

Report of Director of Placemaking, Decarbonisation and Engagement

Subject: Traeth Mawr / Newport Sands – update on outcome of changes to Beach Access by Vehicles, Public Engagement and Next Steps

Purpose of Report

This report provides an update to Members on the outcome of changes to beach access by vehicles at Traeth Mawr introduced in 2023. The report also sets out the results of a public engagement exercise undertaken in 2023. Finally, the report seeks Member support for an identified project to deliver enhancements at Traeth Mawr and for approval to progress with a planning application for those enhancements.

Introduction/Background

On 9th May 2023 the National Park Authority purchased Traeth Mawr with the aim of improving the natural environment and beach safety by making the area car-free. At the same time the number of disabled spaces were doubled from three to six and beach wheelchair access was increased. This report provides an update on the feedback of the first full summer and autumn season of those operational changes.

Between 23/10/2023 and 20/11/2023, the Authority also ran an online public consultation regarding the future of Traeth Mawr. The outcome of that is presented in this report.

Finally, the Authority has a result of both the monitoring of that first year's experience and the feedback from the public developed a specific project plan to improve the physical fabric at Traeth Mawr. This project aims to deliver an enhanced public experience which is significantly more accessible, alongside improvements which will deliver a more resilient physical environment with biodiversity gains. Approval is sought from Members to progress this project to the planning and delivery stage.

Operational feedback

In the initial weeks immediately following the Authority's purchase, the volume of vehicles driving and parking on the beach declined dramatically reflecting the motorists response to a 'soft management approach' of public messaging and in situ signage only. Prior to the start of the summer season proper, that soft approach was bolstered by the installation of physical barriers at both slipways. Those barriers remain in place with the effect that since mid-summer 2023, vehicle access onto the

beach has been limited to authorised vehicles for essential operational purposes only.

During this same period the capacity of the formalised car park that PCNPA operate immediately above the beach has accommodated parking demand with no evidence of displaced parking on surrounding land due to lack of available capacity within the existing car park.

Public Engagement Outcomes

The full results of the public consultation are set out in Annex 1 of this report. In total 107 responses were received in both English and Welsh. Of these the majority of respondents accessed Traeth Mawr weekly and were local residents, however responses were also received from those who accessed Traeth Mawr less frequently (4 who never visited) and included responses from those who resided outside Wales.

An overview of comments is provided here:

Traeth Mawr is a unique landscape that has a special place in the heart of both locals and tourists.

There is evident anger that access to the beach has been stopped for vehicles as well as praise for this decision. Parking fees and alternative public transport options and bike facilities is a current barrier for public access.

There is a theme that current access for the disabled population is not where it needs to be with investment needed for a variety of mobility equipment, parking options, changing places toilets and changing/ cleaning facilities.

Sewage is another concern for many in relation to the impact on health and enjoyment of the coast.

There is a mixed picture in relation to praise for dog access as well as concerns regarding dog management and cleanliness.

The Authority has considered these responses in drawing up a specific project for Traeth Mawr, seeking to use funding available as part of the Special Landscapes Special Places fund.

Project proposal

The Authority has developed a project proposal to enhance the existing car park at Traeth Mawr, to replace and upgrade the existing toilet block and provide an enhanced facility including a Changing Places area. Updated drainage facilities will be provided as part of these changes.

Additional changes proposed include permeable surfaces in the overflow car park, improved ramps to access the beach and 3 permanent beach wheelchair storage areas. Enhanced landscaping and appropriate planting are also proposed to deliver net biodiversity benefits.

An indicative layout is provided in Annex 2. Please note precise details may be amended prior to planning application stage, depending on further technical survey results.

Financial considerations

Current income (financial year 2023/24) from parking at Traeth Mawr is £25,548.

The Authority as part of its wider two-year financial contributions to Pembrokeshire County Council to support public conveniences will be paying approximately £14.6k a year for Traeth Mawr for two years. It is anticipated that some of the capital works programmed will assist in reducing the annual revenue costs associated with running the facility if a more sustainable foul drainage solution and options such as small scale solar PV panels can be incorporated as part of the design.

Anticipated costs associated for the project are in the region of £330 - £350k – this includes ramp improvements to the beach, design costs, capital improvements including toilets, changing places provision and changes to the car park surfaces in the overspill area as well as landscaping and biodiversity improvements. Precise costs will not be identified until further investigation works have concluded.

The Authority has secured grant funding to meet the above outlined costs.

Risk Considerations

As the project is fully grant funded, the financial risks are considered low. In responding to identified priorities from a public engagement the Authority considers it has developed a proposal that should meet public requirements.

PCNPA has liaised with PCC with regards to the public toilet and changing places specification and PCC Officers are supportive of the approach proposed.

Compliance

The proposal seeks to improve facilities and broaden access at the same time as delivering nature gains – this is in accordance with National Park priorities.

Human Rights/Equality issues

In advance of purchase of Traeth Mawr/Newport Sands an equality impact assessment was completed as part of an integrated assessment on implementation of new management practice at Traeth Mawr to stop the practice of Beach Parking (following purchase of dunes and beach). One area of impact identified as part of the assessment was on access considerations for particular groups, in particular reasonable adjustment considerations and potential impacts on disabled people.

One of the recommended actions from the assessment was to monitor complaints in relation to implementation of new management decision, including any detrimental impacts on people with disability related access needs. It was also recognised that there was a wider data/engagement gap in terms of engagement with beach wheelchair and mobility users and wider consultation with stakeholders and community.

The Authority developed an engagement Survey titled ‘What do you want for the future of Traeth Mawr (Newport Sands) to ensure access for all? The survey was circulated in English and Welsh. Survey was live between 23/10/2023– 20/11/2023, 107 responses were received. 14 responses were received from people identifying as I am a Carer. 11 responses were received from people identifying as I have a physical disability/ mobility issues. 1 response was received from person identifying as I have additional learning needs. 10 responses were received from people identifying as I have young children, 65 responses were received from people identifying as I do not have additional needs impacting on accessing the outdoors, 4 selecting Other and one left blank.

Broad themes from response to question - What would make Traeth Mawr more accessible to you? (please note that cars returning to the beach will not be a consideration) are captured in table below.

Topic	Response Themes
General layout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • less gravel surfaces. • improved information boards • better toilets / toilet facilities/ changing places • changing facilities • better steps • ramp incline to beach, • picnic benches • shelter (trees) • removal of metal barriers and rock • access to BBQ/ fire pits • beach camping
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle routes & cycle racks • Public transport and buses • Footpath
Car park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increased parking • disabled parking bays on both the left and right for café access and beach view options • Lower local fees prices • Extend length of free parking.
Drop off access.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests have been made in relation to beach drop offs for horses and boats.
Outdoor mobility equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues raised regarding awareness off the equipment, type and access all year.
Dogs access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog behaviour management and cleanliness is a repeating issue.
Cleanliness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewage, pollution and litter • Dog mess

The public engagement in Autumn 2023 highlighted opportunities of improving facilities further at Traeth Mawr in particular around removing barriers to access faced by disabled people at the site. SLSP Grant funding is available to support a specific project at Traeth Mawr which would deliver many of the improvements highlighted as desirable by the public consultation.

In response the Authority has developed a project proposal which includes enhanced facility including a Changing Places area, improved ramps to access the beach and 3 permanent beach wheelchair storage areas.

The Authority's approach has also been informed by best practice reports:

- Best practice highlighted within the Mae Murray Foundation, [Adapt My Beach Report](#) on How to create manage, sustain and improve an Inclusive Beach (May 2023)
- [By All Reasonable Means, Least restrictive access to the outdoors](#) – NRW (May 2017)

Biodiversity implications/Sustainability appraisal

Nature conservation gains are inbuilt into the design and include significant additional landscaping and planting. The provision of elements such as e bike charging opportunities will also contribute to the wider sustainability of the scheme.

Welsh Language considerations

Public engagement was undertaken bilingually and any new signage/ further projects will also be undertaken in accordance with the Authority's welsh language standards.

Wider implications

A public consultation will take place as part of Planning application processes.

Conclusion

Initial roll out of the Traeth Mawr changes took place in 2023 and whilst a mixed public response has been received, many people have welcomed the improved tranquillity on the beach and the improved safety resulting from the area being car free. Disabled parking has been increased and the PCNPA inclusion team have liaised directly with residents who had specific access needs in relation to beach wheelchair provision.

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Recommendation:

Members are asked to note the feedback from the public engagement undertaken so far. They are asked to support the project identified to improve facilities at Traeth Mawr and to support its progression to planning and delivery stage.

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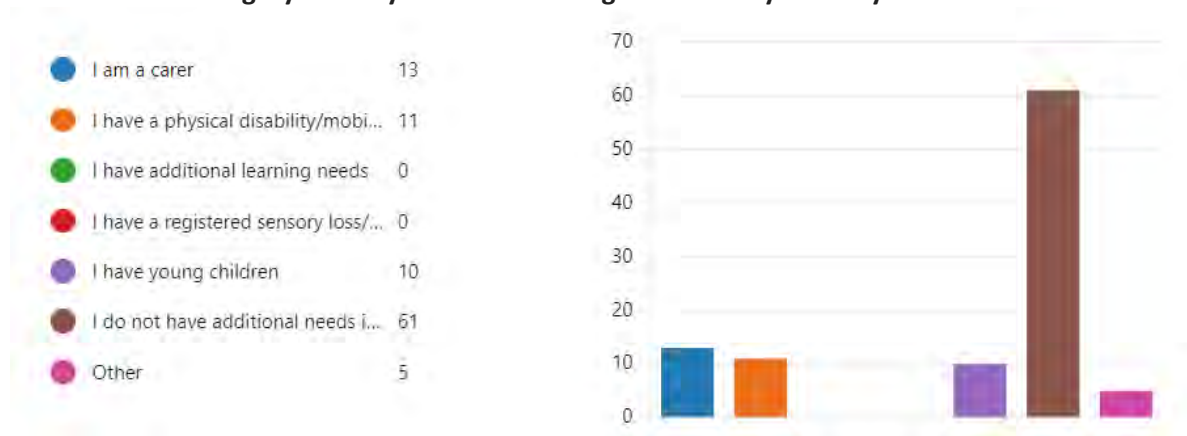
Consulted/engaged with (internal and/or external stakeholders): Jess Morgan, Andrew Muskett, Gary Meopham, Libby Taylor, Angela Robinson, Mair Thomas.

