

# Bath City Centre security

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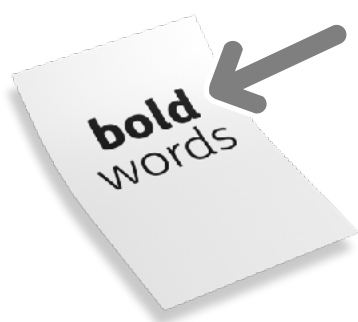


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In this easy read document, difficult words are in **bold**. We explain what these words mean in the sentence after they have been used.



Some words are [blue and underlined](#). These are links which will go to another website which has more information.

# Introduction



Bath and North East Somerset Council have been working to keep our streets and spaces safe.



We want to keep everyone safe from **terrorism**.

**Terrorism** is when a person or group uses violence to try to change how people live.



Since 2016, we have worked to make our community safer by working with:

- the police.
- other people who know lots about fighting terrorism.



We particularly looked at making busy areas as safe as possible.

# What we did in the past



In 2020, we suggested some new things we could do in Bath City Centre to keep it safe.



We wanted to balance between:

- keeping the area safe from cars and vans driven by people trying to hurt others.
- local people and disabled people who needed to drive in to use the shops and services.

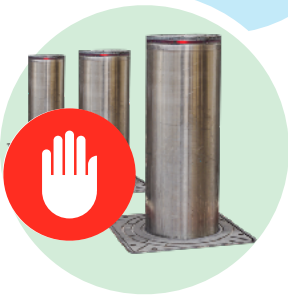


# What we suggested



We suggested that we should:

- control who drives on the most crowded streets at any time.
- watch all cars and vans that try to get into crowded streets.
- build new **street furniture** to stop cars and vans driving into places that they shouldn't be.



**Street furniture** means things like bollards.

# What we have found out



We asked people what they thought between 16 November 2020 and 31 January 2021.



We asked everyone who lived or worked inside the busy areas we were looking at.



We also asked the general public.



We spoke to someone who doesn't work for us and asked them to think about **accessibility**.

**Accessibility** is whether something can be used by everyone.



In July, we thought about whether to carry on with our plan.



The council met to talk about:

- what to do next.
- people's answers to our questions.
- anything else that the public said.
- accessibility.



At this meeting, the council decided to carry on with the plan.

# Changes to our plan



We have made some changes to our plan.



These changes do not make anyone less safe.



The changes are:

- Between 10am and 6pm, we will stop most cars driving on:
  - Cheap Street.
  - Westgate Street.
  - Saw Close.
  - Upper Borough Walls.





Some drivers will still be able to drive on these streets, including:

- people with Blue Badges.
- carers of people with Blue Badges.
- taxis carrying Blue Badge holders.
- other cars and vans that have a good reason to go on those streets.



- Between 10am and 10pm, we will stop most cars driving on York Street.



This is because we think that York Street is going to become more busy because of the new:

- Clore learning centre.
- World Heritage centre.





- We are going to have more:

- Blue Badge parking.
- places for people to pick up or drop off from cars.

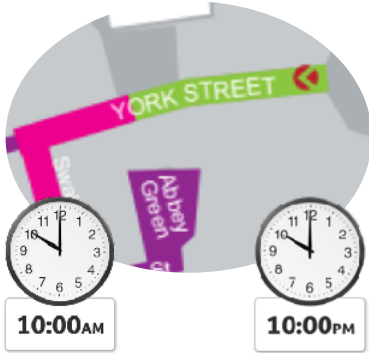
These will be in the City Centre, but outside of the areas where we are stopping cars.

We will ask what people think about these plans from 23 September until 14 October.

# Our new plans



Cars and vans will not be allowed to drive on:



- York Street between 10am and 10pm, 7 days a week.



- all other streets in the area between 10am and 6pm, 7 days a week.

We will let some cars and vans in, like:



- emergency services, for example ambulances and police cars.
- some people delivering things.
- builders and people repairing buildings.



We will allow Blue Badge holders, carers and taxis carrying Blue Badge holders into:

- Cheap Street.
- Westgate Street.
- Saw Close.
- Parsonage Lane.
- Upper Borough Walls.



To do this, we will need a **Traffic Regulation Order**.

A **Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)** is a document from the government that lets a council stop people parking on a public road.



If the government give us a TRO, we will work with user groups to make sure the area is safe and easy to get into.



