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1. Go to the theatre and eat out first but cannot do this any longer due to an inability to get there despite having blue badges. We used to park in Upper Borough Walls by the mineral hospital but will not be able to do that.

Under the current order we cannot allow access for BB holders that will expire on the 31.12.2021 or when the new TRO comes into force when that comes into force you will be able to permit BB holders through. The area will be a mixture of double yellow lines, loading bays and BB bays outside the hospital will remain. Cheap Street will be double yellow lines and you will be able to park for up to 3 hours.

2. Milsom street will that have access

Not part of this project but consultation will commence in the next month, this is an experimental TRO, so it will come in and consult alongside this. New Bond Street may have additional BB bays with access through John Street. There are also BB bays in Broad Street car park.

On the whole it is a big improvement.

3. Ramps for my buggy as it can be difficult.

Part of the programme there will be a series of dropped curbs let us know if there is a particular street.

4. More charge points for electric cars

It is challenging but to help support the uptake of vehicles the Council is discussing this. We are installing new EV bays in our car parks such as Charlotte Street.

5. Will the BB parking by the Gainsborough hotel be affected

No, they are remaining as they are. We are also looking to put in additional BB bays.

That is good and the number of bays will be increased.

6. What does disabled bay mean

A plated sign area and anyone with a BB can park even with a hidden disability.

7. The map is difficult to interpret

That is why we want the right advocates to help people. We can make the reference simpler and make it clear it is disabled both visible and hidden.

8. Has there been any actual tangible threat

No, but we are trying to protect the city and the public spaces. The protect duty which is likely to come into statute will mean we will have duty to protect crowded spaces and public spaces. There will be a legal duty for us to work to provide protection. We have a layered approach to training and awareness of security across the city. We are doing an integrated approach with CCTV to protect people and look after our residents including those that are vulnerable.

M Middlehurst

9. Can a carer come in, as you can only book one person

Yes, it was just the booking system to make sure we did not end up with ten people all at once.

10. Disabled parking in Manvers Street is not easy to come out of in a wheelchair. Very little disabled parking and pay for parking is costly.

We cannot do anything about the topography of the city. Cheap Street and Upper Borough Walls will have BB access.

11. Will access be by number plate recognition.

No, due to the issue of forged plates etc. it is not a final decision though until we have spoken to people in the consultation and access groups. The intention is that a video system will be used and present the BB and park for up to 3 hours for free. Only BB holders can park 24 hours and vehicles delivering can park between 6pm and 10am. We will work to have a system that is as easy as possible for all.

12. Are you moving some disabled bays

One or two on York Street but putting in four additional bays by the Abbey were the taxi rank used to be and more bays on Westgate Buildings. We are also placing more BB bays on New Bond Street via the back of Jollys.

13. How will you communicate to people where you can go as people miss the signs

The signage is the legal requirement. As part of the mitigations, we will need to consider our communications.

14. The public sector equality duty – take steps to meet the needs where these are different.

That is why we are permitting BB holders.

15. With autism the ability to access the area will be a challenge

We understand, we also have visually impaired who want no traffic. We need to find the best solution that assists.

- A guide of list of things to say, a walk through.
- A lot more relaxed now with the information provided.

16. Could QR codes be used to allow access.

It is something we can consider.

St Michaels

17. Are the churches in Bath on the radar

Definitely, the Abbey as potentially they are the most impacted as it is the area with the highest footfall as identified by our colleagues in counter terrorism and is the only church within the area.

18. How does a hearse get to the church or other vehicles for weddings or similar. pre-pandemic 5,000 people coming to churches in the city centre and getting those people back helps sustain the churches. Displacement of disability parking effects all churches.

We are not educing BB bays there will be more opportunity for BB holders to park than previously. New sign at the back of Jollys to allow access to New Bond Street which will have new BB bays.

19. Communication is lacking. All churches are impacted due to the knock-on effect.

We will take that back and work on communication. There will be new BB bays on Orange Grove. Managed access Cheap Street, Westgate Street and Upper Borough Walls. Access to the Abbey, we are looking at access, as the area must be protected as it gets so busy, but we are looking at access for certain vehicles for services.

20. What about resident parking outside St Michaels

Re-provided that for parking on Broad Street as it is being removed. The loading bay will stay. We have to strike a balance between security, resident parking and BB parking.

21. Access for events such a funerals and weddings as there is a statutory right to use the church.

Managed access list a request for access for Vehicles can then be considered.

22. Make the bays in Wood Street residents and disabled bays in Quiet Street

If Milsom Street remains closed it does allow access to the centre for BB holders.

23. Travel plans to raise peoples' awareness of where they can go and park. Park and ride does not run until 10 and that does not help with attendance at churches.

Useful to consider this and look at such matters.

