

Community Services

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'Important Parking Consultation'

The Resident

Dear Resident,

Parking Review, Ladder Roads, Marshalswick South (North of Sandpit Lane) and original Zone P areas

Following on from the informal consultation which took place in February 2020 in relation to the above Areas of St Albans. I write today to update residents on the way forward.

During the informal consultation the Council received 471 responses which we have now reviewed. Below are the common themes from the responses:

- a) Pay by phone is too cheap and does not discourage commuter parking.
- b) There should be no commuter parking at all.
- c) No consideration for speed control.
- d) No protection for private driveways.
- e) Residents should not have to pay, or residents permits too expensive.
- f) Some overall objection to expanding in to Marshalswick South from the Ladder Roads Scheme.
- g) Suggestions for Park and Ride.
- h) Council should reduce Car Park Fees and/or build more car parks.
- i) General amendments to help residents e.g. relocating bay positions etc.
- j) Some Roads not included should be included in any proposed scheme.

We have considered all the comments and where possible we have made some amendments to the original proposals.

Revised Proposals for further Consultation

Following a review and consideration of the responses and feedback from the open forum, the following changes to the original proposals have been made:

In general, we propose a revised scheme to reduce the number of proposed zones from 4 to 3, we have also included roads previously excluded. This revised scheme will also reduce the number of mixed use (Residents Parking with pay by phone) and see the pay by phone fee changed to reflect the demand.

New Proposed Zones

Zone P Area – Original zone P area south of Hatfield Road will be reintroduced with a number of proposed amendments. This zone was in place prior to the new Ladder Roads Scheme being implemented.

The restrictions will be Mon – Fri 1:30pm to 3:30pm, unless stated otherwise. This does mean that Clarence Road and York Road will have restriction times changed.

Some roads have been reverted to zone P and will be excluded from the Ladder Roads Scheme (the new proposed zone LR) This will provide valuable additional parking for Zone P. In addition, we have looked at all roads and have provided a proposal for some new additional bays, these are highlighted on the zone P map. Some minor changes to the existing layout are proposed to improve parking and traffic flow.

Proposed Roads Included in Zone P:

Roads currently part of Ladder Roads scheme to be included in new Zone P	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Albion Road• Blandford Road• Camp Road• Cavendish Road• Cecil Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clarence Road up to York Road• Granville Road• Laurel Road• Stanhope Road• York Road*
Proposed additional roads in new Zone P	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• St Pauls Place	

*In York Road we propose to remove the current limited waiting and implement mixed use pay by phone and residents parking. The times will also change from all day to 1:30pm - 3:30pm.

Ladder Roads Area, New Zone LR – This is one of the biggest changes from our original proposals. The Ladder Roads is now proposed to be one zone (Zone LR). This will transfer most of the Ladder Roads from the original Zone P area to the new Zone LR:

- some roads (bottom end of Clarence Road up to Brampton Road and including York Road) have been transferred to zone P
- some additional roads are proposed for inclusion (see below).

The proposed restriction times will remain unchanged from what was implemented; Mon – Fri 11am – 1pm.

Proposed Roads included in Zone LR:

Roads currently part of Ladder Roads scheme to be included in the new Zone LR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blenheim Road• Brampton Road• Churchill Road• Clarence Road (from Brampton Road to Sandpit Lane)• Glenferrie Road• Gainsborough Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hamilton Road• Harlesden Road• Jennings Road• Park Avenue• Sandfield Road• Sefton Close• Sunderland Avenue

Proposed additional roads in new Zone LR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arthur Road• Beaumont Avenue• Burnham Road• Eaton Road• Gleve Close• Monks Horton Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Salisbury Avenue• St Johns Court• Royal Road• The Dell• Woodstock Road South• Woodstock Road North

In general, the design of the existing Ladder Roads scheme will remain unchanged. However, where space is available throughout the day, we have included a pay by phone option. This mainly applies to parts of Clarence Road and Jennings Road.

Marshalswick South Area New Zone MS – All of the Marshalswick South roads to the North of Sandpit Lane as listed below. Following comments and suggestions from the previous consultation, additional roads are proposed for inclusion. This zone will mostly be a shared use parking zone. Shared use means that the parking bays will be shared between residents and other road users between the times stated. In this case it would be Resident Permit Holders and Pay by Phone parking.

