary building in the interest of creating a circuitous traffic flow system along North Parade and The Avenue. The introduction of a one way system would enhance road safety by reducing the potential for traffic conflicts. • The comment related to vehicular access is addressed in Point (ii) below. • North Parade is patrolled on a daily basis (Mon. to Sat.) by the Civil Enforcement Officers who patrol the controlled residents parking zone [C4]. • The planning application to redevelop the infirmary site [Ref. W/25480] planning was subject to the statutory consultation procedures.
	<p>(ii)</p> <p>We realise the development will increase population and traffic in the area, due to increased residency and consequential need for car access/parking in the vicinity. We have concerns how this have a direct impact on my mother's access to her property and garage. My mother has a property near the Priory Street end of North Parade, with integrated garage, directly opposite to Infirmary. Due to current narrowness of road (North Parade) and pavements on both sides it is difficult even now to access the garage with the car. It is possible if the car approaches from the Avenue end of North Parade. When returning home, the driver has to stop the car in the street in order to open garage door, drive in car using two or three manoeuvres, this temporary hold up to oncoming traffic unavoidable and necessary.</p> <p>The proposal to introduce a one way system along the Avenue and North Parade will increase traffic, and the hold up of traffic will increase be worse when accessing the garage.</p> <p>Since the property was built, nearly 30 years ago, there has been an existing turning circle in and out of my mother's property. If the one way</p>	<p>(ii)</p> <p>There is an access protection marking in front of the garage serving the property in question. This access marking extends to protect an alley way between the property and a neighbouring property.</p> <p>The garage in question is located 20m from the junction of North Parade with Priory Street.</p> <p>Given the extent of this access protection marking it is considered that there is a sufficient turning arc for a passenger car vehicle to turn into the garage.</p> <p>The distance between the garage and junction with Priory Street provides a holding length of carriageway for two passenger car vehicles to wait, in the event that a vehicle is turning into the garage.</p>

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	<p>system is directed to come from Priory Street down North Parade, traffic turning into North Parade will encounter this 'turning circle' directly at the narrow entrance of North parade, which is already a blind bend. This will increasing the hazard to drivers and pedestrians.</p> <p>The car using the garage will have to stop right at the entrance to North Parade in order to open the garage, and drive in. Negotiating the car into the garage from this angle and direction will be much more difficult for the driver. It will also hold up the increased traffic.</p> <p>My mother has already successfully requested, and had alterations made to the space outside her house to allow for wheelchair access. Space either side of the garage has been increased to allow access to the garage. There is currently one disabled bay next to the property.</p> <p>This space is already abused by cars parking, frequently blocking access indirectly and right in front of the garage. Recently a car parked across the garage door for two days, and was only removed after contacting the police.</p>	
(iii)	<p>The planning condition /decision to introduce the one way scheme was allegedly agreed to three years ago was, but residents were inadequately informed. The planning condition only considered the new entrance to the infirmary, and did not take the whole street into consideration. At no point was my mother consulted about the implication for access to her property.</p>	<p>(iii)</p> <p>The planning application to redevelop the infirmary site [Ref. W/25480] planning was subject to the statutory consultation procedures.</p> <p>The plans included in the planning submission [Ref. W 25480, OLD INFIRMARY, PRIORY STREET, CARMARTHEN, CARMARTHENSHIRE] indicate the implementation of a one way system along North Parade, drawing 'Site Plan 1:200 @ A1' refers: - http://planning.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/AnitePublicDocs/52658285.pdf</p>
(iv)	<p>There is already inadequate parking provision for the new complexes in the area, which are still being advertised as having parking facilities.</p> <p>Residents in North Parade and the Avenue will be further inconvenienced by the abuse of the current parking arrangements.</p>	<p>(iv)</p> <p>At the front of the former infirmary building, the existing trees will be removed and the area will become a car park providing 13 new spaces for residents. In order to achieve the maximum number of parking spaces the existing access adjacent to the junction with North Parade will be stopped up. The existing car park serving the flats to the rear of the Infirmary (Hafan Tywi) will be accessed via a new access from North Parade and the current vehicular access will be closed. The number of parking spaces at this car park will remain the same where two parking spaces are removed but are proposed to be replaced at other locations within the car park.</p>

