

**Car Parking Updates - Batheaston and Radstock
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Name	Date	Comments	Opinion		Councils Response
			For	Against	
R S	20/01/15	Happy with the proposals.	✓		Not necessary.
H B	20/01/15	This is on behalf of the 14 staff who variously work in Radstock Library. All of us either live outside of the Radstock/Midsomer Norton area or are often required to work split shifts between branches necessitating the use of a vehicle in order to arrive promptly to carry out our duties. Two staff are usually on duty at the library at any one time and we work up to 9 hours at the library. Many other Council workers use the car park such as Children's Services. Other workers in what is a low wage economy area will also be adversely affected. If library staff and others are unable to park off street for their working day they will have no option but to move to on street parking which will increase road hazards in the town. The current situation is very difficult with many people parking along Church Street, past St Nicholas' school towards the Haydon area. This will make the problem worse and increase aggravation for residents in the area.		✓	Points raised will be considered by the Cabinet Member before the decision is made. All who submit comments or objections will be notified of the decision once taken as required under the statutory process.
E D-D	20/01/15	The parking situation on Waterloo Road is already appalling and your ticket proposal is positively bonkers. How can you possibly implement it? When will B&NES Council learn to consult Radstock Town Council before making catastrophic decisions involving Radstock? I suggest actually visiting the area and doing a rethink!		✓	Points raised will be considered by the Cabinet Member before the decision is made. All who submit comments or objections will be notified of the decision once taken as required under the statutory process.
Cllr S A	20/01/15	Could you clarify how many spaces there are in the two car parks in Radstock? How many would be long stay at the Waterloo Road Car Park?			Information provided
E H	21/01/15	<p>I am outraged that this restriction to parking is being implemented. Radstock's businesses are already declining due to all works being carried out. Builders are already taking up valuable spaces in the now limited car parking available within Radstock due to the destruction of one rather large car park in order to build further housing with no sign of a replacement for any of this lost parking.</p> <p>Whilst business continue to struggle through out 'regeneration' process we are now being told that a further restriction to parking shall take place. Am I seriously to now explain to my employer, based in Radstock, which means I must park in the town centre for around 8 hours each day, that I am no longer able to meet my requirement of 8 hour days, and can now only work 5 as I will not be able to park for any longer? The one hour return rule is NO help in this matter at all!</p> <p>How is this in any way a regeneration? Is my employer to decide that 5 hour days must now be profitable as this seems to be the only option being forced upon us? How are any of the local businesses supposed to continue to function during a full working day if employers/employees are unable to park? How will the chemist remain open in</p>		✓	Points raised will be considered by the Cabinet Member before the decision is made. All who submit comments or objections will be notified of the decision once taken as required under the statutory process.

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T B	21/01/15	<p>I'm horrified for the small business owners within the town and the impact this will have on us all. We have tried to cope with the upheaval that the current regeneration project has imposed on us all, our employees and clients/customers. With the loss of the large car park at the Victoria Hall, all those employed within the town and those looking to utilise the shops/businesses have struggled with where to park and indeed we have witnessed total chaos during school drop off/pick up times and ambulances needing to access Manor Farm House (OAP home) along with vehicles still being driven the wrong way through the ever changing high street.</p> <p>Placing restrictions of 5 hours (with no return for 1 hour) with no alternative parking available will impact massively on our business. Our employees are contracted from 9am – 5pm and 8 hour working day with 30mins lunch breaks, not always taken as we have actively recruited into the business with employees coming in from as far as Portishead to work and we are trying to recruit further but with nowhere within the town to park I feel Radstock will quickly fall further into decline</p>		✓	Points raised have been passed back to Parking Services for consideration and response.
P L	21/01/15	<p>Are Banes finally to kill any chance of commercial viability in Radstock? My business premises sit directly alongside the free parking in Church Street,Radstock.</p> <p>The fact you are now to charge and restrict parking to 5 hours is the final straw in the rapid decline in remaining businesses in. Central Radstock. Simply money grabbing. There is no available suitable parking in the town now but now Banes want to charge for there own poor regeneration attempts!!</p> <p>I am simply lost in how Banes has come up with this suicidal decision in a failing market town with this restriction to parking to be implemented. Radstock's businesses are already rapidly declining (I already have an empty commercial property in Fortescue Road as a result of the tenant unable to trade commercially due to the continued works and blocked road/access and due to all works being carried out. Builders are already taking up valuable spaces in the now limited car parking available within Radstock due to the destruction of one rather large car park in order to build further housing with no sign of a replacement for any of this lost parking.</p> <p>Whilst business continue to struggle through out 'regeneration' process we are now being told that a further restriction to parking shall take place. Am I seriously to now explain to my employees and clients that visit my premises daily based in Radstock, that they must park in the town centre somewhere other than in the current free car park? If so where?? Plus for around 8 hours each day, I am no longer able to meet my requirement of 8 hour days of office work as I have to relocate my cars as do my employees as we/they can now only work 5 as I will not be able to park for any longer? The one hour return rule is NO help in this matter at all!</p> <p>I am absolutely positive that I cannot be the only business owner sick and tired of "central decisions by Banes made for profit only and surely not the only person that lives/works/parks in and around Radstock who is so angry by Banes lack of forward thinking. This is an absolute atrocity and will kill all businesses in Radstock for certain. There will be no Radstock 'high street' or 'industry' if we are simply unable to attend our places of employment and continue business to run! This simply cannot go ahead. I urge you to reconsider this proposal as Radstock will not endure these further restrictions.</p>		✓	Points raised have been passed back to Parking Services. Discussions followed between PL and Cllrs Jackson and Appleyard concerning the extra parking needed for staff and customers in order to make a business work properly.

