

## Consultation 12.10.2021

### 13:00 – TARA

- Additional parking spaces there is concern about some of the placement. Could not find maps of exact locations for disabled parking spaces and if they are not finalised could the Council work closely with residents and business to decide locations.

Worked with the highways team where we can locate additional BB bays and these are the areas identified. The BB bays around by the Abbey are probably fixed due to the taxi rank location.

- (Westgate Buildings) St Michaels day Centre and residents if they are being picked up or dropped off they will be restricted there is on place with a dropped kerb that would be ideal for the BB bay.

The day centre will have separate arrangements for access. Drop and pick up whether a blue badge holder or not can use the loading bays. No loss of resident parking.

- Would be useful to include St Johns in discussions about disabled access. Craig Allen is the property manager.

Agreed.

- Bow Street has resident parking but there will be no access between 10-6

No but there was not anyway even pre-covid. The access to Saw Street will also be stopped. We appreciate it is not ideal as it requires you to reverse out.

- St Michaels church – access to the Abbey for funeral and wedding vehicles

We have met with the Abbey and agreed a procedure to accommodate this.

- Deliveries and emergency access. Clear procedure in place for deliveries for residents between 10-6 and clear communication to effected residents. Procedure for emergencies, such as a plumber, 2 hours notice may not be possible.

Engaged with the emergency services other emergency access can be processed much quicker than the standard 2 hour requirement. The utility company will need to contact us to request access. There will be a transitional period and the procedures will be refined.

- How many residents are affected, how many BB holders and how many have a resident parking permit.

➤ Happy to support the project.

### 15:30 – Susan Charles

- What's the PAN Report

That is the accessibility study that you took part in with the consultants Steve Muslin.

- Why is the decision being made before the PAN report is finalised.

The study recommendations around dropped kerbs etc we will be implementing, and we will also be looking to take individuals on a walk around to discuss placement of mitigations and recommendations. Some of the works would go ahead irrespective of whether the TRO progresses. Street works improvements over the next month we will work with contractors and a cross section of public.

- Who is the Director of Place Management

Chris Major.

- He will make the final decision

Yes, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for transport Manda Rigby.

- Talking with traders about BB parking and how this scheme effects their trade and deliveries. Deliveries are not always possible by 10am. Today a delivery driver had to drive around for an hour so he could stop. Impacts emissions.

There will be additional loading bays and BB bays, Westgate Buildings, keep resident parking. Additional BB Bays by the Abbey where the taxi rank has been moved and reduced. Might be able to shorten the bus stop and put in additional loading bay but that decision is yet to be made. As part of the Milsom Street consultation a further 3 or 4 BB Bays on Cheap Street. BB holders will also be able to park on double yellow lines except where there are loading bays or additional seating. This would meet a further recommendation from the access study.

- Started for security reasons and I understand it still is. Yesterday at the P&R bus stop and a balloon went over that could have been a threat. These changes are expensive why not spend it on more CCTV and staff to watch this.

Holistic approach for all the different types of threats. Ability to deal with an incident should one happen it is not just about stopping a hostile vehicle, but this is a threat, and this would prevent a vehicle being used as a weapon and the threat level is still high. Still have to deal with all threats even those less likely. All about integrated security.

- When would manual operation commence

If the TRO is sealed and the scheme goes ahead it would be implemented from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

- Short term mobility disability but do not have a BB, at the moment you have to have the disability for 6 months before you can apply for a BB and it takes 3 months to obtain the BB. Will there be an interim permit or access for short term disability.

Yes, we can use our discretion, but the main priority is security.

- What about those using hire cars

BB goes with the person not the vehicle which is why ANPR cannot be used.

- How does it stand with the DDA

It is now the Equalities Act. Duty to consider this but only to consider it and we have discretion so equalities will be continually considered. There are street improvements also being put in place such as seating to allow people to stop. Reasonable adjustments but in the light of security and this has to be balanced. A lot of changes from the original proposal to take into account equalities. It is a balancing act. Must not thoughtlessly create barriers but we can take steps if justified.

- Cyclists and E-Scooters do not seem safe and this needs to be considered.

We have talked about it when we did the walk about with the Cllrs. There is a consultation on active challenge. It is not a pedestrianised area. The route is part of the cycle network and it is a shared space. It may be that central government class E-Scooters as a motor vehicle eventually and then they would be restricted.

#### **16:00 – Linda Lloyd**

- Why can you not register two vehicles for BB holders

We need to sense check for security reasons. We will learn as we go through this.

- How can we comment it is a bit chicken and egg and the information shows the member for accessibility etc have not made any comment.
- Called on Friday and tried every phone in Highways, no one called back, I tried again yesterday but no one picked up their phone. Called back today but no direct number left so I could not call back.
- TRO document – I understand that BB holders can be let in but you are not removing the no loading that is currently in place.

It will revert to how it was prior to Covid in that the no loading was not in place. It will return to that there will be double yellow lines so BB holders will be able to park.

- The order does not do that

The order does not need to as the current restriction is under a temporary order which ends on 21.12.2020 and thus those restrictions will automatically fall away.

- What if the area is at full capacity

You would be in the same position as before if all spaces were full. When we have the automated service in place it may be easier as the person may be able to inform you where spaces are. The restrictions should allow more BB access as there would be no deliveries between 10-6pm.

- Still cannot park on Saw Close.

Correct

- Spaces by Pizza Hut will they be available

Yes and they will not be timed.

- Can we put disabled parking by Saw Close. parking near the theatre.

We can look at that.

- Can you send me a list of streets where BB bays are being provided

Yes

- Car is the last thing that will be used, very little benefit as they would walk in.

We hear what you are saying but it is part of the safety.

- The streets should have been opened up to BB holders from the summer.
- How long can we stay

3 hours

- But I could move my car

Yes, subject to any no return restrictions and availability.

- Wrong information in the consultation and it is not understandable.

The wording does not restrict access to the zone to 3 hours it says they can only park in the space for 3 hours but we can make it clearer and remove ambiguity.

- Why is the area by the Little Theatre not currently sealed off

Current restrictions are for social distancing not security. It will also stop people driving the wrong way. It will protect the area by the Roman Baths and the Abbey.

- Open in the evening

Yes

- If you could look at releasing some loading restrictions that would help or reduce the restriction.

We can.

- Pulteney Bridge restriction keeps changing

We can have a look at it.