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2.	<p>From: Hafan Tywi Residents Association Hafan Tywi, The Parade, Carmarthen, Sa31 1LW</p> <p>(i) We are also extremely concerned about the new entrance that is to be created into North Parade. We have been told that the roadway from the Hafan Tywi car park will be 1 in 6 and this will remove at least 8 parking spaces from the car park. According to our lease (reference 2.9), the removal of any parking spaces during any development should only be on a temporary basis and not permanent.</p> <p>(ii) The wall along North Parade (which by out understanding is listed) is going to be reduced. Why then is the developer allowed to desecrate it?</p> <p>(iii) A number of disabled residents need their vehicles for mobility and therefore it will be essential for them to have a car parking space. They will find it extremely difficult to walk (as was suggested at the planning meeting) to the Priory Street or St Peters car parking areas.</p> <p>(iv) There are no pavements in North Parade and this should be given priority as this road is used by elderly persons living in Ty Rhos on foot, using walking aids and mobility scooters and mothers with push chairs. An accident waiting to happen!!</p> <p>(v)</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>(i) The existing car park serving the flats to the rear of the Infirmary (Hafan Tywi) will be accessed via a new access from North Parade and the current vehicular access will be closed. The number of parking spaces at this car park will remain the same where two parking spaces are removed but are proposed to be replaced at other locations within the car park.</p> <p>(ii) The boundary wall adjoining North Parade is not listed in its own right but forms part of the listing of the former infirmary building as a whole. The Listed Building Consent report states that "most of the proposed works will be harmful to the character of the listed building but the implementation of the proposed works should now be the quickest way to save the great building and secure its future use". The status of the former infirmary building and associated boundary treatment as a listed structure was considered in determining the planning application to re-develop the site.</p> <p>(iii) Hafan Tywi is located within the controlled residents parking zone C4. Disabled blue badge holders may park in a residents parking bay for an unlimited period with a valid blue badge on display.</p> <p>(iv) There is a footpath linking Hafan Tywi to Priory Street along the south side of the former infirmary building. A request to provide a new pavement along North Parade was logged on the Highway and Transport Division's Road Safety Improvement and Footway Programme (capital projects) on the 6th April 2016. The criteria for assessment, selection and prioritisation of highway improvement projects was approved by the County Council's Executive Board on the 14th Nov. 2011.</p> <p>(v)</p>

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	<p>If the Council proceeds with the one-way system in North Parade have they considered the great increase in the through traffic. There will be traffic to the Orthodontist, Integra (Mental Health residents needing extra care), Ty Rhys and the Church. Numerous carers, Doctors etc are needed already for Ty Rhys.</p>	<p>A vehicle count undertaken on North Parade during the morning peak hour [07:45 to 08:45] observed a total traffic flow of 31 vehicles over the morning peak hour. The proposed new entrance onto North Parade is required to serve the parking area to the rear of Hafan Tywi (23 spaces). The proposed one way system will offer the benefit of introducing a circuitous traffic route for North Parade and The Avenue and will reduce the potential for traffic conflicts.</p>
(vi)	<p>What about the emergency services, have they been consulted.</p>	<p>(vi) The Fire, Police and Ambulance services were notified about the proposed one way system on the 18th March 2016. The Roads Policing Unit and NHS Wales Ambulance Locality Officer did not reply. The Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service provided the following statement: - “We have no objections to this proposal as long as the parking is monitored so that a fire appliance can proceed without delay.”</p>
(vii)	<p>We do however feel that this consultation is a complete waste of time and it is a ‘fait accompli’ that the proposed road (with a drop of 1 in 6) will be constructed from the car park of Hafan Tywi into North Parade and the one-way system will be introduced. We would request that during the eight week period when the road way will be under construction that there will be a temporary foot path for pedestrians, calming measures for the fast flowing traffic in North Parade and permission to park on the Zone Areas during this period of time when parking will be prohibited in the main car parking areas.</p>	<p>(vii) The proposal to introduce a one way system along North Parade and The Avenue, Carmarthen requires the County Council to make a new traffic regulation order. The County Council has complied with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, the statutory procedure to be adopted by the Council for making permanent order. Objections from statutory bodies to the proposed one way traffic order were considered by the Executive Board Member for Technical Services on the 26th May 2016: - ONE WAY TRAFFIC RESTRICTION ON NORTH PARADE AND THE AVENUE, CARMARTHEN http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/s6180/SUMMARY.pdf http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=174&MId=520&Ver=4 A statutory public notice inviting objection to the one way system for North Parade and The Avenue was published in the local press on the 28th September 2016. The notice was displayed on North Parade and The Avenue. A copy of the notice was issued to the Secretary of the Hafan Tywi Residents Association on the 3rd Oct. '16. Roadworks on a public highway must be undertaken in accordance with Chapter 8 of</p>

