



Black Mountains College

Transport Policy and Procedure

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1. Introduction

1.1 Context

BMC aims to run a car-free campus with the goal to operate as carbon-neutral, parallel with our key beliefs, values, and mission statement. In ethos and practice, BMC aims to be an example of best practice in the education and implementation of sustainable, low impact principles. These principles run through the design and access of the site too. This means embodying ambitious active travel plans, modelling what a post-carbon (post-car, post-aeroplane) future might look like in terms of day-to-day transport arrangements.

1.2 Aims

An effective active travel strategy is a significant part of any effort to reduce emissions. Together with the management of its land, BMC aims to be a net carbon sink and therefore managing emissions from transport is critical to that ambition. Research has shown that eliminating short daily car journeys can reduce personal carbon footprints by up to 0.5 tonnes per capita.

Our aim is for the farm campus to be car-free and for students to generally travel on foot or cycle between the campus and Talgarth town centre, or make use of the BMC minibus. BMC aims to help create a future in which nature and human societies thrive whilst seeking to not only reduce emissions, but to promote well-being, active travel and transformation in ways of living and working compatible with planetary limits and social justice.

1.4 Statement

BMC will reduce emissions, improve road safety and air quality, promote well-being and active travel through our car-free campus policy, except for those with accessibility requirements and essential deliveries that cannot be managed in any other way. BMC encourages active travel and can help you with planning cycling routes or improving your confidence on a bike.

This Transport policy will apply to all staff, students and visitors. No cars will be permitted on-site without express permission. Permission will be reserved for those with clear accessibility requirements, and deliveries that cannot be collated/dropped off in Talgarth.



2. Background

2.1 Location

Troed yr Harn is a complex of farm buildings surrounded by 120 acres of agricultural land, just over 1 mile south of Talgarth, a small market town in southern Powys. The farm buildings are bordered on all sides by agricultural land. The farmland is in turn bordered by the ancient woodland of Pwll y Wrach on three sides and by the gliding club to the south. The nearest major town to the site is Brecon, approximately 15 km to the southwest via the A470. The location of the site is shown in Appendix 1.

2.2 Local Facilities

All of the relevant services and amenities within walking or cycling distance of the site are found in Talgarth which has a mix of shops, public transport, food and drink outlets and other services matching the needs of the local community. The majority of the facilities are within 200m of each other in this more commercial area of the town. Talgarth High Street is approximately 2km from the farm buildings and 1.5km from the campus boundary. This equates to either a 30-to-40-minute walk or 10 to 12 minute cycle, depending on individual levels of fitness, direction of travel, and speeds of walking. Table 1 below shows approximate timings to certain locations.

Table 1 - Local Facilities Distance from Troed yr Harn Farm and Boundary

Local facility	Distance (walking time) to Farm Buildings	Distance (walking time) to campus boundary	Cycling time via Hospital Rd.
Town square	2km (30 mins)	1.6km (20 mins)	3.1km (11 mins)
Bus stop	2.1km (32 mins)	1.7km (22 mins)	3.2km (12 mins)
Pharmacy	1.9km (30 mins)	1.5km (20 mins)	3.0km (11 mins)
Doctors surgery	2.5km (35 mins)	2km (30 mins)	3.5km (13 mins)
Playing Fields	2.2km (35 mins)	1.8km (30 mins)	3.2km (12 mins)
Edge of town	1.73km (25mins)	1.3km (20 mins)	2.8km (10 mins)

2.3 Rights of Way

The site is served by several current rights of way - a footpath leading north-west towards Talgarth (approx. 2km to the centre of Talgarth), a bridleway leading south east along the route of the aforementioned track through the gliding club, and another



footpath originating at the junction with Hospital Rd. running due north around Pwll y Wrach Nature Reserve (approx 2.5km to the centre of Talgarth).

3. Policy

3.1 Principal Access Means

Walking and cycling (and e-biking) is highly encouraged as the principle means to access the site. BMC run a daily minibus which is scheduled to be able to cater to all students for each lesson they may have. Car sharing is encouraged for those who cannot walk, cycle, or get the bus.