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C T	21/01/15	<p>On occasion I have to work in Radstock all day. This kind of restriction will mean that I, and others like me, will be making short journeys in our lunch hour to source alternative parking. The busiest times are during school pick up and drop offs. I understand that a ticket will be required even for short stays. This would put children at risk as, not only will the parents be looking for a space, they will then have to leave their children in unattended in the car or take them to the ticket machine.</p> <p>The idea that this will discourage commuter parking has not been thought out. The councils green policies do encourage people to use public transport. The fact that Radstock has reliable bus links is testament to this. Clearly people will park in places like Peasdown St John or in side roads causing further stress for residents. Many locals are avoiding Radstock at the moment. Not because of scarcity in parking, but because of the mixed up conditions that car drivers and pedestrians are enduring. Maybe when the various contractors do not have to park all day there will be no requirement for intervention and we can all go about our business unsupervised as before.</p>		✓	Points raised will be considered by the Cabinet Member before the decision is made. All who submit comments or objections will be notified of the decision once taken as required under the statutory process.
M L	22/01/15	No physical changes are being made, so no need to update the GIS database.			Not required.
Cllr S A	23/01/15	<p>I am of the opinion that the Variation to be put in place on Waterloo Road West is a sound decision and as long as properly publicised with appropriate signage this is a good decision.</p> <p>I am less confident on the Variation on Church Street Car Park. I am of the opinion that this car park also requires an element of long stay parking alongside a 2hr time restriction as opposed to the publicised 5hr restriction.</p> <p>Having long stay spaces in both car parks would support local business employees and businesses by improving the flow of spaces.</p> <p>Also, for Church Street Car Park there is a plan to extend this as part of the Radstock Regeneration project and this will result in more spaces with the spacing being re-designed. It may be prudent to wait until this work has been carried out until introducing any variations to this car park.</p> <p>I would support moving forward with the Waterloo Road changes but not the Church Street changes at this time but certainly would do so once the extension has taken place.</p>		✓	Points raised will be considered by the Cabinet Member before the decision is made. All who submit comments or objections will be notified of the decision once taken as required under the statutory process.

