



# CARA Bulletin

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## Consultations/updates

- **More Resident Parking Places secured – final chance to comment on proposal.** As advised in our Bulletin of 27<sup>th</sup> July, CIRA has negotiated with B&NES Council to secure more permit parking spaces in the CIRA area. B&NES is consulting on the proposals which will introduce 'Central Permit Holder Only' bays in The Circus across the whole of the North and South-East terraces (roughly 15 more spaces) and an additional 4 'Central Permit Holder Only' bays in Bennett Street. These will operate Monday to Saturday between 8.00 am and 7.00 pm. Please see <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/streets-and-highway-maintenance/highway-improvements-traffic-management/traffic-regulati-11> for more details.

Objections and representations with respect to the proposal, together with the grounds on which they are made must be sent by **16<sup>th</sup> August 2018**, or by email to [transportation@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:transportation@bathnes.gov.uk).

At the end of the consultation period a report of all comments will be prepared for consideration by B&NES' Group Manager for Highways and Traffic. Once the final decision has been made, B&NES will publish the decision on its website in the form of the Notice of Making. This process can take approximately three months.

We encourage members to support this proposal which removes on-street 'pay' parking spaces for the general public and introduces more badly needed 'residents only' parking spaces.

- **Update on Traffic Management Scheme.** CIRA seeks to achieve the optimal traffic volume for local residents. For many years, we have sought to reduce car traffic and eradicate coach traffic. Our efforts have been rewarded with a proposed trial Traffic Management Scheme (TMS) banning coaches from the CIRA area, restricting Gay Street to one-way traffic and introducing loading restrictions to facilitate traffic flow in George Street and reduce 'rat-run' traffic in the CIRA area. As previously advised, B&NES has budgetary approval for the scheme and is now working through the final details before 'going live'. Progress has, unfortunately, been slower than expected but we have just met with the council officers implementing the TMS and pushed for an early completion.

A key aspect of the proposed TMS is, like the concurrent Clean Air Zone (CAZ) proposals, B&NES' pressing desire to reduce air pollution, which is supported by removing coaches, making Gay Street one way up (rather than blocking the George Street junction with downward traffic), introducing a contraflow cycle lane and creating specific loading bays on George Street.

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## Local issues

- **Licensing application.** There is a planning application for a Certificate of Lawfulness to address a Breach of Planning Permission that has existed at Sub 13 on Edgar Buildings since 2006. Currently, Sub 13 is operating

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outside of its permitted operating hours relating to both its bar and garden. If you would like to make a comment on this application, please see [www.bathnes.gov.uk](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk), select the 'View planning applications' option and enter the reference number [18/03453/CLEU](#). Please note that the last date for representations is 31<sup>st</sup> August.

- **Volunteer opportunity.** Are you concerned about the speed of traffic in our residential area? If so, would you be interested in volunteering to promote road safety? Across the Avon and Somerset Police area, there are over 100 active Community Speed Watch groups operating in almost 350 sites. These groups give local people the opportunity to get actively involved in road safety with support from the local police Speed Enforcement Unit. A new group can be set up in any urban area governed by a 20, 30 or 40 miles per hour limit. CARA is considering whether to request a Community Speed Watch group for our residential area and is interested in hearing from members/other residents who may be interested in participating. Please e-mail Richard at [mailbox@rbrown.co.uk](mailto:mailbox@rbrown.co.uk) if you would like to know more.
- **New electoral ward boundaries.** The Local Government Boundary Commission has proposed new ward boundaries for B&NES that will result in 28 of the current 37 wards having new boundaries. This will result in B&NES having 59 councillors (down from the current 65 under the current ward boundaries). In future, CARA residents will be in either Lansdown Ward or Kingsmead Ward. The current Abbey Ward will no longer exist. For full details of the Commission's final recommendations (including maps), please see: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/9913> and enter your post code to see the new electoral map showing your ward. The proposed new arrangements must now be implemented by Parliament. The draft Order provides for the new electoral arrangements to come into force at the council elections in 2019.
- **Car security.** There have been some recent thefts from cars in our area. Although no damage was caused to the vehicles involved, thieves were able to gain access utilizing the keyless radio signals from the car key fob. We have spoken to the Crime Prevention Design Advisor at Avon & Somerset Police on the matter and he has advised that storing car keys in a signal blocking bag, often referred to as a 'Faraday Bag', is a cost effective way (approximately £5-£15) to combat this offence. The bag is lined with layers of metallic material that blocks the signal and, some of the bags are even large enough to accommodate a mobile phone and credit cards to prevent them from hacking and fraud. Ideally, the key needs to be placed inside the bag from the moment you lock your car.

The Police are not allowed to recommend any individual companies that sell these products. However, there are 2 Police-approved initiatives that have tested numerous crime reduction products that Police Authorities can endorse. The two initiatives are: Sold Secure and Secured By Design.

- **The High Common.** The Cavendish Road Society, a neighbouring Residents Association, has approached us for assistance in progressing their use of the High Common (now also known as the Approach Golf Course) for a small summer gathering for the society. Their initial application to B&NES to use the High Common has been refused as the council officers believe that this land has restricted access, limited to three pathways only.

The Cavendish Road Society believes that, for many years, local people have co-existed alongside the golfers in using the High Common for informal recreation. This includes picnics, ball games, dog walking and other activities.

The Cavendish Road Society is asking nearby residents for assistance. Have you used/do you use the High Common for recreational purposes other than golf? Do you have photos that you would be willing to share? If so, please let us know the details and we will liaise with The Cavendish Road Society. Please e-mail Richard Brown of CARA on [mailbox@rbrown.co.uk](mailto:mailbox@rbrown.co.uk).

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