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		<p>the Traffic Signs Manual [Traffic Safety Measures and Signs for Road Works and Temporary Situations : Part 2 Operations], with due regard for the safe passage of pedestrians.</p> <p>A request to allow residents of Hafan Tywi to park in the controlled residents parking zone [C4] for the duration of any works to create a new vehicular entrance onto North Parade is to be considered at a site meeting between the local Members of the County Council (Carmarthen South Ward) and a Traffic Engineer on the 1st Nov. '16.</p>
3.	<p>From: Apartment, Hafan Tywi, The Parade, Carmarthen, SA31 1LW</p> <p>(i) We are all elderly folk living in Hafan Tywi regularly using that gate with our walking aids to get into cars and taxis. Also, a crossing for residents who park their cars in the car parks opposite. Many residents depend on taxis for town and hospital appointments. We are all in our 70's, 80's and 90's. If it becomes a one-way system we will experience great difficulties especially as there will not a pavement for pedestrians. Even now, I am very nervous about walking through the gate. Please put a pavement there for us all, otherwise I am convinced that in the not too distant future there will be a fatality.</p> <p>(ii) Opposite is Elm Lodge, now, I believe being turned into a home for Mentally Handicapped Children. There are allotted car park spaces opposite the gate and when cars and vans were parked there, only one side of the road was being used – MINE. Cars were passing only inches from the gate entrance. An accident waiting to happen – extremely dangerous.</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>(i) There is a footpath linking Hafan Tywi to Priory Street along the south side of the former infirmary building.</p> <p>A request to provide a new pavement along North Parade was logged on the Highway and Transport Division's Road Safety Improvement and Footway Programme (capital projects) on the 6th April 2016. The criteria for assessment, selection and prioritisation of highway improvement projects was approved by the County Council's Executive Board on the 14th Nov. 2011.</p> <p>The proposed one way system will offer the benefit of introducing a circuitous traffic route for North Parade and The Avenue and will reduce the potential for traffic conflicts.</p> <p>(ii) The Council's Enforcement/Monitoring Officer confirmed on the 24th March 2016 that the works being undertaken on Elm Lodge are refurbishment only. The Council's Principle Building Control Surveyor also confirmed that the Planning held no records of a Building Regulations Application for this property.</p>
4.	<p>From: Letter from 24 apartments of Hafan Tywi, The Parade, SA31 1LW</p> <p>(i) I / We am also extremely concerned about the new entrance that is to be created into North Parade. I have been told that the roadway from the</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>(i) The existing car park serving the flats to the rear of the Infirmary (Hafan Tywi) will be accessed via a new access from North Parade and the current vehicular access will be</p>

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	<p>(ii) A number of disabled residents need their vehicles for mobility and therefore it will be essential for them to have a car parking space. They would be unable to walk (as was suggested at the planning meeting) to the Priory Street or St Peters car parking areas.</p>	<p>(ii) Hafan Tywi is located within the controlled residents parking zone C4. Disabled blue badge holders may park in a residents parking bay for an unlimited period with a valid blue badge on display.</p>
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	<p>(iv) If the Council proceeds with the one-way system in North Parade have they considered the great increase in the through traffic. There will be traffic to the Orthodontist, Integra (Mental Health residents needing extra care), Ty Rhys and the Church. Numerous carers, Doctors etc are needed already for Ty Rhys.</p>	<p>(iv) A vehicle count undertaken on North Parade during the morning peak hour [07:45 to 08:45] observed a total traffic flow of 31 vehicles over the morning peak hour. The proposed new entrance onto North Parade is required to serve the parking area to the rear of Hafan Tywi (23 spaces). The proposed one way system will offer the benefit of introducing a circuitous traffic route for North Parade and The Avenue and will reduce the potential for traffic conflicts.</p>
	<p>(v) I am also concerned for (a resident of North Parade) who is blind and will lose her parking altogether.</p>	<p>(v) Should a one way system be introduced on North Parade, and a vehicular entrance be created on North Parade to the rear of the Hafan Tywi apartment complex, the existing residents parking bay will be curtailed by a length equivalent to two passenger car vehicles. Should the one way system be introduced it will be feasible to create an additional residents parking bay (capable of holding one passenger car vehicle) on North Parade. Within the controlled residents parking Zone C4 (that includes North Parade) a new residents parking bay (capable of holding two passenger car vehicles) is</p>

