

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive Forward Plan Reference	E2220
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Objections received to proposed Bus Lane, Turning Movements and Waiting Restrictions, Wellsway, Bath

Decision maker/s	Cllr Roger Symonds, Cabinet Member for Transport
The Issue	Objections received to proposed Bus Lane, Turning Movements and Waiting Restrictions, Wellsway, Bath
Decision Date	07 Jun 2011
The decision	<p>The Cabinet Member agrees that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The bus lane and associated waiting/loading restrictions should be implemented between the hours of 7am and 7pm, 7 days a week. 2. The bus priority measures (signal controlled) should be implemented as proposed. 3. The current crossing proposal should be implemented. The crossing shall have the facility to accommodate bus detection equipment when introduced.
Rationale for decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A proposal to introduce a bus lane, and associated turning and waiting restrictions in Wellsway is to improve bus services on this road, particularly during peak traffic times and improve safety for all who use Wellsway. 2. The scheme improves road safety for all road users and therefore meets the requirements of the Council's overall road safety, traffic calming and community safety priorities for urban areas. 3. It is noted that some additional parking can be provided by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. reinstating parking spaces from outside no. 241 Wellsway southbound, for a distance of approximately 172m to the recently constructed pedestrian build-out; and ii. an additional space could be provided opposite St Luke's Road, by reducing the length of road currently subject to waiting restrictions. This will require a further traffic regulation order, to be progressed separately. 4. A slight reduction of less than one parking space will be made outside no. 1 Entry Hill, where its garage accesses the Wellsway, to provide adequate manoeuvrability to and from the garage.
Financial and budget implications	A budget to implement this scheme has been included in the 2010/2011 capital budget (Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN) grant).
Issues considered	Customer Focus; Sustainability
Consultation undertaken	Ward Councillors; Cabinet member; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Local Residents; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer

<p>How consultation was carried out</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation with residents regarding gaps in Wellsway central refuge - May 2003. • Public exhibition June 2003, followed by revisions to plan. • Questionnaire to residents of Wellsway August 2003 followed by report on responses in July 2003. • Report on Public Consultation with recommendations to be included in the scheme, July 2005. • Meeting at St. Luke's Church 5th February 2008 followed by report on responses. • Consultation with statutory consultees and residents, August 2009. • Meeting with residents at Devonshire Arms, Wellsway, in April 2010. • Formal consultation on proposed Traffic Regulation Orders to implement the scheme. • Ongoing correspondence with all interested parties. • Formal consultation in July 2010 carried out by e-mail with statutory consultees. Proposals also advertised in accordance with legal requirements, in the press and on street for a period of six weeks, and were also available for Public inspection at the Council Offices in Trimbridge House, Trim Street, Bath.
<p>Other options considered</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of proposed Puffin crossing adjacent to the Devonshire Arms was considered. This was due to the requirement to install a further Puffin crossing in connection with planning application no. 09/02806/FUL, the resulting close proximity of the two crossings and the signalised bus gate. Removal of the Devonshire Arms crossing was rejected.
<p>Signatures of Decision Makers</p>	
<p>Date of Signature</p>	
<p>Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision</p>	