What do you want for the future of Traeth Mawr (Newport Sands) to ensure access for all?

The survey was circulated in Cymraeg and English. Survey was live between 23/10/2023–20/11/2023, 107 responses were received. This report combines the responses from the Cymraeg and English results. I have pulled out the themes and specific quotes for the purpose of overview however all responses are at the end of the report as an addendum.

There are comments for and against parking on the beach these have not been included in the report as set out in the initial consultation.

1. Which category would you consider being relevant to your daily life

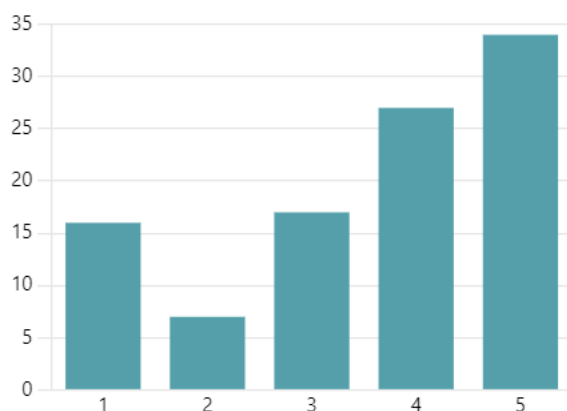


+ 1 I am a Carer.

+1 I have additional Learning needs.

+4 I do not have additional needs.

2. How easy do you currently find being able to enjoy Traeth Mawr beach?



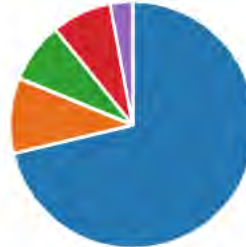
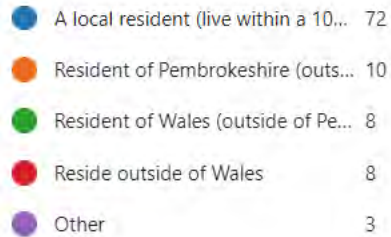
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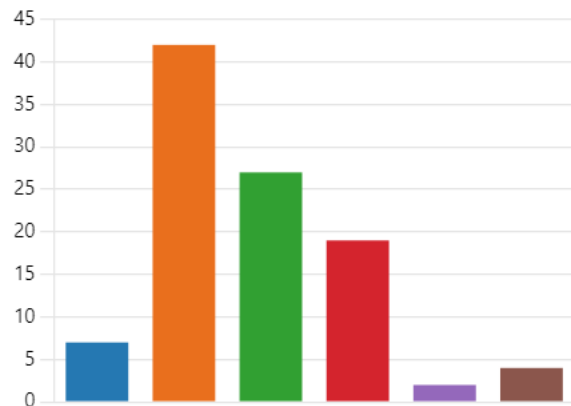
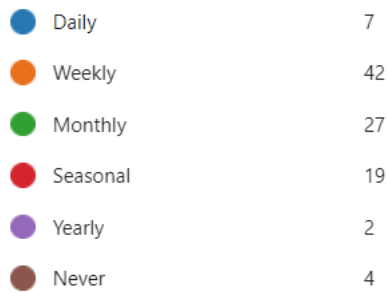
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3. Do you consider yourself



+6 local residents

4. How often do you visit Traeth Mawr?



+1 Daily

+2 Weekly

+3 Monthly

5. What would make Traeth Mawr more accessible to you? (please note that cars returning to the beach will not be a consideration) (91 responses)

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6. What do you like about visiting Traeth Mawr, that it is important for us to know?

Comment	Response
Wide open space, flat sand, coastal path	
Availability of toilet facilities	
Vicinity to home	
Facilities café/ restaurant	
Nature/ habitat / variety	
tranquillity	
Swimming, surf, water activities	
Dog access	
Feels safe	

7. What discourages you from visiting Traeth Mawr?

Themes	Response
Cost of parking, and overcrowding	
Sewage	

Dog management and mess	
Alternative access to beach parking	
Poorly maintained toilet facilities	
Access to beach mobility equipment and changing places facilities	

8. Additional comments

Repetitive theme of sewage pollution, parking charges, appropriate access for people with disabilities, slopes. Car parking layout and quantity.

Overview

Traeth Mawr is a unique landscape that has a special place in the heart of both locals and tourists.

There is evident anger that access to the beach has been stopped for vehicles as well as praise for this decision. Parking fees and alternative public transport options and bike facilities is a current barrier for public access.

There is a theme that current access for the disabled population is not where it needs to be with investment needed for a variety of mobility equipment, parking options, changing places toilets and changing/ cleaning facilities.

Sewage is another concern for many in relation to the impact on health and enjoyment of the coast.

There is a mixed picture in relation to praise for dog access as well as concerns regarding dog management and cleanliness.

It is worth reading the comments in the addendum for more details as this report is only intended to highlight themes.

Addendum – All Comments in full

1) CYMRAEG

5.

Beth fyddai'n gwneud Traeth Mawr yn fwy hygyrch i chi (noder na ystyrir gadael i geir ddychwelyd i'r traeth)

4 responses4Responses

ID	Name	Responses	Language
1	anonymous	Llai o geir	English (United Kingdom)
2	anonymous	Gwahardd cŵn yn ystod misoedd yr haf	English (United Kingdom)
3	anonymous	Gan na wnaeth Parc Cenedlaethol Sir Benfro geisio nac ystyried fy marn i ynghylch gwahardd ceir rhag cael mynediad i'r traeth, dydw i ddim yn gweld pam y dylwn i barchu geiriad y cwestiwn hwn. Er cyfiawnder cymdeithasol, er twristiaeth, er llesiant, llwyddiant a ffyniant y boblogaeth, y busnesau a'r economi leol, dylid gwyrddroi'r penderfyniad esgeulus, di-hid ac annemocrataidd hwn ar unwaith ac ailagor y traeth i gerbydau. Gwnes i erioed ethol neb i fwrdd Parc Cenedlaethol Sir Benfro ac felly does gan neb ar y bwrdd hwnnw'r hawl i feddwl na gwneud penderfyniadau ar fy rhan nac ynghylch agweddau ar fy mywyd a bywyd fy nheulu sy'n tarfu ar ein llesiant a'n mwynhad o'n milltir sgwâr. DYLID AILAGOR Y TRAETH I GERBYDAU A SICRHAU BOD Y TAI BACH CYHOEDDUS YN AROS AR AGOR (HEB GUDDIO Y TU ÔL I ESGUSODION FEL "CYNGOR SIR PENFRO SY'N GYFRIFOL AM DAI BACH CYHOEDDUS"). Ddylai e ddim bod yn ormod i ofyn i'r Parc a'r cyngor gydweithio er lles defnyddwyr y traeth, yn enwedig o ystyried faint o arian sydd gan y Parc o gymharu â'r cyngor.	English (United Kingdom)
4	anonymous	Gwahardd cwn o rai ardaloedd o'r traeth. Dim tâl neu ostyngiad i bobl leol.	English (United Kingdom)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
			Kingdom)

7.
Beth sy'n eich rhwystro rhag ymweld â Thraeth Mawr?
4 responses4Responses

ID	Name	Responses	Language
1	anonymous	Dim byd	English (United Kingdom)
2	anonymous	Cŵn, baw cŵn, glendid y dŵr - carthion yn arllwys i'r môr	English (United Kingdom)
3	anonymous	O ganlyniad i gau'r traeth i gerbydau, mae llai o le i barcio. Mae fy mab yn awtistig a byddai aros am fws cyhoeddus yn peri iddo wylltio, a gwneud bywyd yn ddiflas i weddilly teulu. Mae ganddo OCD ac ers cau'r tai bach cyhoeddus dydyn ni ddim wedi gallu ymweld â'r traeth oherwydd dyw e ddim yn gallu glanhau ei ddwylo. Dw i'n teimlo bod codi tâl i barcio yn rhwystr hefyd.	English (United Kingdom)
4	anonymous	Gormod o gŵn , y tâl	English (United Kingdom)

8.
Sylwadau ychwanegol Cyflwyno
2 responses2Responses

ID	Name	Responses	Language
1	anonymous	Heb y ceir ma'n nefoedd ar y ddaer	English (United Kingdom)
2	anonymous	Mae Traeth Mawr, yr holl gyfleusterau cyfagos, y trefniadau cadwraeth, y rhyddid i gerbydau fynd i'r traeth, a'r meysydd parcio i gyd wedi bod yn rhan o gydbwysedd cadarnhaol, iach a chynaliadwy sydd wedi bodoli ers degawdau. Fel trigolyn a threthdalwr lleol, rwy'n casáu ac yn anfodlon iawn ar y ffaith bod y Parc (fel bron pob sefydliad cyhoeddus yn Nghymru) yn ymddangos yn awyddus i wrando ar bobl drwy ymgynghoriad fel hwn ac yna'n chwynnu allan yr ymatebion nad ydynt yn gweddu i'r cynlluniau dan sylw. Gellir rhagweld ac mae'n anochel y bydd unrhyw adroddiad a gaiff ei gyhoeddi ar sail canfyddiadau'r ymgynghoriad yn hepgor fy sylwadau i a'u tebyg. OND ETO, DWI'N BERSON GOBEITHIOL AC EFALLAI, EFALLAI Y TRO HWN BYDD PARC ARFORDIR SIR BENFRO YN MYND YN GROES I'R DISGWYL, YN GWRANDO AR FARN Y BOBLOGAETH LEOL (Y MAE'N HONNI	English (United Kingdom)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
		EI FOD YN EI PHARCHU) AC YN MYND ATI'N WIRIONEDDOL AC YN DDIFFUANT I WEITHREDU O BLAID AC ER LLES Y BOBLOGAETH HONNO. CAWN WELD ...	

