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From: Simon Thomas
Sent: 11 April 2011 15:26
To: 'suevhinton@onetel.com'
Subject: HENRY STREET AND NEW ORCHARD STREET PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING, UNLOADING AND DISABLED PARKING PEV 7210 / ST

Dear Ms Hinton

Thank you for your e-mail of 10th April 2011, which has been passed to myself, as the responsible traffic engineer to comment upon.

The set of advertised Traffic Regulations Orders (TRO's) you have recently read on street are designed to tidy up and formalise the parking regime set out as part of the new Southgate development layout and gets rid of out of date orders associated with the old road and shopping centre layout that are no longer valid. Once TRO's are in place, the Council's Parking Enforcement Team can correctly and legally issue Penalty Charge Notices (PCN's) to driver's parking illegally and allows blue badge holders to use if and when available.

I can clarify the situation as follows:-

1. The layout on the northern side of Henry St comprising of 2 disabled bays and 3 taxi bays, will remain unchanged (figures dependant upon how drivers park);
2. Similarly, the layout on the southern side of Henry Street comprising 5 disabled bays will also remain unchanged (figures dependant upon how drivers park);
3. A prohibition of waiting and loading has been proposed to prevent drivers from parking/ waiting within the cul-de-sac or 'turn around area' and ultimately blocking movements out of the Henry St;
4. Under the terms of the development, New Orchard St pedestrianised area has been extended eastwards and an existing cycle facility has been proposed to be extended as far as the cul-de-sac. Again this allows appropriate enforcement.

I agree that TRO's can often be difficult to understand, however we only follow a standard legal process undertaken by all local authorities, which also includes advertisement within a number of local papers, as well as on street.

If you have any further queries, please contact me further, but in the meantime, apologies for any mis-understanding.

Regards

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Simon Thomas

From: Dorothy Miley
Sent: 11 April 2011 14:02
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Cc: Simon Thomas
Subject: RE: Re Henry Street New Orchard Street Prohibition of vehicles disabled etc.

Simon
Yours I understand

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-----Original Message-----

From: Transportation
Sent: 11 April 2011 13:54
To: Dorothy Miley
Cc: Parking
Subject: FW: Re Henry Street New Orchard Street Prohibition of vehicles disabled etc.

over to you

Kind Regards

Sue Hill
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-----Original Message-----

From: suevhinton@onetel.com [<mailto:suevhinton@onetel.com>]
Sent: 10 April 2011 18:49
To: Transportation
Subject: Re Henry Street New Orchard Street Prohibition of vehicles disabled etc.

HENRY STREET AND NEW ORCHARD STREET PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING, UNLOADING AND DISABLED
PARKING PEV 7210 / ST

Dear Sir,

We wish to object to the proposal to prohibit vehicles waiting, loading, unloading and especially the ending of disabled parking in Henry and New Orchard Street.

Since the new SouthGate has been built there has already been a loss of a great many disabled parking bays that used to exist further along this street where BHS used to be, making it already more difficult for disabled people to access the city.

We have a 90-year-old disabled mother who cannot catch a bus, as there is none that comes anywhere near where we live and therefore has to rely on us to drive her into the city. She is very alert mentally and this proposal would mean that either she is unable to access the city, the thought of which is extremely distressing to her, or we will be

forced to park on double yellow lines elsewhere which will cause more obstruction to all traffic. We know you are already going to stop access around Lower Borough Walls and Bath Street in the near future, which will also make access to the town very difficult for the increasing numbers of disabled people.

We fail to see why it would be advantageous to make it a cycle path anyway as it is a quiet road already. The road as it is at present is out of the way and only used by local shoppers and taxis.

We would also like to say that the publication of this notice was very discreet - being only on one side of the street in small print and high up a post - very difficult to notice if you are short and extremely impossible to read from a wheelchair!

Closing this street to traffic will cause more congestion around the city, not less.

Yours sincerely,

Susan, Ivan and Lorna Hinton

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Simon Thomas

From: helen pike [helen.pike@sky.com]
Sent: 18 April 2011 22:14
To: Simon Thomas
Subject: Re: HENRY STREET AND NEW ORCHARD STREET PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING, UNLOADING AND DISABLED PARKING PEV 7210 / ST

Dear Simon

Thank you for your prompt response to my email last week and for clarifying the parking situation for blue badge holders in Henry Street.

