

ROADSIDE PARKING

There are probably two options: creating Byelaws or creating an 'off-street' order.

BYELAWS

The process to create these is similar to creating a traffic order, ie carry out a public consultation and site notice; provide a committee report and, if it obtains the committee's approval, seal the order (in this case the Welsh Government).

Enforcement: The wording of the order would include something like: " Any person offending against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale." This refers to the penalty system by the magistrates' court, with level 2 equivalent and a penalty of up to £500. However, the enforcement process means that a Council officer has to take pictures of the motorhome first; collect vehicle owner details through DVLA and then prepare a court statement. This would need to be done for all vehicles - a time consuming and expensive process.

OFF-STREET ORDER

Spaces that are clearly the main areas of misuse or where complaints are received can be registered as parking spaces and an off-street order can be created. Enforcement and sanctions would then be the same as for normal car parks whereby a parking enforcement officer placing a ticket on the window and issuing a penalty on the basis of waiting for longer than the time permitted. A parking order would need to be made and appropriate signage placed on site. We already have similar signs in Barmouth but they need permission from the Welsh Government.

We are currently only targeting vehicles that are clearly motorhomes on our Car Parks. Whilst tackling the obvious problem, ie. vehicles that look like campers, we may have problems enforcing other vehicles such as van conversions. According to the DVLA a motor caravan is clearly defined and any compliant vehicle is registered as a motorhome on the V5 document, so the parking warden may need to make further inquiries with the DVLA database before issuing a ticket some times.

It is suggested that a No Waiting Order be granted indicating times when Parking will not be allowed on site so that any vehicle illegally Parking can be issued a ticket.