2) CYMRAEG translated

5.

What would make Newport Sands more accessible to you (please note that allowing cars to return to the beach will not be considered)

4 responses [4 Responses](#)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
1	anonymous	Fewer cars	English (United Kingdom)
2	anonymous	Prohibiting dogs during the summer months	English (United Kingdom)
3	anonymous	As Pembrokeshire National Park did not seek nor consider my opinion on prohibiting access for cars to the beach, I don't see why I should respect the wording of this question. For social justice, for tourism, for the wellbeing, success and prosperity of the local population, businesses and economy, this careless, reckless and undemocratic decision should be overturned immediately and the beach should be reopened for vehicles. I never elected anyone to the Pembrokeshire National Park board, therefore no one on that board has the right to think or make decisions on my behalf nor decisions regarding aspects of my life or my family's life that have a harmful effect on our wellbeing and our enjoyment of our local area. THE BEACH SHOULD BE REOPENED TO VEHICLES AND IT SHOULD BE ENSURED THAT THE PUBLIC TOILETS REMAIN OPEN (WITHOUT HIDING BEHIND EXCUSES, SUCH AS "PUBLIC TOILETS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PEMBROKESHITE COUNTY COUNCIL"). It shouldn't be too much to ask that the Park and the council work together for the benefit of beach users, especially considering how much money the Park has compared to the council.	English (United Kingdom)
4	anonymous	Prohibiting dogs from parts of the beach. A discount or no charge for local people.	English (United Kingdom)

7.

What prevents you from visiting Newport Sands?

4 responses [4 Responses](#)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
1	anonymous	Nothing	English (United Kingdom)
2	anonymous	Dogs, dog excrement, state of the water – sewage being released into the sea	English (United Kingdom)
3	anonymous	As a result of closing the beach to vehicles, there's less space to park. My son is autistic, and waiting for a public bus would cause him to get angry and make life miserable for the rest of the family. He has OCD, and since the public toilets were closed we haven't been able to visit the beach because he cannot wash his hands. I feel that charging for parking is also a barrier.	English (United Kingdom)
4	anonymous	Too many dogs, the charge.	English (United Kingdom)

8.

Additional comments Submit

2 responses [2 Responses](#)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
1	anonymous	It's heaven on earth without the cars.	English (United Kingdom)
2	anonymous	Newport Sands, all the facilities nearby, the conservation arrangements, the freedom for cars to access the beach, and the car parks, have all been part of a positive, healthy and sustainable balance that has existed for decades. As a local resident and taxpayer, I'm very unsatisfied and hate the fact that the Park (like almost every other public organisation in Wales) appears eager to listen to people through a consultation like this one, and then discards all the responses that don't align with proposed plans. It can be foreseen, and it is inevitable, that any report that is published based on the findings of this consultation, will omit my comments and similar comments. HOWEVER, I'M A HOPEFUL PERSON AND MAYBE, MAYBE THIS TIME PEMBROKESHIRE COAST PARK WILL PLEASANTLY SURPRISE ME, WILL LISTEN TO THE VIEWS OF THE LOCAL POPULATION (WHICH IT CLAIMS TO RESPECT) AND WILL ACTIVELY AND GENUINELY ACT IN SUPPORT OF, AND IN THE INTEREST OF, THAT POPULATION. WE'LL SEE...	English (United Kingdom)

3) ENGLISH

5.

What would make Traeth Mawr more accessible to you? (please note that cars returning to the beach will not be a consideration)

91Responses

ID	Name	Responses	Language
1	anonymous	better parking, less gravel surfaces, less standing water and flowing water. More pay and display and better information boards. better toilets, better steps or ramp to beach, more picnic areas needed.	English (United Kingdom)
2	anonymous	Improve the toilet facilities. Create a separate dog area or ban dogs during the busy summer months. Deal with the sewerage overflow having a massive impact on safe use of the beach after heavy rainfall.	English (United Kingdom)
3	anonymous	No charge/reduced charge for a season ticket for locals (within a 10 mile radius). Perhaps a similar system, in this regard, to whitesands	English (United Kingdom)
4	anonymous	It's fine	English (United Kingdom)
5	anonymous	It is easy ! Plenty of parking.	English (United Kingdom)
6	anonymous	Nothing.	English (United Kingdom)
7	anonymous	Cheaper parking' it should be free for residents. Cleaner water!	English (United Kingdom)
8	anonymous	Nothing i can think of	English (United Kingdom)
9	anonymous	More Public Transport	English (United Kingdom)
10	anonymous	Clear the rubbish seaweed that contains dog muck.	English (United Kingdom)
11	anonymous	Happy as it is. Also delighted that cars returning to beach is not a consideration as I was worried that was where this questionnaire was going!	English (United Kingdom)
12	anonymous	Ferry from Parrog	English (United Kingdom)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
13	anonymous	My preferred method of transport is to cycle and there is cycle parking in the car park. In reality, I have visited by car more often carrying friends or relatives and have no problem with the current facilities in this regard.	English (United Kingdom)
14	anonymous	More parking in high season.	English (United Kingdom)
15	anonymous	Somewhere to sit indoors	English (United Kingdom)
16	anonymous	No access issue for me personally.	English (United Kingdom)
17	anonymous	My grandparents loved going to the beach as it was the only beach in Pembrokeshire they could access and walk on because it is so flat and they did not have to navigate any ramps or rocky slipways because they could step out of the car onto the flat surface of the sand. The only solution I can see short of creating a flat access area level with the sands is to have some kind of wheelchair availability.	English (United Kingdom)
18	anonymous	A sign to say fill in any holes you dig tourists they're lethal to dog walkers and the elderly!	English (United Kingdom)
19	anonymous	Stop allowing sewerage to mar the best beach in North Pembrokeshire	English (United Kingdom)
20	anonymous	Transport	English (United Kingdom)
21	anonymous	Disabled spaces on both sides not just on right side car park The access to beach needs to be better More seats	English (United Kingdom)
22	anonymous	I am in my 70s, and it is a 35 min brisk walk to the beach. So it takes quite a lot of time and energy to get there and back (and will become more challenging as I get older). I would like to use it a lot more by being able to take my car (EV) and park free, or with a reasonable season ticket charge.	English (United Kingdom)
23	anonymous	I LOVE the fact that there are no cars on the beach, don't change it back. Better (meaning more frequent) public transport would be good. A covered area to use for changing for when it's very rainy but you want to swim would be amazing	English (United Kingdom)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
24	anonymous	More parking and more passing spaces	English (United Kingdom)
25	anonymous	As long as my disabled partner can use his mobility scooter so that we can walk our dog together that would be the ideal	English (United Kingdom)
26	anonymous	Nothing. Happy with access	English (United Kingdom)
27	anonymous	I walk there so have no problem accessing Traeth Mawr	English (United Kingdom)
28	anonymous	Switchback gentle slope Better quality toilets	English (United Kingdom)
29	anonymous	It is fine as it is	English (United Kingdom)
30	anonymous	Happy as it is.	English (United Kingdom)
31	anonymous	I usually cycle and need secure bike parking. Occasionally used Poppit Rocket to arrive, then walk the coastal path home to Moylegrove. Don't think that's still an option and not sure about fflecsi. Very glad that cars returning to beach is not being considered.	English (United Kingdom)
32	anonymous	Extend the free parking time to 1 hour	English (United Kingdom)
33	anonymous	Less pollution	English (United Kingdom)
34	anonymous	Being able to bring dogs on beach like in Poppit	English (United Kingdom)
35	anonymous	You will need a bigger car park then...	English (United Kingdom)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
36	anonymous	Create some dog free areas to reduce impact of poor dog management on children. I'd struggle to count the number of times dogs have spoilt a day on the beach - stealing food, jumping on kids, stealing balls, dog mess etc. Provide some free parking passes to the local surf life saving club who all volunteer to support kids in the local community stay safe and respect the beach.	English (United Kingdom)
37	anonymous	Please don't remove the public loos - we use them on every visit.	English (United Kingdom)
38	anonymous	We are perfectly capable of walking to the beach, but for those who can't you need better public transport and car parking.	English (United Kingdom)
39	anonymous	the car park is very large and the beach is easily accessible from it	English (United Kingdom)
40	anonymous	Ability to launch a boat then return car to car park	English (United Kingdom)
41	anonymous	All ok	English (United Kingdom)
42	anonymous	Better toilet facilities for regular and people with additional needs. Beach wheelchairs available. Remove the metal barrier and the big rock from the beach access.	English (United Kingdom)
43	anonymous	Still being able to drive on beach and readily accessible beach wheelchair all year round.	English (United Kingdom)
44	anonymous	cars returning to the beach.	English (United Kingdom)
45	anonymous	Increasing accessibility by reconsidering returning parking of cars is so important. Having a one- row policy	English (United Kingdom)
46	anonymous	Footpath along the access road	English (United Kingdom)
47	anonymous	All cars back on the beach. Anything else takes away my rights of access to the sea.	English (United Kingdom)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
			Kingdom)
48	anonymous	Proper Wheelchair access from the Iron bridge to the beach and carpark. Ensure appropriate suitable wheelchairs and suitable on site hoist. Proper changing room facilities shower and changing disabled bench.	English (United Kingdom)
49	anonymous	Lower parking fees	English (United Kingdom)
50	anonymous	Proper accessible access, proper safe wheelchairs with five point harness plus recliner option with proper footplates with straps. Changing facilities with shower hoist and changing bench for disabled use only.	English (United Kingdom)
51	anonymous	Nothing now	English (United Kingdom)
52	anonymous	Larger car park, more even access at bottom of both slip lanes, better/bigger/more frequent public transport even if it's a Newport-Beach shuttle	English (United Kingdom)
53	anonymous	To be able to launch a boat there, of which my family has done for over 50 years. Why is cars returning not a consideration? How rude!	English (United Kingdom)
54	anonymous	You say I can't say it, but it's the obvious and important point - cars returning to the beach. Absolutely no need to have banned them in the first place.	English (United Kingdom)
55	anonymous	More parking spaces in high season	English (United Kingdom)
56	anonymous	Parking to match the capacity that was available previously when cars could park on the beach. Additional shuttle bus services from Newport during the high season. Vehicle access for boat owners to launch & recover boats and off beach space for the towing vehicles and trailers.	English (United Kingdom)
57	anonymous	Nothing. You have removed all possibility of me gaining access	English (United Kingdom)
58	anonymous	Well that's the consultation over . an unelected body has made a woke decree based on a falsehood . normal procedure for this rabble .	English (United Kingdom)
59	anonymous	Return of the facility to park on the beach to enable access for disabled and young children plus elderly people	English (United