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		<p>to be introduced on The Parade in December 2016: - COUNTY OF CARMARTHENSHIRE (CARMARTHEN) (WAITING RESTRICTION AND STREET PARKING PLACES) CONSOLIDATION ORDER (VARIATION NO. 15)</p>
	<p>(vi) What about the emergency services, have they been consulted.</p>	<p>(vi) The Fire, Police and Ambulance services were notified about the proposed one way system on the 18th March 2016. The Roads Policing Unit and NHS Wales Ambulance Locality Officer did not reply. The Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service provided the following statement: - “We have no objections to this proposal as long as the parking is monitored so that a fire appliance can proceed without delay.”</p>

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	<p>(vii) My personal worry is if we had a fire would fire engines manage to enter through the gap in the wall. Removal vans would also have great difficulty.</p>	<p>(vii) The creation of a vehicular entrance, serving the parking area to the rear of the Hafan Tywi apartment complex, onto North Parade is feasible only if the street is made into a one way system (to overcome sightline constraints). It will be necessary also to curtail the length of the residents parking bay by a length equivalent to two passenger car vehicles in order to achieve a sufficient turning circle into and out of the proposed vehicular entrance. It is for this reason that the one way traffic order is proposed.</p>
5.	<p>From: Resident of Hafan Tywi, The Parade, Carmarthen, SA31 1LW</p> <p>(i) Residents are greatly concerned that extending the sides of the Hospital and the new entrance off North Parade will considerably reduce the number of parking spaces. Residents are already experiencing problems parking their cars as there are insufficient car parking spaces to accommodate the cars owned by residents of Hafan Tywi. When the 19 new flats are completed, open to all ages, this problem will be exacerbated. Currently, car owners are using their vehicles as little as possible as they live in trepidation of not finding a parking space on their return.</p> <p>(ii) As Dorian Davies has commandeered the upper car park off North Parade (near the cottages) and to some extent some parking spaces in the main car park, to help ease this concern should Mr McEvoy issue some temporary Road Parking Licences as a minimum during this disruptive time.</p> <p>(iii) Concerns that planning permission was granted in the first place to close the entrance from Priory Street. However, if and when the entrance from Priory Street is sealed off and the new entrance created off North Parade this will create a number of Health and Safety issues. There are not sufficient pavements areas for pedestrians, mothers pushing prams or mobility scooter users. Residents of Hafan Tywi take their lives into</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>(i) The decision to grant planning permission to redevelop the former infirmary site balanced on the whether the harm to the Listed Building, and the deficiency in car parking was outweighed by the retention of as much of the listed building as possible, and significant improvement to the building and the Conservation Area.</p> <p>(ii) A request to allow residents of Hafan Tywi to park in the controlled residents parking zone [C4] for the duration of any works to create a new vehicular entrance onto North Parade was considered at a site meeting between the local Members of the County Council (Carmarthen South Ward) and a Traffic Engineer on the 1st Nov. '16. Disabled badge holders with a valid blue badge may park for an unlimited period in the controlled residents parking bay Zone C4.</p> <p>(iii) There is a footpath linking Hafan Tywi to Priory Street along the south side of the former infirmary building. A request to provide a new pavement along North Parade was logged on the Highway and Transport Division's Road Safety Improvement and Footway Programme (capital projects) on the 6th April 2016. The criteria for assessment, selection and prioritisation of highway improvement projects was approved by the County Council's Executive</p>