I am relieved to learn that I will still be able to park there when taking my mother to Bath and displaying her blue badge. It certainly makes life much easier for my mother and myself on our visits to Bath.

Yours sincerely

Helen Pike

On Thu, Apr 14, 2011 at 1:49 PM, Simon Thomas <Simon_Thomas@bathnes.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Ms Pike

Thank you for your e-mail of 13th April 2011, which has been passed to myself, as the responsible traffic engineer to comment upon.

The set of advertised Traffic Regulations Orders (TRO's) you have recently read on street are designed to tidy up and formalise the parking regime set out as part of the new Southgate development layout and gets rid of out of date orders associated with the old road and shopping centre layout that are no longer valid. Once TRO's are in place, the Council's Parking Enforcement Team can correctly and legally issue Penalty Charge Notices (PCN's) to driver's parking illegally and allows blue badge holders to use if and when available.

I can clarify the situation as follows:-

1. The layout on the northern side of Henry St comprising of 2 disabled bays and 3 taxi bays (figures dependant upon how drivers park), will remain unchanged as a result of these orders allowing you to continue using subject to availability;
2. Similarly, the layout on the southern side of Henry Street comprising 5 disabled bays will also remain unchanged (figures dependant upon how drivers park);
3. A prohibition of waiting and loading has been proposed to prevent drivers from parking/ waiting within the cul-de-sac or 'turn around area' and ultimately blocking movements out of Henry St;

4. Pre Southgate, there existed a cycle facility through the pedestrianised area, linking Lower Borough Walls to New Orchard St and Henry St. Now that the pedestrianised area in New Orchard St has been extended eastwards as part of the new development, the proposal merely intends to extend it as far as the cul-de-sac.

I agree that TRO's, can often be tricky to understand, however we only follow a standard legal process undertaken by all local authorities, which also includes advertisement within a number of local papers, as well as on street.

I hope this explanation makes the situation clearer, but if you have any further queries, please contact me once again.

Apologies for any mis-understanding.

Regards

Simon

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Simon Thomas

From: Dorothy Miley
Sent: 14 April 2011 10:44
To: Simon Thomas
Subject: FW: Disabled Parking in Henry Street

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From: Transportation
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Please respond directly to Ms Pike

Kind Regards

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From: helen pike [mailto:helen.pike@sky.com]
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Subject: Disabled Parking in Henry Street

To whom it may concern

On behalf of my 87 year old mother who has held a blue badge for a number of years now, due to her increasing poor mobility, I wish to object in the strongest terms to the proposal to prohibit vehicles waiting, loading,unloading **and in particular, the ending of disabled parking in Henry and New Orchard Street.**

My friend has just advised me of this proposal, and I am very unhappy to hear of the underhand way in which the publication of the notice was displayed - being only on one side of the street in small print and high up on a post . In fact, when taking my mother to Bath last week, neither she, in her wheelchair, or I pushing her, noticed it at all. I do not believe that any empathy is being shown towards disabled people, many of whom without the help of a carer, would be unable to enjoy visits out from home. My mother for example, can no longer go anywhere without 1) myself taking her in the car and 2) her wheelchair, which I push. Being able to park in Henry Street when visiting Bath, enables my mother to visit Marks and Spencers and other shoips nearby for a couple of hours and helps her to feel 'normal', in being able to shop for herself. It has also made the experience much easier for me, who pushes her wheelchair.

I agree with my friend who has also raised objections to your proposals, that since the new South Gate shopping centre has been built, there has already been a loss of a great many disabled parking bays that used to exist further along this street where

British Home Stores used to be, making it already more difficult for disabled people to access the city. Your proposals will make it almost impossible to take someone who has a blue badge and thus difficulty with walking, into Bath, and my feeling is that you are discriminating against an ever increasing part of the population (both local and visitors and tourists alike) who enjoy visiting this beautiful city.

Like my friend, I fail to see why it would be advantageous to make it a cycle path when Henry Street is already a quiet road, which in my experience, appears to be used by taxis and cars carrying disabled people. Your idea to close the street to traffic will only cause more congestion around the city not less, and will force cars carrying disabled people with blue badges to park on double yellow lines - something which I always try to avoid when I need to park with my mother - as I try to consider other people's needs as well as our own.

I would ask you to reconsider what seems to be a ludicrous proposal and to be more sensitive to the needs of disabled people and their carers who already both have a challenging enough time coping with daily living.

Yours sincerely

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