3.2 Principal Pedestrian Route

The north-westerly footpath, which joins and runs alongside Penbont Road into Talgarth, will be the principal pedestrian route to and from Troed yr Harn campus. The footpath has been modified and upgraded by BMC where steps have been added to aid in accessibility and greatly improve the safety of the path.

The footpath continues inside the hedge, off the surface of Penbont Road, until the outskirts of the built up area where it re-joins the road. From here until Penbont Road joins Hospital Road, (a section of around 340 metres) there is no pavement. Upon joining Hospital Road a public right of way leads down into Talgarth upstream of the bridge over the River Ennig behind the leat of the Mill, away from the road. This public right of way provides a link from Penbont Road to The Bank in the centre of Talgarth. This route should be used by pedestrians journeying to Talgarth from the site.

3.3 Principle Cyclist Route

Cyclists should travel via Hospital Road from the site to the centre of Talgarth. The road has recently been resurfaced and is in a good state of repair.

3.4 Alternative Pedestrian Routes

Many of the other public rights of way within Talgarth provide alternative, traffic-free paths for pedestrians within Talgarth. A map of these are shown in **Appendix 2**.

3.5 Cycling

Cycling in the vicinity of the site and in Talgarth is facilitated by local roads conducive to cycling and the presence of National Cycle Network (NCN) Route 8. Through Talgarth the NCN 8 is a traffic-free route utilising a shared footway/cycleway along one side of the A479. To the southwest it connects to Brecon. The location of NCN 8 is shown in **Appendix 3**.



3.6 Vehicle Access Arrangements

There are two existing vehicular access points to the site. The first and primary access to the site is the eastern access that takes the form of a T junction with Hospital Road. The second is metalled road leading south up the hill and across the Gliding Club runway which has historically been used occasionally, only by prior arrangement.

3.7 Current Parking

Students are not permitted to keep or park cars on site and there will be no provision for off-site storage unless they have a reason as to why they cannot walk, cycle, or get the minibus. This includes those with a disability or illness who may be negatively impacted by our car-free policy, as BMC aim to be accessible for all.

3.8 Disabled Accessibility

There will be some limited car parking permitted on the Troed yr Harn site for those who are unable to walk, cycle or get the minibus for any reason. If possible, we do encourage car sharing in these situations in order to minimise impact.

3.9 Visitors, Services and Deliveries

All visitors will receive information explaining BMC's sustainable travel policy and car-free campus policy to include:

- car parking information,
- walking and cycling information and maps,
- a clear site policy on presence of cars,
- minibus options where possible,
- encouragement to car share with other visitors where possible

They are expected to adhere to BMC's policies as far as possible. It is the responsibility of the member of staff organising the visit to ensure the visitors have the required information. Where possible, the minibus may be booked.

4. Public Transport

BMC encourage sharing transportation, reducing single-occupancy car journeys, walking or cycling wherever possible, or utilising public transport in order to reduce CO2 emissions.

4.1 Bus

The nearest bus stops to the site are in the centre of Talgarth, approximately 2km away. The NatWest bus stop is served by 3 routes; the X44 , X12, and B49.



The X44 operates between Hereford and Brecon via Hay-on-Wye and Talgarth (operated by Sargeants Brothers). The X12 operates between Builth Wells and Abergavenny (operated by Celtic Travel), providing a limited service via Talgarth. The B49 is a local community service running between Talgarth, Llangors, and Brecon, as well as routes toward Hay-on-Wye via Tregoyd and Llanigon on specific days only.

4.2 Rail

The nearest train stations to the site are at Builth Wells (28km), and Abergavenny (31km). BMC will provide a regular shuttle service between the train stations and BMC for certain events, such as the Ecological Futures Camp.

5. Policy Agreement

BMC require all students to agree and abide by this Transport Policy at all times. Failure to do so could result in disciplinary action being taken, in correlation with our Disciplinary Procedure.