ID	Name	Responses	Language
			Kingdom)
60	anonymous	More free out of season parking	English (United Kingdom)
61	anonymous	You obviously know how a lot of people would answer this question by not taking answers on accessibility for cars.	English (United Kingdom)
62	anonymous	Ok as it is	English (United Kingdom)
63	anonymous	Cars returning to the beach! I find it very difficult to carry what I need down onto the beach if I am going to stay for more than a short while.	English (United Kingdom)
64	anonymous	Ensuring that horses and horse and carriages can still access the beach. They have been doing so for many years and it is a great training ground for young horses away from traffic but meeting the public.	English (United Kingdom)
65	anonymous	Ramp with a gradient of less than 1 in 10	English (United Kingdom)
66	anonymous	Allowing horse and carriage on the beach, as I can't walk the same distance	English (United Kingdom)
67	anonymous	A better slope from the disabled car parking spaces to the beach. Perhaps the slope could be made wider and less steep. My elderly mother uses a walker to negotiate the slope, and it's a bit steep near the bottom. Perhaps a resting area halfway would be useful too, just somewhere to pause and get your breath back without getting in the way of other people using the slope. I don't think I'd attempt it with the wheelchair.	English (United Kingdom)
68	anonymous	Access for carriage drivers	English (United Kingdom)
69	anonymous	I understand that cars are unable to access the beach now.....but as an older horsewoman who cannot ride now for health reasons, I drive my pony & Newport Beach was always a safe place to go. By preventing cars with a physical barrier, carriages are also stopped. As a member of both The British Driving Society & Secretary of Cymru Carriage Club, with appropriate Public Liability Insurance, being able to park up & drive safely & considerately, is SO valuable. Yet another off-road opportunity lost, unless we are catered for.	English (United Kingdom)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
70	anonymous	I understand that access by horse and carriage may be removed or limited. I disagree if this is the case. I understand that there may need to be some limitations during the peak holiday season that may involve limiting access by horse and carriage to off-peak hours. Beyond this, I think this is a limitation on the beach that would be unacceptable, particularly based on the long history of horses using the beach. Please consider all users when making any decisions.	English (United Kingdom)
71	anonymous	Preventing touts from trying to change extra on bank holidays. Restrictions on dog walking.	English (United Kingdom)
72	anonymous	Lack of parking creates an issue. Not enough space to justify the number of vehicles/cars using the site. If you can't park on the beach, adequate provision must be made offsite. Vehicular access needed to get to the beach. Been using the beach on our holidays to Newport for circa 40 years, will now look to go elsewhere which result in a loss on income for the surrounding area	English (United Kingdom)
73	anonymous	More and wider parking spaces for those with disabilities, is a beach wheelchair available there?if not it should be	English (United Kingdom)
74	anonymous	Mobility wheelchair for relatives.	English (United Kingdom)
75	anonymous	Free or reduced parking for Pembrokeshire residents, or extend the free parking time to one hour instead of 30mins	English (United Kingdom)
76	anonymous	Free parking to pembrokeshire residents. More disabled parking. More spacious toilet cubical (have to touch toilet seats with legs to shut the door). Changing rooms to prevent people changing in toilets and getting everything wet and being in there a long Time. New seating is great, allows me to take in the view even on a bad day, however, there are not enough to accommodate need. People not watching their dogs and therefore not picking up after them is problematic. Probably need more dog waste bins to encourage owners not to dump full poo bags. It would be nice to be able to get over the estuary from the beach. Enabling better access from campsites and to do accessible walk to bridge. Clean seas. Public litter picking facilities and not allowing sewage into sea.	English (United Kingdom)
77	anonymous	Parking charges reduced and allowing card payment. The pay by phone is ridiculous as there is no signal	English (United Kingdom)
78	anonymous	I drive a small pony & carriage & would definitely visit Traeth Mawr if access was gauranteed. I didn't realise the beach was a safe place to drive	English (United Kingdom)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
		until one of the locals told me recently. There would have to be parking for a car & trailer or small lorry as well.	Kingdom)
79	anonymous	Being able to get sailing dinghy onto beach- new bollard is just too narrow, it's a safe beach for children to sail from and all it needs is to be able to wheel a little boat on a trolley- no car needed. Taking this facility away from us all is so detrimental. The slipway at parrog involves parking in a crowded car park, and then some treacherous conditions to get a dinghy out of the estuary-not suitable for children.	English (United Kingdom)
80	anonymous	Free parking and more parking space. Ability to drop my husband and a chair off on the sand with my vehicle so that he can enjoy the beach again as he finds it difficult to walk on sand	English (United Kingdom)
81	anonymous	More sources of shade. Trees ideally.	English (United Kingdom)
82	anonymous	Regular shuttle bus from newport in holidays to reduce traffic or a need for larger car park. The carpark can be too small in peak season but I would hate to see it get larger	English (United Kingdom)
83	anonymous	Free parking for national park residents. Parking maybe at top of hill or a short walk away or more parking near the iron bridge.	English (United Kingdom)
84	anonymous	extend the free parking from 30 mins to an hour	English (United Kingdom)
85	anonymous	Disabled parking near the beach - which is reserved for disabled people. Often find that spaces are taken by people who are not displaying a blue badge	English (United Kingdom)
86	anonymous	I have no issue with the current access.	English (United Kingdom)
87	anonymous	Allowing access to me and my carriage driving pony	English (United Kingdom)
88	anonymous	I do not think anything needs to be done. I agree 100% with banning cars from the beach - we may get the golden sands back that used to be there. Cars are dangerous for families and animals on a beach.	English (United Kingdom)
89	anonymous	additional car parking space, though not necessarily an extension on the existing site. Improved path to walk from iron bridge	English (United Kingdom)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
90	anonymous	A much larger car park to replace parking on the beach	English (United Kingdom)
91	anonymous	The reinstating of the poppit rocket, to also run on a Sunday	English (United Kingdom)

6.

What do you like about visiting Traeth Mawr, that it is important for us to know?

