

Community Services

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‘Important Parking Information’

The Resident

«NAME»

«HOUSE_NUMBER» «STREET»

«TOWN»

«POSTCODE»

Dear Resident,

Parking Review (Zone A) City Centre Area St Peters Ward

Following on from consultations which have taken place in relation to the above, I write today to update residents on the way forward.

These consultations have helped us to shape a proposal which we trust will improve parking for Zone A residents and we are now consulting on those proposals.

Proposed Changes to Zone A

The following changes are proposed to improve road safety, Traffic Movement and the availability of residential parking for residents and their visitors.

To improve the availability of resident parking

1. The restricted times to be changed to 8:30am - 10pm (currently 8:30am to 8pm)
2. The restricted days to be changed to Monday – Sunday (currently Monday – Saturday)
3. Removal of Voucher Parking, this is the blue 1-hour vouchers available to all.
4. The number of permits per household reduced from 3 permits to 2 permits.
5. The list of eligible properties will be amended, any roads currently listed as ‘all’ within the Traffic Regulation Order/s will be changed to specify property numbers, see attached proposed list.
6. Britton Avenue – Addition of 2 resident only spaces opposite 3 to 5 Britton Avenue.
7. Upton Avenue - Additional 2 resident only parking spaces outside number 3.

To improve road safety and traffic flow

8. Russell Avenue - Removal of 2 parking spaces in Russell Avenue (currently suspended) to allow larger vehicles to turn and exit via Drovers Way and adhere to the 7.5 tonne lorry limit in Britton Avenue. A loading ban is proposed in this section of Russell Avenue, junction with Britton Avenue.
9. Stapley Road - Amendment to parking bays west side, by introducing a single yellow line waiting restrictions (Mon to Sun 8:30am – 6:30pm) to assist with traffic movement at busy periods. Remaining time to be resident only from 6:30pm – 10pm and unrestricted 10pm – 8:30am.
10. Folly Lane - Addition of double yellow lines from 118 to 160 Folly Lane (no parking or waiting for any vehicle during these times). Addition of single yellow lines, restricted waiting 8am to 6:30pm Mon – Sat (no parking or waiting for any vehicle during these times).

Permit Price Changes

These proposals include an increased restriction time therefore, the price of permits will be increased to match other zones with the same or similar restrictions. The current cost of permits for the proposed scheme are £53.06 per annum for the 1st Vehicle and £186.77 for the second vehicle. There would be no 3rd permit. These are the current costings and are subject to reviews.

Number of Parking Bays and Permits Issued

The number of spaces available before these proposals is approximately 273 and the number of spaces available if these proposals were introduced would be 275. However, 6 of those spaces would only be available from 6:30pm daily (Stapley Road). These numbers do not include spaces where residents can park across their driveways on the highway. The number of these spaces is approximately 26 across the zone.

As of 27th March 2020, there was 254 open permits across zone A. this compared with the number of spaces 273 indicates that around 93% of spaces would be used during the restricted hours.

The Consultation

In addition to the details in this letter, we have included the scheme design maps and a list of eligible properties to help residents understand the scope of the scheme. However, we recognise that the documents especially the maps, may not be fully readable for everyone.

Therefore, these are also available on our website at:

www.stalbans.gov.uk/traffic-regulation-orders-and-parking-consultations you will then need to click on 'current parking consultations'

Responding to the Consultation

Please note, the Council does not require a majority response for or against the proposed scheme as the scheme proposals are intended to improve safety and traffic movement within the zone and surrounding area. In addition, the proposals are intended to improve the availability of residents parking. If you agree with the proposals or have no objections to what is being proposed, there is no need to respond.

If you do have any comments or suggestions on these proposals, you can contact us via email at parkingrestrictions@stalbans.gov.uk Please quote reference TRO-2020/4 in the email subject.

or by post to; Zone A Consultation, Parking Development, St Albans City & District Council, St Peter's Street, St Albans, AL1 3JE.

Please note, we are unable to take comments, suggestions or objections over the phone. We are also unable to respond to individual responses due to the number of responses we receive. Therefore, all responses will be collated and where required a response will be assigned. All responses will be published on our website once a decision on the next step has been agreed. All responses will remain anonymous.

Comments or representations made after **Friday 10th July 2020** will not be considered.

What Happens Next?


The Council will review any comments, suggestions and objections received from this consultation and make a recommendation to the ward Councillors and the Councils Portfolio Holder 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 the scheme as detailed (this is sometimes referred to as a formal consultation)
2. Advertise our intension to make a TRO to implement a scheme with some amendments, based on comments and objections received.
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, you can also review the status of the consultation on our website as detailed under 'The Consultation' above.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours Faithfully



Gary Payne
Specialist Officer (Parking)