6. Document Control Information

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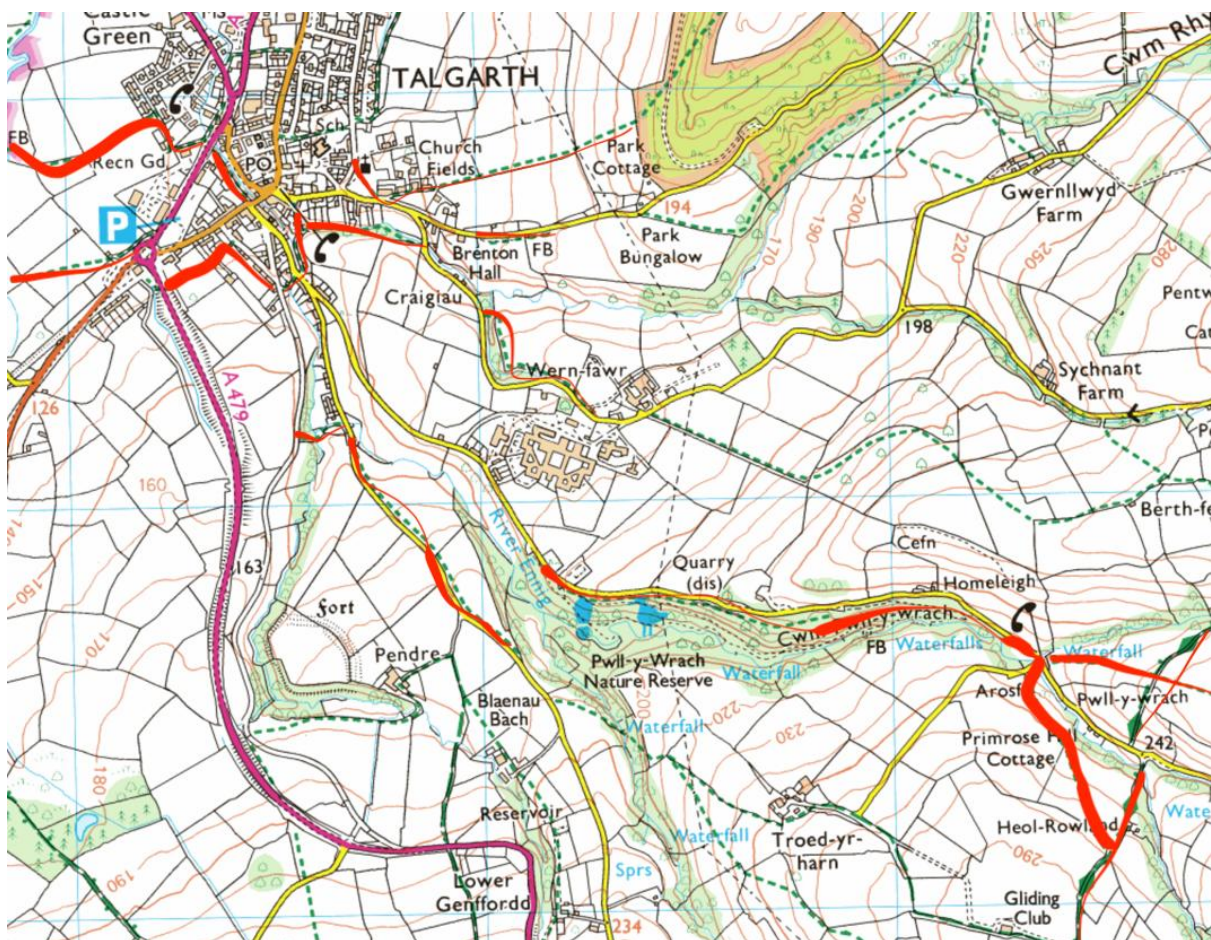
Appendix 1 – Site Location Map





Appendix 2 – Public Right of Ways in Talgarth

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Appendix 3 – National Cycle Network Route 8