95 responses [95 Responses](#)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
1	anonymous	Wide open beach. Toilet facilities. Availability of parking.	English (United Kingdom)
2	anonymous	It's close and I use the surf life saving club,	English (United Kingdom)
3	anonymous	Tranquil, unspoiled,	English (United Kingdom)
4	anonymous	I love it more now there are no cars, campavans , hippy wagogons along with all the mess/rubbish left behind.	English (United Kingdom)
5	anonymous	It's a lovely beach	English (United Kingdom)
6	anonymous	The space. Love the fact that there are no cars'	English (United Kingdom)
7	anonymous	Lovely safe beach with variety of habitats at low tide Plenty of parking No cars on beach Refreshments available Excellent restaurant cat rock	English (United Kingdom)
8	anonymous	The wide open spaces and as a start for cliff walks	English (United Kingdom)
9	anonymous	It's a very beautiful place with a lot of space for families.	English (United Kingdom)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
10	anonymous	The natural beauty Sun on the rocks No noisy jet skis	English (United Kingdom)
11	anonymous	Space. Exploring rocks and caves at the northern end	English (United Kingdom)
12	anonymous	The view, the coastline, rock pools and it is within a few miles of home.	English (United Kingdom)
13	anonymous	Large sandy beach. Access to free toilets and a cafe	English (United Kingdom)
14	anonymous	It's very nice without the cara	English (United Kingdom)
15	anonymous	Open space for walking, swimming and relaxing. Part of my child hood growing up.	English (United Kingdom)
16	anonymous	It WAS easily accessible for my grandparents. It was really the only meaningful exercise they were able to enjoy in nature without the need for a wheelchair. The benefits to both of their mental health and well-being was significant.	English (United Kingdom)
17	anonymous	I like the peace and its a nice sandy beach with safe sea for dipping	English (United Kingdom)
18	anonymous	I love the sand, the shallow water and swimming there but I and my friends can't do this because of sewage spills on the shore. I have written to Stephen Crabb MP who told me that it was the responsibility of the PCC to clean it up	English (United Kingdom)
19	anonymous	lovely long beach ,cafe	English (United Kingdom)
20	anonymous	Flat sand	English (United Kingdom)
21	anonymous	It is our nearest beach, and I would like to run there, and enjoy whenever visitors come.	English (United Kingdom)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
22	anonymous	I love that there are no cars on the beach. The cafe and toilets are essential to my enjoyment as is parking near the beach.	English (United Kingdom)
23	anonymous	Open space, the rock pools and the waves for bodyboarding	English (United Kingdom)
24	anonymous	I AM PLEASED THAT CARS WILL NOT BE RETURNING TO THE BEACH I enjoy the expansiveness of Traeth Mawr, the sand dunes and the ability to walk along the river bank. A varied experience, with many possibilities. The facilities are adequate, but I imagine that a more gradual slope from car park to beach would be useful for many visitors	English (United Kingdom)
25	anonymous	Fresh air, enjoying the elements. I prefer it in the quieter months. My dog loves it.	English (United Kingdom)
26	anonymous	No cars on beach Beach cafe Benches to sit on Footpaths	English (United Kingdom)
27	anonymous	Love the wide open space and the walk along the estuary and the bird life. Welcome that cars no longer come on to the beach.	English (United Kingdom)
28	anonymous	Wide expansive sands, rock pools, shells, views, setting	English (United Kingdom)
29	anonymous	I like walking in the dunes and counting the southern march and bee orchids	English (United Kingdom)
30	anonymous	Car free beach	English (United Kingdom)
31	anonymous	I enjoy swimming at Traeth Mawr as well as walking on the beach	English (United Kingdom)
32	anonymous	We like walking. And like to watch the dogs meeting up and playing! Very entertaining.	English (United Kingdom)
33	anonymous	Great place to exercise my dog	English (United Kingdom)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
34	anonymous	It's beautiful	English (United Kingdom)
35	anonymous	Coastal path	English (United Kingdom)
36	anonymous		English (United Kingdom)
37	anonymous	Car free, large beach, safe beach and when not dogs about amazing with kids.	English (United Kingdom)
38	anonymous	A brilliant unspoilt beach with great facilities	English (United Kingdom)
39	anonymous	The view, the size of the beach for dog owners. The shallow regress of the sea helping to be safe for younger and older visitors.	English (United Kingdom)
40	anonymous	It is easy to reach by transport or by foot and it has a cafe ,toilets,lifeguard and plenty of bins for dog waste and recycling.The scenery is spectacular and the wildlife is plentiful and so varied there is always something amazing and different to see everyday from seals,fish and seabirds to the foxes,rabbits and wild creatures that live in the dunes this unique environment needs to be protected for everyone who uses the beach to enjoy.This year the rubbish dumped on the beach has been drastically reduced and the worry of vans and cars driving irresponsibly on the beach has made it a much safer place for everyone ,especially with young children,horses and dogwalkers to use.The beach should be cared for so future generations of people and wildlife	English (United Kingdom)
41	anonymous	Easy access to beach/ dogs allowed	English (United Kingdom)
42	anonymous	Dogs being allowed on the beach easy access.	English (United Kingdom)
43	anonymous	Dog friendly and child friendly. Always clean and minimal waste on the beach. Water safety when able to swim (summer months).	English (United Kingdom)
44	anonymous	Can take dogs on year round. Used to enjoy being able to drive on beach	English

ID	Name	Responses	Language
		with disabled sailing ter which made access easier	(United Kingdom)
45	anonymous	cars returning to the beach.	English (United Kingdom)
46	anonymous	Rock pooling, swimming and walking and bringing elderly family members to the beach.	English (United Kingdom)
47	anonymous	Refreshments at the beach cafe. Ability to walk to estuary and back via golf club paths. Ability to take our dogs.	English (United Kingdom)
48	anonymous	It was my beach and access to the sea long before you turned our beach access into a cash cow. The best thing about the beach was before the nation parks where involved. Being able to drive on to the beach access the sea and sit watching the sun go down.	English (United Kingdom)
49	anonymous	Nothing now unable to access it with my disabled son . Reasonable provision unsuitable in appropriate provision.	English (United Kingdom)
50	anonymous	Space, easy walking, variety of activities - beach/ rock pooling/ swimming	English (United Kingdom)
51	anonymous	Nothing can't access the beach safely anymore due to fact that dogs run around without any supervision or on the lead. Can't access the beach all year round due lack of facilities and access with our disabled vehicles. When we were allowed to take our vehicle onto the beach I had a safe area to go if required for my dignity medication etc. Your decision to close the beach vehicles you are preventing the elderly and disabled accessing the beach all year round.	English (United Kingdom)
52	anonymous	It was a beach accessible to all once without any problem	English (United Kingdom)
53	anonymous	I have holidayed in the area for 50+ years and it holds many special memories	English (United Kingdom)
54	anonymous	The size of the beach, allows dogs, good facilities	English (United Kingdom)
55	anonymous	I was able to launch a boat from there	English

ID	Name	Responses	Language
			(United Kingdom)
56	anonymous	It's a lovely big, wide beach with plenty of space for all users. What used to make it particularly special was having cars on the beach. This made it a different and unique experience with all kinds of practical benefits. It made a different experience possible - bringing more gear closer to the beach, being able to have shelter/change/privacy/food/baby changing very close. Memories made camping out next to or near our cars on the beach go all the way back to my childhood in Pembrokeshire. Such a shame it's gone.	English (United Kingdom)
57	anonymous	Unspoilt, and a variety of beauty and natural environment	English (United Kingdom)
58	anonymous	Previous ease of access when cars were able to park on the beach, getting watersport equipment close to the water. Ability to launch & recover boats at all states of tide - now no longer possible.	English (United Kingdom)
59	anonymous	I have been visiting and enjoying the beach area for 73 years and now thanks to your actions that is no longer possible for me	English (United Kingdom)
60	anonymous	the freedom to enjoy the beach and boating	English (United Kingdom)
61	anonymous	I used to enjoy being able to access the beach on a vehicle to be able to have all equipment required for an enjoyable afternoon with my family	English (United Kingdom)
62	anonymous	Dogwalking	English (United Kingdom)
63	anonymous	Nothing, only go for Lunch at Cat Rock then go home.	English (United Kingdom)
64	anonymous	Horse riding on beach	English (United Kingdom)
65	anonymous	It used to be that I could drive onto the beach & have what I needed to hand without lugging it from the car park.	English (United Kingdom)
66	anonymous	Space!	English (United Kingdom)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
			Kingdom)
67	anonymous	Being able to enjoy the beach with our pony and carriage	English (United Kingdom)
68	anonymous	Being near the sea perfect place for an evening walk	English (United Kingdom)
69	anonymous	It's a lovely, flat beach. The firm sand makes it easier to negotiate with a walker.	English (United Kingdom)
70	anonymous	Fresh air, space	English (United Kingdom)
71	anonymous	Space views and diversity of people there	English (United Kingdom)
72	anonymous	Although we are outside the 10 miles, we are only 12 miles away & Newport is our nearest beach. Any equine activity is a great asset to a healthy mind & wellbeing & to prevent that hear, especially when age & disability could be an issue is very sad. I hope you will reconsider & talk to the driving community to find a solution for us.	English (United Kingdom)
73	anonymous	I believe that the main cause of limited access would be the cost of parking. I believe that access to beaches, particularly those that are not walking distance from a town, should not be restricted by parking charges.	English (United Kingdom)
74	anonymous	Excellent for dog walking. Great open space.	English (United Kingdom)
75	anonymous	Expanse of sand, safe beach and sea conditions.	English (United Kingdom)
76	anonymous	The peace, the wildlife and birdlife and the lack of cars now on the beach!!	English (United Kingdom)
77	anonymous	Wildlife, less busy than other beaches.	English (United Kingdom)
78	anonymous	The openness, cleanliness of the beach, protection of sand dunes and	English

ID	Name	Responses	Language
		cafe	(United Kingdom)
79	anonymous	It is such a beautiful space and we love the light and enjoy all the seasons. Our granddaughter loves playing on the beach. SO much better without the parking on the beach!	English (United Kingdom)
80	anonymous	Flat, solid sand beach, just under 10 miles from me. Toilets. Beautiful. Used to love the convenience of parking on beach. No carrying equipment etc. No more dangerous than a car park	English (United Kingdom)
81	anonymous	It's the closest beach to our home.	English (United Kingdom)
82	anonymous	Nature	English (United Kingdom)
83	anonymous	Any beach is beautiful to drive on.	English (United Kingdom)
84	anonymous	Being able to swim, windsurf, kayak and sail, dog walking, picnicking, after school run around	English (United Kingdom)
85	anonymous	Spending time there with my friends, in nature during the day and night. Camping overnight. The temperature of the water in September. Swimming in phosphorescents at midnight and then sleeping under the stars.	English (United Kingdom)
86	anonymous	Swimming, wide open sands. Bumping into friends. Having local socials there. Locals being able to camp for a night with local friends (we used to do this at a boating event.....perhaps you could issue a licence, we could be allowed to do this one night a year (not in the holidays) as a special event?. Neighbourhoods in Amsterdam do this. The community camps out together in their local park and eats together with a camp fire and singing it's very bonding. I joined my friend once when their neighbourhood did so.	English (United Kingdom)
87	anonymous	The sense of space, the dunes, swimming.	English (United Kingdom)
88	anonymous	it is dog friendly and close to home - also very lovely	English (United Kingdom)

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89	anonymous	The beauty and the space	English (United Kingdom)
90	anonymous	It is better now cars are not allowed on the beach.	English (United Kingdom)
91	anonymous	Space / nature / beauty / grown up here	English (United Kingdom)
92	anonymous	To be able to walk along the beach and in the water if I fancy around the headland and back again.	English (United Kingdom)
93	anonymous	space and views	English (United Kingdom)
94	anonymous	A good long easy walk on the sands	English (United Kingdom)
95	anonymous	No cars on the beach anymore, so happy about this! Toilets, cafe mawr, life guards in summer	English (United Kingdom)

7.

