

Parking survey

The Glade Café – Welfare Grounds Rogerstone

Introduction

Planning permission (Reference 25/0122) was refused on 15/05/2025 for a proposed pergola over a seating area outside The Glade Café.

01 The Welfare Ground is used for a variety of sporting and community uses (including the café) which generate parking demand. Insufficient information has been provided regarding the level of parking demand from these uses and the extent to which the parking provision on the wider site can meet that demand. Without this information, and as the proposal would result in the loss of 5 car parking spaces, it is considered that the proposal is contrary to highway safety and contrary to Policy GP4 (Highways and Accessibility) of the Newport Local Development Plan 2011-2026 (adopted January 2015).

Evidence was provided to show the café had been insitu for since as early as 1997 – and seating has been in place for quite some years. However this evidence wasn't accepted as being significant and refused on this basis.

Parking survey

Since refusal, we had communication with Kelsey Parsons (Planning) and Kevin Jackson (Highways) and agreed the best way forward would be to carry out a parking survey using the Lambeth method.

The first parking survey was undertaken on 19/07/2025.

The second parking survey was undertaken on 26/07/2025

These dates were chosen as being the busiest days when both Rogerstone AFC (Football) and Rogerstone Cricket Club both have fixtures on the same day.

PARKING SURVEY 1 – Saturday 19th July 2025

Observations -

1. This survey date was chosen due to it being a Saturday and having a full sporting fixture list.
 - a. Rogerstone Cricket had a fixture against Whitchurch which commenced at 12:30. Players and supporters started arriving from approx. 10:30am.
 - b. Rogerstone AFC had a fixture against Ely Rangers FC. Kick off was at 2pm. Players and supporters started arriving from midday.
 - c. The community hall had children's parties from 10am and continued all throughout the survey.
 - d. From 9am until 1pm there was 1to1 kids football sessions.
 - e. The tennis courts had no use throughout the time of the survey.
 - f. Dog walkers were continuous throughout the day (some on foot, some arrived by car).
 - g. The children's playground was in use throughout the day (some on foot, some arrived by car).
 - h. It is quite apparent that all users of the Welfare Grounds park on site. The survey counted for areas up to 500mm away (5min walk) from the grounds. The survey monitored the lower part of Church Street up to number 8; and Tregwilym Road up to number 206. *However I have not noted the results in this survey at this stage, it would however improve the results if needed later as there were always several available spaces in these areas.*
 - i. The Welfare grounds have 44 official tarmac and marked out parking spaces. 4 of these spaces are disabled parking and 4 are taken up by the café seating area. I therefore counted for 40 spaces.
 - j. The grounds have an overflow parking area adj. to the football ground which could easily cater for approx.. 140 cars. These spaces are not marked however. We could do a calculation to confirm accurate numbers if necessary. Also some cars parked up adj. the cricket ground to spectate.
 - k. On road parking is also available on the access road which could easily cater for 8 cars.
 - l. On road parking is also available into the entrance to the community centre for 2 cars.
 - m. My car was parked in an official space so that space has been discounted.
 - n. The café opened at 9am.

Time	Cars Parked in official spaces (40 available)	Cars parked in overflow area/ on road (approx. 140 available)	Totals 180 available
08:25	3/40	0	3/180
08:55	3/40	0	3/180
09:25	6/40	0	6/180
09:55	4/40	0	4/180
10:25	6/40	0	6/180
10:55	15/40	0	15/180
11:25	25/40	2	27/180

11:55	29/40	3	32/180
12:25	38/40	10	48/180
12:55	39/40	23	62/180
13:25	39/40	36	75/180
13:55	39/40	56	95/180

The survey ended at 13:55 due to the assumption that this was at peak due to both cricket and football both having kicked off, all the spectators on site etc. However after discussions with Newport Highways, they need to see the peak and when it drops – so survey 2 captured that.

PARKING SURVEY 2 – Saturday 26th July 2025

Observations -

1. This survey date was again chosen due to it being a Saturday and having a full sporting fixture list.
 - a. Rogerstone Cricket had a fixture against Undy and Magor which commenced at 12:30. Players and supporters started arriving from approx. 10:30am.
 - b. Rogerstone AFC had a cup fixture against AFC Glais. Kick off was at 2pm. Players and supporters started arriving from midday.
 - c. The community hall had children's parties from 10am and continued all throughout the survey.
 - d. The tennis courts were in use most of the day.
 - e. Dog walkers were continuous throughout the day (some on foot, some arrived by car).
 - f. The children's playground was in use throughout the day (some on foot, some arrived by car).
 - g. This survey monitored the parking at the welfare grounds only.
 - h. The Welfare grounds have 44 official tarmac and marked out parking spaces. 4 of these spaces are disabled parking and 4 are taken up by the café seating area. I therefore counted for 40 spaces.
 - i. The grounds have an overflow parking area adj. to the football ground which could easily cater for approx.. 140 cars. Also some cars parked up adj. the cricket ground to spectate.
 - j. On road parking is also available on the access road which could easily cater for 8 cars.
 - k. On road parking is also available into the entrance to the community centre for 2 cars.
 - l. My car was parked in an official space so that space has been discounted.
 - m. The café opened at 9am.
 - n. There was an 8th birthday party on the grounds adj. the tennis courts and many groups (numbers differed but between 10 and 30) gathered in the picnic area during the day.
 - o. Also noted cars legally parked on entrance road this time.

Time	Cars Parked in official spaces (40 available)	Cars parked in overflow area/ on road (approx. 140 available)	Cars parked adj. entrance road (8 available)	Totals 188 available
10:00	21/40	0	0	21/188
10:30	24/40	0	0	24/188
11:00	26/40	0	2	28/188
11:30	31/33	0	1	32/188
12:00	39/40	6	1	46/188
12:30	39/40	25	2	66/188
13:00	40/40	47	2	89/188
13:30	39/40	48	3	90/188
14:00	36/40	62	4	102/188

14:30	36/40	56	6	98/188
15:00	34/40	63	6	103/188
15:30	32/40	63	8	103/188
16:00	26/40	45	7	78/188
16:30	21/40	18	2	41/188