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K S	27/01/15	<p>I am sad to learn of your plans for parking in Radstock, as someone who uses the already below par parking facilities available in the town centre to enable me to get to work during the week, I fail to see how parking restrictions of four hours is going to help anybody. I, like most people who work in Radstock, am in my place of work for 8 hours a day, as such, a four hour limit would mean that I would be unable to park in Radstock at all. Even people working part time, for example, 9 am until 1 pm, would not be able to use the car parking facility, if they are to arrive at the car park at 8.30 in order to secure a space, their time would be up before they had finished their days work. These restrictions would cause problems for those wishing to use the cycle path as well, if they can only park for four or five hours, this limits the amount of time they can spend enjoying the cycle path. Also, seeing as the town centre is not big enough, nor does it have enough retail outlets, I do not see that it would be of use to visitors to have a maximum stay of four hours either. As far as I can see, anyone that would be heading to Radstock for the shopping opportunities, would use the car park located at the Co-op, as their shopping trip is likely to include that business and wouldn't take them up to the parking limit. Whilst I appreciate that you do need short stay parking for those visiting the doctors and the post office, long stay parking must be made available for the workers of Radstock. I understand that there has been talk of workers being given permits, as I only work three days a week, I do not think that this would be something that would be offered to me, therefore, long stay parking should be made available for people like me who need somewhere to leave their car for eight hours. If you wish to implement charges for parking, perhaps it would be easier to introduce a system like the one used in Frome, where visitors/workers can pay for half a day or a full days parking. That way, space would still be available to visitors, as those with half day tickets would not be using the car park for a significant amount of time, and those that need to park for longer than four hours have the provision to do so. If charges are implemented, I would hope that there</p>		✓	Points raised will be considered by the Cabinet Member before the decision is made. All who submit comments or objections will be notified of the decision once taken as required under the statutory process.
O J	29/01/15	<p>I am writing to object strongly to the proposed new parking restrictions planned for Radstock. I am the Director of a small charity that uses the car park behind the children's centre daily. We have a staff of seven, plus an intern, and an apprentice. With the proposed restrictions it would mean that each one of us would, every day, have to leave our office after the 5 hour time restriction, go to our car, move it and try to find other appropriate parking near enough to the office to then walk back again and resume work. This is obviously hugely detrimental to the efficiency of our work, the morale of the staff and the goodwill of the charity itself as it works in Radstock with some of the most deprived members of our community.</p> <p>I could not think of a worse scheme to help the people of Radstock and the people who work here in their aim to make Radstock a thriving, neighbourly and helpful community. If this happens I will seriously have to consider moving the organisation out of Radstock. For your added information, we are the only Arts Council Funded National Portfolio Organisation in the whole of Bath and North East Somerset and losing us from Radstock would be extremely detrimental.</p>		✓	Points raised will be considered by the Cabinet Member before the decision is made. All who submit comments or objections will be notified of the decision once taken as required under the statutory process.
J O	08/02/15	<p>As a resident on Bannerdown Road I was very concerned to note that you propose to start charging for Batheaston Car Park on Mondays to Friday's between 8am-6pm. This will undoubtedly cause major problems for the residents in terms of parking, as people will find close, free alternative parking in the Batheaston area. London Road East and Bannerdown Road are the closest areas to park for free. This will mean parking outside our houses will be very difficult during these hours and we may end up forced to pay to park in the car park until cars leave our road. I wondered if you had already considered this and whether there is potential for residents' parking only on Bannerdown Road to avoid this situation in the first place. We would obviously have to pay for parking permits, but this would be preferable to driving around and around trying to find a parking spot during the week.</p>		✓	Points raised will be considered by the Cabinet Member before the decision is made. All who submit comments or objections will be notified of the decision once taken as required under the statutory process.
E P	09/02/15	<p>The library car park should be split for 50 short stay spaces, with the rest being long stay (including the additional 20 spaces that will be created by extending and remarking the car park).</p>		✓	Points raised will be considered by the Cabinet Member before the decision is made. All who submit comments or objections will be notified of the decision once taken as required under the statutory process.

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J P	09/02/15	<p>I have worked in Coombend, Radstock, for the past 17 years, and have noticed that for the past few years parking has become more of a problem. If I am unable to park, I use the car park at Waterloo Road, (approximately 30 spaces), which is not a problem. However, the car park can be almost full up by 8.45. If the proposals for restricted parking go ahead, I can not see where the people who travel to work in Radstock are expected to park. The Journal states that approximately 164 workers are employed in Radstock's High Street and Post Office, not including those employed at businesses in Coombend. Where are these people expected to park their cars? Car parking facilities have already been lost by the Victoria Hall. Free parking permits are all very well for traders and those employed in Radstock, but where are they to park? I appreciate the fact that the local councillors want more people to visit Radstock and take advantage of what the town has to offer, but I see only more parking problems ahead. The proposed extra spaces at Church Street car will not make a lot of difference. It seems to me that there is a mind set with present day planners to think of a development and consider vehicle parking as an afterthought. However, our economy is based upon mobility of labour and the motor car is prime facilitator of this mobility. Public transport is not so viable in more rural locations.</p>		✓	<p>Points raised will be considered by the Cabinet Member before the decision is made. All who submit comments or objections will be notified of the decision once taken as required under the statutory process.</p>
S M	10/02/15	<p>I write in connection with the notice placed at the London Road Car Park Batheaston. Your notice states you will introduce unlimited parking between 6pm and 8am and all day Sat and all day Sun. This clearly implies you will be charging for parking at all other times. Since the installation of the bridge at this site and the pathway beyond, it has become a favourite walking and cycling area for local people including myself. It has also enabled parking while using the local shops.</p> <p>However we are aware that cars are being parked there all day and the owners then take the bus to their place of work into Bath. (You could always move the bus stop?)</p> <p>May I suggest a parking limit of say 4 hours - this would allow walkers and cyclists the opportunity to exercise freely maybe even walk to the local pub for coffee/lunch before walking back to their cars. I urge you to consider this request. The bridge and pathway have been marvellous for we the older generation who really appreciate being able to take a walk in all weathers in a flat landscape every day. To have to pay for parking in order to enjoy this facility would be very harsh</p>		✓	<p>Points raised will be considered by the Cabinet Member before the decision is made. All who submit comments or objections will be notified of the decision once taken as required under the statutory process.</p>