What discourages you from visiting Traeth Mawr?

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ID	Name	Responses	Language
1	anonymous	Poor Toilet/WC Provisions	English (United Kingdom)
2	anonymous	Sewage problem. Too many dogs, dog mess and out of control dogs.	English (United Kingdom)
3	anonymous	Paying for parking	English (United Kingdom)
4	anonymous	Pollution in the water from sewage and jetskis making a lot of noise and possibly being dangerous	English (United Kingdom)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
5	anonymous	Nothing	English (United Kingdom)
6	anonymous	Nothing	English (United Kingdom)
7	anonymous	Cost of parkng	English (United Kingdom)
8	anonymous	Sewage discharges	English (United Kingdom)
9	anonymous	Lack of Public trabsport	English (United Kingdom)
10	anonymous	Occasionally the need tp walk all the way from the southern end back to the bridge if caught out by the weather	English (United Kingdom)
11	anonymous	I have experienced sewerage in the sea and my Son (21 years old) and my neighbour have both been taken ill after swimming in the sea here in recent weeks so I no longer swim here and generally avoid the water. I have visited less since these occurrences for obvious reasons.	English (United Kingdom)
12	anonymous	Not enough parking in high season	English (United Kingdom)
13	anonymous	Cost of parking	English (United Kingdom)
14	anonymous	Nothing.	English (United Kingdom)
15	anonymous	Accessibility	English (United Kingdom)
16	anonymous	The level of pollution preventing frequent dipping every rainfall lately and its not safe.	English (United Kingdom)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
17	anonymous	The regular sewage spills on the beach stopping me from swimming there	English (United Kingdom)
18	anonymous	Sewage contaminated sea and shores	English (United Kingdom)
19	anonymous	getting there	English (United Kingdom)
20	anonymous	It was better for me to be able to park on beach	English (United Kingdom)
21	anonymous	Parking charge	English (United Kingdom)
22	anonymous	I don't come in the summer, the drive down is narrow and too hard for cars to pass when it's busy	English (United Kingdom)
23	anonymous	The parking, the road getting the beach and the disgusting toilets	English (United Kingdom)
24	anonymous	Other beaches are nearer	English (United Kingdom)
25	anonymous	Overcrowding, people not taking full responsibility for their dogs and children	English (United Kingdom)
26	anonymous	Unacceptable state of toilets No showers. Dogs on beach in summer. No blue flag. Polluted seawater	English (United Kingdom)
27	anonymous	Discharged from sewage outfall and pollution in the Nevern which is worse than I have ever seen. This has put me off the sea swimming I love.	English (United Kingdom)
28	anonymous	Cost of parking, weather,	English (United Kingdom)
29	anonymous	dogs on the beach	English

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			(United Kingdom)
30	anonymous	the long walk round from Newport: nothing can be done about this.	English (United Kingdom)
31	anonymous	Nothing	English (United Kingdom)
32	anonymous	The sewerage discharge from the CSO when it occurs.	English (United Kingdom)
33	anonymous	The cars on beach used to. Great that they are back in the car park.	English (United Kingdom)
34	anonymous	Parking charges	English (United Kingdom)
35	anonymous	Too many tourists, often with multiple dogs	English (United Kingdom)
36	anonymous	Expensive car park	English (United Kingdom)
37	anonymous	Parking at peak times.	English (United Kingdom)
38	anonymous	Dogs and the officious ticket wardens.	English (United Kingdom)
39	anonymous	Nothing at present	English (United Kingdom)
40	anonymous	If the beach is no longer used for cars. The car park is not big enough for the size of beach.	English (United Kingdom)
41	anonymous	sadly the sewage being released in the sea is not ideal this really needs to cut down for peoples health and for the wildlife having to swim in it	English (United Kingdom)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
			Kingdom)
42	anonymous	Parking charges for residents	English (United Kingdom)
43	anonymous	Nothing	English (United Kingdom)
44	anonymous	Payment in winter will park on the iron bridge.	English (United Kingdom)
45	anonymous	Lack of beach wheelchair.	English (United Kingdom)
46	anonymous	cars not returning to the beach.	English (United Kingdom)
47	anonymous	Accessibility	English (United Kingdom)
48	anonymous	Weather . Possibility to launch a boat (if we had one)	English (United Kingdom)
49	anonymous	Not being able to drive on to the beach and access the sea.	English (United Kingdom)
50	anonymous	Unable to access safely the beach safely unsuitable provision for disabled clients	English (United Kingdom)
51	anonymous	Car parking fees	English (United Kingdom)
52	anonymous	No access onto the beach, poor disabled facilities unsafe wheelchairs not meeting my needs, unsafe risks being placed on carers in transferring into th chairs due to the lack of facilities hoist etc , no space for my dignity seriously affecting my access and enjoyment plus you got the sewage being released into the bay, lack of proper disabled facilities	English (United Kingdom)
53	anonymous	National park dictatorship	English

ID	Name	Responses	Language
			(United Kingdom)
54	anonymous	Not being able to park on the beach	English (United Kingdom)
55	anonymous	Lack of car parking and lack of public transport as an alternative to driving.	English (United Kingdom)
56	anonymous	Not being able to launch a boat from there	English (United Kingdom)
57	anonymous	the obvious - overcrowding and now gone from the best to amongst the worst beach access in the county.	English (United Kingdom)
58	anonymous	Reports of sewage discharge in the vicinity and disappointment of not finding a parking space in the high season	English (United Kingdom)
59	anonymous	Long walk from the town where there is also insufficient parking provision. Much reduced provision for watersports and boat owners to easily access the water now that vehicle beach access has been completely banned.	English (United Kingdom)
60	anonymous	Unless some alternative form of transport onto the beach was provided it is sadly now just a memory of happier times	English (United Kingdom)
61	anonymous	extortionate fees and an unsafe car park	English (United Kingdom)
62	anonymous	no access to beach	English (United Kingdom)
63	anonymous	Crowds in summer	English (United Kingdom)
64	anonymous	You know the answer to this.	English (United Kingdom)
65	anonymous	I can't drive on the beach!	English

ID	Name	Responses	Language
			(United Kingdom)
66	anonymous	Loose dogs with no reliable recall!	English (United Kingdom)
67	anonymous	Distance to get there more often	English (United Kingdom)
68	anonymous	It used to be the cars and the campervans on the beach - that isn't a problem now.	English (United Kingdom)
69	anonymous	Nothing	English (United Kingdom)
70	anonymous	Access. It is also important to us that we don't visit either at the height of the season, when it get's very busy. Loose dogs, with no recall, is also a great safety concern.	English (United Kingdom)
71	anonymous	Expensive parking. Restricting access to country activities, such as horses and carriage driving.	English (United Kingdom)
72	anonymous	Increasing parking charges	English (United Kingdom)
73	anonymous	Unable to park/get on the beach	English (United Kingdom)
74	anonymous	The shocking level of litter left by visitors and the fact that sewage is pumped out there	English (United Kingdom)
75	anonymous	Parking charges.	English (United Kingdom)
76	anonymous	Dogs running freely and out-of control	English (United Kingdom)
77	anonymous	Nothing	English (United Kingdom)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
			Kingdom)
78	anonymous	Health. Cost to park. Worries about sea cleanliness and dog waste.	English (United Kingdom)
79	anonymous	Nothing	English (United Kingdom)
80	anonymous	Pollution	English (United Kingdom)
81	anonymous	Apparently access is denied at the moment which is a great pity.	English (United Kingdom)
82	anonymous	If it's looking likely the car park is full.	English (United Kingdom)
83	anonymous	Not being able to drive my husband onto the beach	English (United Kingdom)
84	anonymous	Almost constant water pollution, human faeces and used toilet paper, tourists, the golf course. Lack of shade. Lack of overnight camping facilities. Parking fees.	English (United Kingdom)
85	anonymous	The long drive round from town	English (United Kingdom)
86	anonymous	Parking (cost and lack of space) and driving down lanes.	English (United Kingdom)
87	anonymous	cost of parking in the summer - especially now it is until 7pm	English (United Kingdom)
88	anonymous	Nowhere to park	English (United Kingdom)
89	anonymous	Water quality is a concern sometimes.	English (United Kingdom)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
90	anonymous	No access for my carriage pony and me	English (United Kingdom)
91	anonymous	It's a long way round from the main road	English (United Kingdom)
92	anonymous	limited and poor quality toilet/washing facilities	English (United Kingdom)
93	anonymous	Absence of a large car park on busy days plus narrow parts of the access road	English (United Kingdom)
94	anonymous	sewage discharge	English (United Kingdom)

8.