We want to use the TRO as soon as possible.



This means we can give Blue Badge holders access to the area.

# What this means for you



## People who live, work or visit people in the City Centre

You will only be able to drive your cars on any of the streets in this area:

- before 10am and after 10pm on York Street.
- before 10am and after 6pm on any of the other streets.



This will be 7 days a week.

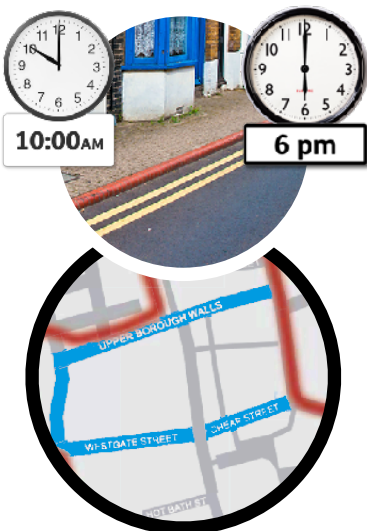


# Blue Badge holders



There will be some places to park if:

- you have a Blue Badge.
- you are a carer of someone with a Blue Badge.



Between 10am and 6pm, you will be able to park on double yellow lines in:

- Cheap Street.
- Westgate Street.
- Saw Close.
- Upper Borough Walls.



You can park for up to 3 hours.



You can only park if you aren't in the way of other people.



# Picking up and dropping off

Some people can pick up or drop off Blue Badge holders on some streets.

You can pick up or drop off a Blue Badge holder if you are:

- a friend.
- a relative.
- a taxi.



You can pick up or drop off at any time on:

- Cheap Street.
- Westgate Street.
- Saw Close.
- Upper Borough Walls.



You can't use any other streets.

# The law



To stop people driving and parking on public roads, we will need:

- a TRO.
- an **Anti-Terrorism Traffic Regulation Order**.



An **Anti-Terrorism Traffic Regulation Order (ATTRO)** is a document that lets the council stop people driving on roads to keep people safe.



We get advice from the police about whether to use a ATTRO.



The police think that Bath's main shopping streets are very busy between 10am and 6pm every day.



They think there should be an ATTRO all year round.



We want to know what you think about having a TRO and ATTRO at all times.



Sometimes we might need to stop Blue Badge holders driving on some streets.



This is only if there is something very dangerous happening, like terrorism.



If we need to do this, we will let everyone know.

# What do you think?

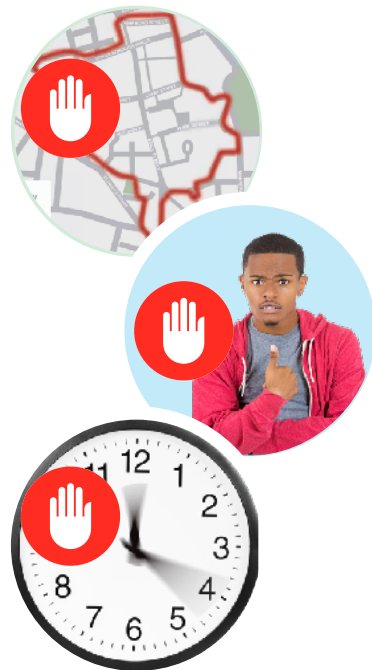


## Why we are asking

We want to know what you think about having a TRO or ATTRO in Bath City Centre.



We think that they will help make Bath safer.



In the past, we have asked about:

- where we should stop people parking and driving.
- who we should stop parking or driving.
- what times we should stop people parking and driving.



# What we are asking



The law says we need to:

- write down what people say if they don't want a TRO.
- think about what they say.

We will do this before we decide what to do next.



# Who we are asking

Anyone can tell us what they think.

In particular, we are interested in what you have to say if you:



- live in the local area.
- run a business in the local area.
- have a Blue Badge.



## How to answer

To let us know what you think, please fill in our online questionnaire:

<http://new-banes-website-dev/form/city-centre-security-tro-consult>



## What happens next

We will use your answers to help us decide what to do.

# If you need help



We have tried to make everything we do accessible.

If you need to see the information in a different way, please let us know by:



- email:  
citycentresecurity@bathnes.gov.uk



- phone:  
01225 39 40 41



If you have a learning disability and would like someone to help you take part, please let us know.



Someone from the Learning Disability Team will get in touch with you.