

Bath & North East Somerset Council

DECISION MAKER:	Cllr Charles Gerrish, Cabinet Member for Customer Services	
DECISION DATE:	On or after 26th June 2010	PAPER NUMBER 2
TITLE:	Outer Area Bath Residents & Controlled Parking Zone 1 & Central Bath Variations Order 2010	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE: E 2126
WARD:	Abbey	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report: Appendix containing comments received and response		

1 THE ISSUE

1.1 This report considers the points raised during the public consultation period which began on 24th February for a period of 21 days for proposals to extend the hours of operation for the central and zone 1 controlled areas together with proposals to introduce pay and display on Pultney Road and no waiting at any time on Daniel Mews.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet member is asked to agree that:

- 2.1 The proposed extension to hours in relation to central and Zone 1 be modified to Monday to Saturday 8am to 7pm
- 2.2 The proposal in relation to Pultney Road and Daniel Mews proceed as advertised

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Costs of scheme to be met from 2010/11 capital programme

4 CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- Addressing the causes and effects of Climate Change
- Improving transport and the public realm

5 THE REPORT

5.1 The proposals to extend the hours of operation of the resident permit parking areas and pay and display bays within both the Central and Zone 1 were brought about following significant representations from residents including the residents associations. It was suggested that residents either arriving back later than 6pm to the City centre or leaving during the early evening in their vehicles would not be able to park within walking distance of their home until after 10.30 pm. Often this would result in resident parking in contravention of parking restrictions if they did not return early the next morning to their vehicle to park legally.

5.2 These proposals also include altering the single yellow line (Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm) on Daniel Mews to no waiting at any time to prevent inconsiderate parking obstructing private access ways.

5.3 In addition it was proposed to extend pay and display parking on Pultney Road to the existing limited waiting areas between North Parade and Vane Street to improve parking compliance of these restrictions.

5.4 Consideration has been given to the large number of objections to the proposals in relation to extending the hours of operation for the Central Zone and Zone 1 from 6pm to 8pm each evening and introducing restrictions to apply on Sundays from 8am to 8pm from visitors, shoppers, businesses, staff who work during the evening and Sundays and church parishioners. Under the terms of reference it is possible to modify the proposals to reduce the affect of the proposals to Monday to Saturday 8am to 7pm, removing the proposals for Sundays in total. No objections were received to the proposals in relation to Daniel Mews or Pultney Road

5.5 The comments received as a result of the public consultation are included in the appendix attached to this report.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 The report author and Cabinet member have fully reviewed the risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

7 EQUALITIES

7.1 There are free parking bays within walking distance of the city centre.

7.2 People with mobility difficulties can park within the pay and display on street or the residents permit bays free of charge for an unlimited duration providing they display their blue badge in the vehicle windscreen.

7.3 It is possible for visitors to the city arriving after 6pm to park in both Avon and Charlotte Street car parks for £1.50 overnight providing they leave before 8am the following morning

8 RATIONALE

8.1 Extending the hours of operation to 7pm Monday to Saturday will allow residents some ability to park their vehicles closer to home, yet not impact on the evening economy. It is planned to advertise the reduced tariffs in Avon and Charlotte Street, this information may allow visitors to choose this option when visiting the city during the evening.

8.2 It maybe possible in the future to revisit the implementation of permit parking on Sundays when the extension of the park and ride sites is completed and they operate on Sundays

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 None

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 Ward Councillor; Cabinet members; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Local Residents; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies;Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer

10.2 Say HOW consultation was or will be carried out (mandatory)

11 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

11.1 Customer Focus; Corporate; Other Legal Considerations

12 ADVICE SOUGHT

12.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Council Solicitor) and Section 151 Officer (Strategic Director - Support Services) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	Nil
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