Additional comments

63 responses [63 Responses](#)

ID	Name	Responses	Language
1	anonymous	Biggest issue at the beach is the sewage. It had a massive impact on the ability to enjoy the sea and creates challenges to safely run events at the beach.	English (United Kingdom)
2	anonymous	I applaud no cars on the beach!	English (United Kingdom)
3	anonymous	It always was a beautiful place. Now it is stunning without vehicles on it.	English (United Kingdom)
4	anonymous	Just consider disabled access to the beach. Can they get down to the beach when parking in the car park?. Otherwise it is very good you have stopped cars going onto the beach.	English (United Kingdom)
5	anonymous	Well done for getting rid of cars	English (United Kingdom)
6	anonymous	I have written to our MP and all concerned parties about constant sewage discharges on this beach. It is a huge concern and immensely disappointing as a local resident.	English (United Kingdom)

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7	anonymous	Residents of Newport should be able to park free	English (United Kingdom)
8	anonymous	Jet ski noise can be a nuisance along with uncontrolled dogs.	English (United Kingdom)
9	anonymous	The access is not a problem for myself as an able bodied person but the difference of getting out in nature unaided and walking on the flat amongst the elements is priceless and it's a real shame that they are not able to do that anymore, anywhere in the county. All beaches are now only accessible by walking down a slipway which is often rocky and unstable so for elderly people with mobility issues its not really possible without a wheelchair.	English (United Kingdom)
10	anonymous	As a local cold water dipper this beach has way too frequent sewerage discharge alerts its shocking and unhealthy	English (United Kingdom)
11	anonymous	Why not extend the sewage pipe out further and at a greater depth to stop ruining a gem of a beach. The jewel of North Pembs	English (United Kingdom)
12	anonymous	Pollution problems feature along Newport rivers and the estuary, harming wildlife of all kinds.	English (United Kingdom)
13	anonymous	Please keep the toilets! I'd happily pay to use them if there was a card reader to pay like in Cardigan (i never carry cash!)	English (United Kingdom)
14	anonymous	National Park should be proactive in cleaning up the river and lobbying Dwr Cymru to restrict use of CSO. Should dogs be excluded from most of the beach in summer ?Need better facilities for disabled	English (United Kingdom)
15	anonymous	I hated cars three deep parked on the beach in busy months previously and welcome the changes.	English (United Kingdom)
16	anonymous	It would be useful for a dedicated rinsing off from the beach area The site needs updating and sprucing up Overflow car park needs a better surface Better signage But not to lose it's limited touristy feel	English (United Kingdom)
17	anonymous	Use the tap behind the toilets to wash sand off my feet, but the tap is usually surrounded by sand and water, which doesn't help!	English (United Kingdom)
18	anonymous	I approve the decision to stop parking on the beach. It would be	English

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		wonderful to bring back the ferry service from Parrog. I have learned of a threat to close the toilets at Parrog. This would be madness because so many people use the Parrog and spend all day there.	(United Kingdom)
19	anonymous	I think that when there has been discharge from the CSO resulting in water quality that doesn't meet public health standards that there should be public notification at the car park and on the life guards boards if they are on duty	English (United Kingdom)
20	anonymous	Sewage and pollution from farms are detrimental to the health of swimmers as well as produce of local fisher-people	English (United Kingdom)
21	anonymous	Dogs are part of families	English (United Kingdom)
22	anonymous		English (United Kingdom)
23	anonymous	It would be a disaster to close the toilets. The dunes would suffer, the cafe's business would suffer, the golf club would suffer. We love the car free beach and have seen school children using it in year groups in a much safer way than when cars were allowed to park. Please consider the detrimental effect of removing access to a toilet - what is the point of banning cars to allow greater access if people will be deterred by the lack of facilities. I'd be happy to pay 20p a time to use the toilet.	English (United Kingdom)
24	anonymous	More shuttle buses would help.	English (United Kingdom)
25	anonymous	The beach should be cared for so future generations of people can experience an amazing place they are lucky to live near or come on holiday that does not include using this special place as a carpark, to do car spins in the evenings or dump rubbish everywhere all over the beach, dunes and in the sea, the difference of no vehicles parking on the beach has been staggering in relation to the rubbish which is very minimal now, what a safer place now for people and wildlife to enjoy.	English (United Kingdom)
26	anonymous	Why payment during winter	English (United Kingdom)
27	anonymous	The beach has been very dirty which is not a good sight and worrying for swimming.	English (United Kingdom)

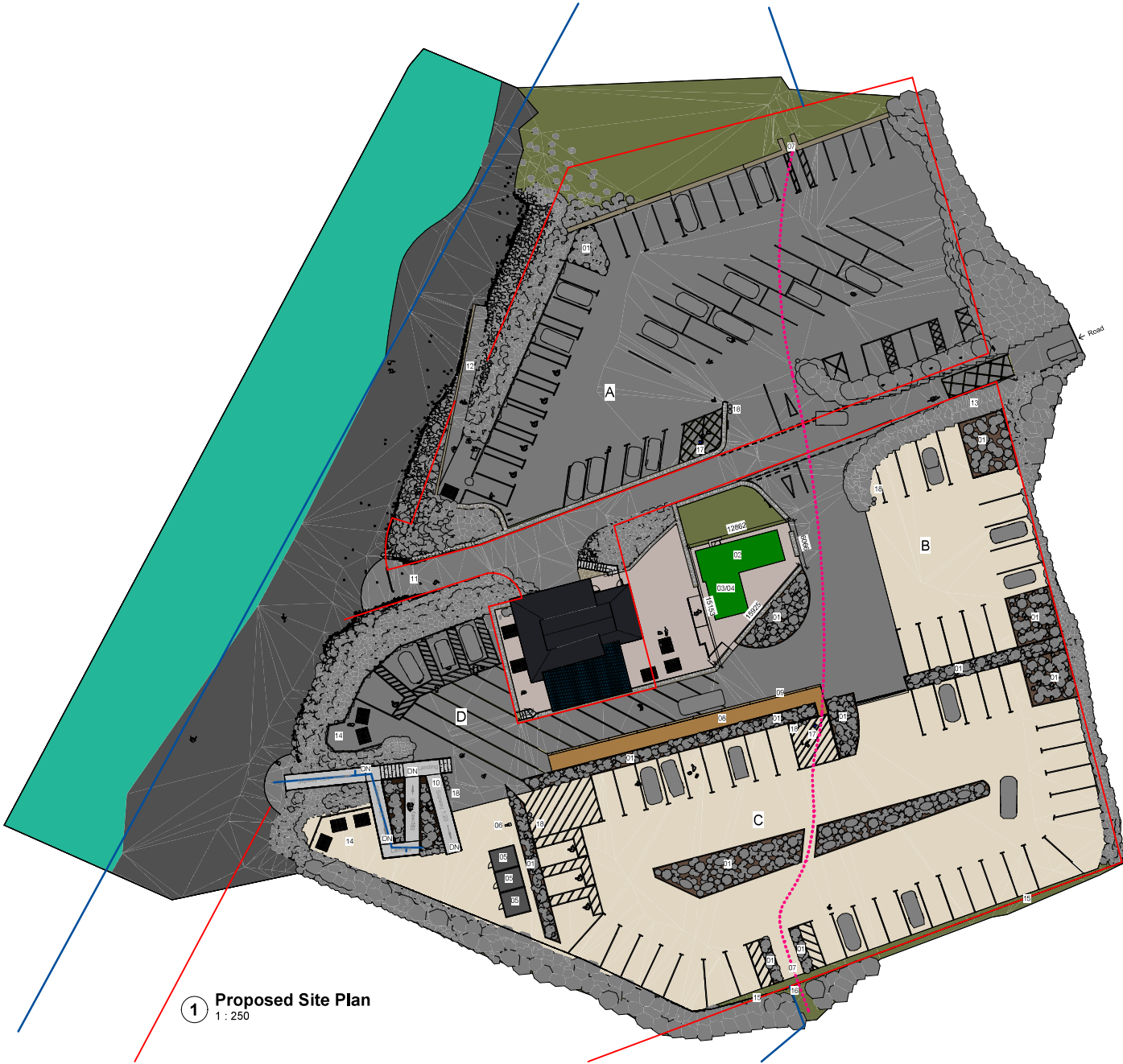
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28	anonymous	We have been visiting this area for over 20 years and we love the fact that there has been minima change. However as our parents have gotten older wheelchair access and toilets have become a real necessity, so good/cleanfacilites are imperative. Our daughter has severe learning difficulty's and the people of the area have always been accepting and her access to the "seaside" environment here has always been important and will continue to be so.	English (United Kingdom)
29	anonymous	Bring back parking cars on the beach, I urge you to reconsider	English (United Kingdom)
30	anonymous	We live in Prestiene but have a holiday apartment at golf club	English (United Kingdom)
31	anonymous	You are using public money to remove my access to the sea. I struggle walking on the sand to access the sea and am unable to walk from the carpark to the sea especially at low tide because of the distance.	English (United Kingdom)
32	anonymous	I believe NP are discriminating against disabled people in not providing adequate reasonable provision such as appropriate safe wheelchairs, changing facilities placing carers and the disabled person in danger. Some disabled people need to be close to their vehicle's and having the vehicle close to them their needs would be safely met. Current situation is totally unacceptable. We used your wheelchair once during the summer months and we found very difficult to use and it was totally unsafe. Our son was attacked by three dogs off the lead and this set him off into settle seizure. We fended the dogs away but our son was totally unsafe in the chair due the inadequacy of the chair. He caught his foot between the foot rest and the beach. We have used it once the danger and awful experience we have had, it imposed high degree of danger. We needed to use our own five point harness to keep him in the chair! It was not present on the chair. He needed to be reclined in the chair the did not meet this need. It started off well but, we were then approached by three wild dogs who were not on the lead and it set by son into a spasm and he got his foot caught under the footrest we were 20 / 30 minutes trying to keep him on the chair until the spasm pasted. We are advising the National Park to listen and understand the difficulties that disable people currently are having due to their rules of not providing the appropriate changing facilities, proper hoisting facilities and proper suitable safe chairs and providing the disabled person an oppportunity to take their cars/vehicles onto the beach to meet their needs.	English (United Kingdom)
33	anonymous	Clearly you have not noted the petition set up with about 1,400 signatures on it. Disabled people and the elderly don't go to Newport anymore because of the lack of facilities for the disabled.	English (United Kingdom)
34	anonymous	Please, please, please, do not close the toilets. They are one of the biggest	English