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	<p>their own hands when stepping directly on to North Parade from the side entrance gate. (A resident of an apartment) has suffered since birth with Cerebral Palsy and therefore the matters regarding Health and Safety are naturally of great concern to her.</p>	<p>Board on the 14th Nov. 2011. The proposed one way system will offer the benefit of introducing a circuitous traffic route for North Parade and The Avenue and will reduce the potential for traffic conflicts.</p>
(iv)	<p>According to the plans that were passed by C.C.C., because of the difference in the height of the car park to North Parade the slip road that will be created will need to be a gradient of 1 in 20. Having consulted with engineers, this will mean that almost the entire parking areas will be lost. This needs to be thoroughly re-examined before the construction work commences.</p>	<p>(iv) The existing car park serving the flats to the rear of the Infirmary (Hafan Tywi) will be accessed via a new access from North Parade and the current vehicular access will be closed. The number of parking spaces at this car park will remain the same where two parking spaces are removed but are proposed to be replaced at other locations within the car park.</p>
(v)	<p>Concerns that the valuation of the properties in North Parade will be affected with the introduction of the one-way system and the removal of the permit parking.</p>	<p>(v) The proposed one way system will offer the benefit of introducing a circuitous traffic route for North Parade and The Avenue and will reduce the potential for traffic conflicts. Disabled badge holders who reside in Hafan Tywi may park for an unlimited period (with a valid badge on display) in the controlled residents parking scheme bounding the south east and north east boundary of Hafan Tywi.</p>
(vi)	<p>Have the following been advised for their consideration: Fire Brigade: Ambulance: Police: Bin collections.</p>	<p>(vi) The Fire, Police, and Ambulance services were notified about the proposed one way system on the 18th March 2016. The County Council's Environmental Controller (Refuse) was notified about the proposal at a site visit on the 22nd April 2016.</p>
(vii)	<p>Both adjoining roads + Penuel Street – will experience a huge increase in the through traffic. The West of 'The Avenue', all along 'The Parade' to its end –will also be affected. Traffic to the Orthodontist, Integra (Mental Health residents needing extra care living in the newly converted Elm Lodge), Residents of Ty Rhys and the Church. To date, no one has received notice. Numerous carers, Doctors etc. are needed already for Ty Rhys and Hafan Tywi. Also, with Integra taking over Elm Lodge, more professional people will need to visit these patients. Residents of 'The Avenue' and North Parade are extremely concerned about their parking yet no-one had received notice of the</p>	<p>(vii) A vehicle count undertaken on North Parade during the morning peak hour [07:45 to 08:45] observed a total traffic flow of 31 vehicles over the morning peak hour. Should a one way system be introduced on North Parade, and a vehicular entrance be created on North Parade to the rear of the Hafan Tywi apartment complex, the existing residents parking bay will be curtailed by a length equivalent to two passenger car vehicles. Should the one way system be introduced it will be feasible to create an additional residents parking bay (capable of holding one passenger car vehicle) on North Parade. Within the controlled residents parking Zone C4 (that includes North Parade) a new residents parking bay (capable of holding two passenger car vehicles) is to be introduced on The Parade in December 2016: -</p>

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	impending changes. Rhian Evans, living in Ty'r Du, who is blind, will lose parking altogether. How will she manage when no-one can pick her up from outside her door?	COUNTY OF CARMARTHENSHIRE (CARMARTHEN) (WAITING RESTRICTION AND STREET PARKING PLACES) CONSOLIDATION ORDER (VARIATION NO. 15)
(viii)	It has become noticeable that since the opening of the Mosque and the Halal Shop that parking is becoming an increasing problem, particularly as Lidl has clamped down on parking in their car park by imposing fines for non-users of their store. The Take-Away businesses are already suffering loss of revenue.	(viii) North Parade and Priory Street are town centre locations where public car parks are available with dedicated bays for the disabled and Blue Badge holders can park in residents parking zones.
(ix)	Highways Authority – surely there should be some form of consultation with Mr McEvoy, Head of Transport?	(ix) Mr. J. McEvoy of the Council’s Traffic Management section and Cllr. Alun Lenny (local Member for Carmarthen South Ward) met with representatives of the Hafan Tywi Residents Association on the 26 th Feb. 2016 to explain the proposed one way scheme and address questions.
(x)	As Council Tax payers we should receive individual notices as part of the consultation process	(x) There is no statutory requirement to distribute the draft public notice to individual properties. A copy of the notice was issued to the Secretary of the Hafan Tywi Residents Association on the 3 rd Oct. '16. In response the Secretary issued the following response on the 3 rd Oct. '16: - “Good Morning Many thanks for your email with all the relevant information regarding the proposed changes to the traffic flow in North Parade. I will ensure that this information is brought to the attention of the Residents' Association at a meeting to be held on Wednesday evening.”
(xi)	Mrs Metcalf (Apartment 17 – ground floor flat next to the front entrance) has a number of concerns. a) Is the slip road going to extend a considerable distance into the existing car park? b) What will happen either side of the new entrance? Will the area in front of her apartment become marooned on its own, like a little island above the new entrance to the site?	(xi) a) The slip road is to be constructed at a gradient of 1:20. b) Two existing parking spaces adjoining the boundary will be removed to facilitate the construction of the slip road. The number of parking spaces in the car park is to remain the same where the two parking spaces to be removed are to be replaced at other locations within the car park. c) Concerns about potential social hazards should be directed to the Carmarthen

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	<p>c) The security of the building will be in question. The area is going to be 'vulnerable' to non-residents with the open entrance from North Parade. The side entrance is now already open to abuse by people using the car park as a short cut to Lidl and elsewhere.</p> <p>d) Will the existing gateway and steps be removed?</p>	<p>town centre Neighbourhood Policing Team.</p> <p>d) The existing pedestrian gate and access steps are to be retained.</p>