The proposed restriction times of the scheme: Mon – Fri 11am – 1pm.

Proposed parking bays in Zone MS will not be marked over driveway access. Access protection Lines (H Bars) will be provided as part of the scheme and will be maintained under the scheme.

The following roads are proposed to be included; this includes additional roads not included in the previous consultation:

Zone MS roads included in original proposals for Marshalswick South	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Battlefield Road• Charmouth Court• Charmouth Road• Faircross Way• Gurney Court Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harptree Way• Hall Heath Close• Lancaster Road• Salisbury Avenue• The Park

Proposed additional roads in Zone MS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homewood Road Hall Heath Close 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marshals Drive

LR and MS Zones: Shared Use Parking (Residents and Pay by Phone Option) – The original proposals included a Pay by Phone option alongside residents parking in all roads except Blandford Road, Glenferrie Road, Sandfield Road, Harlesden Road and Brampton Road. Following comments received, it is proposed that this option is removed for the most part and should only be implemented in the roads which have been identified as roads with greater capacity.

It is recommended under this option that, the ‘shared use parking’ (Residents Permits and Pay by Phone) be proposed for the following roads:

Roads in Zone LR	Roads in Zone MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennings Road (not the station end) Clarence Road York Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battlefield Road Charmouth Road Faircross Way Gurney Court Road Harptree Way Lancaster Road The Park

All other roads will be Residents Only Parking during the restricted times, unless otherwise stated on the map proposals.

Pay by Phone

Following comments received during the previous consultation, the cost of pay by phone will be increased. However, the cost should not be detrimental. Therefore, to ensure parking continues to provide a natural Traffic Calming measure, to allow visitors to the City and an element of commuter parking. It is recommended that a cost of £5.40 for the day be implemented. This is equal to our short stay commuter car parks.

Limited waiting Parking

Some limited waiting bays at the end of Jennings Road and on Woodstock Road North have been added to accommodate the dentist on Woodstock Road North. The days and times would be Mon – Sat 8am – 6pm. This is in addition to existing limited waiting provided on other roads within the existing Ladder Roads scheme. Limited waiting parking on Hatfield Road remains unchanged under these proposals.

The residents annual parking charges proposed are:

- 1st permit £20.17
- 2nd permit £70.04
- 3rd permit £152.82

Residents Visitors’ Permits £1.30 per day (to cover a 2-hour period) sold in books of 10 at £13.00 a book.

Residents will only require a permit if they are parking within a residents parking bay.

Public parking via Pay by Phone will be at a cost of £5.40 (to cover the restricted time of 2 hours per day)

For more information on the scheme design and to see the detailed maps, please visit our website www.stalbans.gov.uk/traffic-regulation-orders-and-parking-consultations and click on 'current consultations' Please note that the consultation maps may be subject to some changes if a formal consultation is undertaken and a scheme is agreed.

Regrettably we are not going to be circulating paper copies of the maps, this is due to the size of the maps and quantity required. I am also conscious of the environmental impact due to the amount of additional paper required. However, if you do not have internet access or have difficulty viewing the documents online, please let us know and we can make alternative viewing arrangements.

A copy of the scheme maps is also available to view at the Fleetville Community Centre in Royal Road opposite Morrisons. Please check with the community centre for opening times and availability.

Consultation

If you have any comments or suggestions on the proposals, you can contact us via email at parkingrestrictions@stalbands.gov.uk or by post to; Ladder Roads Consultation 2020, Parking Development, St Albans City & District Council, St Peter's Street, St Albans, AL1 3JE.

Any comments or suggestions should reach us no later than **Friday 11th September 2020**

Please note, The Council does not require a majority response for or against the proposed scheme as the scheme proposals are intended to improve traffic safety concerns. If you agree with the proposals or have no objections to what is being proposed, there is no need to respond.

What Happens Next?

The Council will review any comments and objections received from this consultation and make a recommendation to the ward Councillors and the Council's Portfolio Holder for Parking on the way forward. This may include one of the following;

1. Advertising a formal intension to make a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to implement a new scheme as detailed (formal consultation)
2. Advertise our intension to make a TRO to implement a scheme with some amendments, based on comments and objections received (formal consultation)
3. Carry out further informal consultation/s if required, this may include changes to the original proposals detailed in this consultation

We will update residents at each stage of the consultation.

Yours faithfully

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