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		reasons I like this beach as many don't have them which is a nightmare with small children. They might need an upgrade but do not get rid of them.	(United Kingdom)
35	anonymous	If this had been a good summer 2023 there would have been parking issues! Lets wait to see what happens next year. I am very disappointed with the organisation	English (United Kingdom)
36	anonymous	Such a shame the experience has been taken away.	English (United Kingdom)
37	anonymous	These are answers to our needs only. The distance from the town for people with children and beach gear would make it very difficult without a car unless a gathering point and shuttle service with capacity for beach equipment were provided.	English (United Kingdom)
38	anonymous	From being the one most accessible beaches in Pembrokeshire, it is far less accessible for all now. Inconsistent application of the vehicle ban compared to other beaches in Pembrokeshire, e.g. many don't allow vehicles on the beach but they accept there are exceptions for launching & recovering watersport equipment and boats.	English (United Kingdom)
39	anonymous	Why is it not possible to allow Blue Badge holders vehicular access to the beach? Is it now just to be reserved for people without mobility issues? This is a shameful reflection on your heartless policy.	English (United Kingdom)
40	anonymous	for anyone having to travel any distance to traeth mawr and spend a day/half day on the beach it is necessary to take many items if you are taking young children , elderly people or disabled people the facility to park on the beach was a boon to locals and visitors alike this was borne out by the numbers on the beach up until this summer. The numbers on thebeach were drastically reduced this year due to the imposition of the ban of vehicles on the beach. This not only deprived people of the use of this facility but meant that there was a marked loss of revenue in the town due to reduced visits to the area. It now appears that increased parking is being considered whereas we already had the solution to parking by allowing vehicles on the beach. Public money was used to purchase the dunes which will eventually be eroded without the installation of very expensive sea defences . The PCNP have shown utter contempt for the people of the area by their action in a)purchasing the land without consultation and b) banning vehicular access to the beach. To rub salt in the wound they now decide on a public consultation. Strangely enough the case for the ban put forward by the PCNP representative was - 1.Dangerous driving causing a risk to life. -- There have been no such incidents I go to the beach every year and can confirm that the drivers all take great care in positioning their vehicles which are the parked for the time on the beach. 2. erosion of the dunes --the cars only park on the Northen end of the beach the area of erosion is where cars do not go. 3.	English (United Kingdom)

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		Requests by some organisations - this can only mean the RNLI and Surf life saving club --by the reduced numbers of people using the beach perhaps their presence will no longer be required !! comments have been made that the cars block access for the life savers to get to an emergency.This is a total fallacy as there is always a gap in the parking going straight down to the area where the live saving patrols are stationed. Bear in mind that this is a very safe beach and I am not aware of any serious incidents involving swimmers . 4. As the beach is only used by numbers of cars for the Summer holiday period od up to six weeks the impact of the cars is negligible .	
41	anonymous	Why do a survey hoping to get get good responses about something you've spoilt for a lot of families and disabled people.	English (United Kingdom)
42	anonymous	You are stopping people with mobility issues, elderly people who can't walk a distance & people with young children (who need various extra items) from accessing the beach. I have mobility issues but wouldn't qualify for the use of one of your wheelchairs. You are drastically reducing the number of people that can use this lovely beach. It's a great beach from a safety point of view for kids to swim, parents will end up taking them elsewhere where its not so safe.	English (United Kingdom)
43	anonymous	We welcome any arrangements that would include access for Carriage driving and riding horses to all the beaches in Pembrokeshire.	English (United Kingdom)
44	anonymous	More and more beaches are shut off to us, who like to see the countryside in this manor.	English (United Kingdom)
45	anonymous	I used to be a supporter of vehicles on the beach - but with the increase in the number and size of vehicles, and the anti-social behaviour of a minority of drivers, I'm glad to see that cars are no longer allowed to park on the beach. I think the beach needs better access for less abled users. I'd love to have more access to public transport - particularly when walking sections of the coastal path.	English (United Kingdom)
46	anonymous	Please make sure horses and carriages are allowed for everyone s enjoyment and fairness to all	English (United Kingdom)
47	anonymous	Just, PLEASE consider talking to either The British Driving Society or Cymru Carriage Club to try & establish a suitable solution.	English (United Kingdom)
48	anonymous	Doesn't the beach belong to the Crown to the high tide mark, which is the dunes? Does the council have royal authority to restrict vehicle access?	English (United Kingdom)

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49	anonymous	No consideration given re impact of not being able to park on the beach (which has been in place since I first started visiting the town and bought a holiday home circa 45 years ago). The decision makers obviously never visited the site during peak holiday periods	English (United Kingdom)
50	anonymous	Stop/move on over night campers. I don't visit in summer, too busy. No additional country file style recreational opportunities are necessary and would only encourage even more visitors to impact bio diversity and the dwindling dunes. Previous PCNP articles have led to heavy footfall in other county areas not suited to increased traffic, parking issues, unsociable behaviour. For the old, disabled, and infirm a handrail down the slipway would be useful.	English (United Kingdom)
51	anonymous	I support the cars being taken off the beach. Much better.	English (United Kingdom)
52	anonymous	Thanks for banning cars from the beach! We used to love going to the fireworks (apart from the cats in the beach!) so do miss that, it would be nice to have an occasional community event in the beach	English (United Kingdom)
53	anonymous	I like the Improvements and the additions done so far	English (United Kingdom)
54	anonymous	I'm happy that cars are no longer permitted to park on the beach.	English (United Kingdom)
55	anonymous	The polluted sea is a major reason I don't go more often	English (United Kingdom)
56	anonymous	I am disabled to cannot gain access without my pony & carriage. There are barriers across the track which a pony & carriage can't get through, although horse riders have free access. Why not issue keys for the barriers, for suitable people to gain access?	English (United Kingdom)
57	anonymous	Really important to keep the toilet facilities otherwise the sand dunes will be used. Please consider leaving the overflow car park open all the time. As above, please move bollard slightly to allow small dinghies to pass. The green lights on the electric charging points are extremely bright causing excessive light pollution in an otherwise dark area, it seems unnecessary and they are visible from the sea which is a maritime issue. Green lights mean safe passage so a lost boat in the dark could mistake the area for the estuary mouth or a harbour.	English (United Kingdom)
58	anonymous	Love it without the cars - such a great idea. But it has reduced the number of people who can enjoy the beach and how often they can go. Can you	English (United Kingdom)

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		create some kind of park and ride? Biking down the beach lane is quite tricky with the traffic in the summer and there is no cycling down the estuary path - can you create a bike route?	Kingdom)
59	anonymous	Please consider allowing me to enjoy as the roads are very dangerous for us carriage drivers	English (United Kingdom)
60	anonymous	None	English (United Kingdom)
61	anonymous	Traeth Mawr should be protected. I agree that cars and other vehicles should not be able to access the beach. They take over, it's unsafe and they prevent everyone's enjoyment of the natural environment - the sea and the dunes. It is important that the beach is accessible to all, but in a way that safeguards this natural resource for ourselves, visitors and future generations. Perhaps a better alternative would be the place parking for those with mobility issues closer to the beach (i.e. next to cafe), and then a larger parking facilities further up the hill. But there would need to be a dedicated path which is separate to the road to access the beach - for pedestrians safety. There are a number of beaches in Devon and Cornwall that protect their beach facilities in this way.	English (United Kingdom)
62	anonymous	The decision to stop car access to the sands does not seem to be a proportionate response to any perceived problems - which I have never encountered. The existing wooden barrier part way along the saneds seemed more than adequate.	English (United Kingdom)
63	anonymous	I know a lot of people who don't visit big beach because of the sewage	English (United Kingdom)



1 Proposed Site Plan
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- A - Zone 1 Parking
DDA - 6
Standard - 42
EV Charging - 4 TARMAC
- B - Zone 2 Parking
DDA - 0
Standard - 14
EV Charging - 0
- C - Zone 3 Parking
DDA - 3
Standard - 38
EV Charging - 0 GRASS-CRETE BASE
- D - Zone 4 Parking
DDA - 4
Standard - 0
EV Charging - 0

- 01 - Native Species Biodiversity Enhancement, Planting Oak Sleeper Walls
- 02 - Existing Toilets, Refurbished & Native Species New Living Roof
- 03 - Option 'A' for Changing Places DDA WC & Shower
- 04 - Option 'B' for Changing Places, DDA (No WC, No Shower)
- 05 - Beach Wheelchair Storage
- 06 - Electric Bike Charging
- 07 - Public Right of Way
- 08/09 - Footpath, Sleeper Wall
- 10 - 40m of 1:20 DDA Ramp, Hand Rails & Oak Sleepers
- 11 - Existing Gate, Slipway to Sand
- 12 - Existing Concrete Ramp
- 13 - Block up Egress Point with New Native Species Hedge
- 14 - Picnic Area
- 15 - Existing Fencing
- 16 - PROW Sty/Gate
- 17 - Pay & Display
- 18 - Bins



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