



CIRA Bulletin

10 February 2020

Local issues

- **More Resident Parking Places secured.** CIRA has negotiated with Bath and North East Somerset Council (B&NES) to secure additional parking spaces in the CIRA area. B&NES is now consulting on the proposals which will introduce 'Central Permit Holder Only' bays in The Circus across the whole of the West terrace (adding 9 more spaces). These will operate Monday to Saturday between 8.00 am and 7.00 pm.

Full details of the proposal are contained in the draft order that, together with a map and a Statement of the Council's Reasons for proposing to make the order, may be inspected at any one of B&NES' One Stop Shops. For more details, please see <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/streets-and-highway-maintenance/roadworks/permanent-traffic-order-notices/19-030-various>

Objections and representations with respect to the proposal (together with the grounds on which they are made) must be sent by 27 February 2020, or by email to transportation@bathnes.gov.uk. Supporting comments are important, too, please.

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

This proposal will partly compensate for the loss of the 'inner' Circus general parking (at nights and on Sundays) available to non-residents as well as residents. Given however, that 'permit-only' parking accounts for only 12% of the parking spaces in the CIRA catchment area, we continue to push for a material increase in 'permit-only' spaces for our members and other local residents. Please note that this remains a current priority.

- **Queen Square road closure.** B&NES is advising motorists about a temporary road closure in Queen Square to install two sets of traffic lights and improve pedestrian and cycle safety as part of Bath's clean air zone (CAZ).

B&NES has started the preparatory work necessary for the lights that will help to regulate flows of traffic into Gay Street – an area of high pollution. From 17 February, this work will continue with the west side of the square closing for up to 16 weeks to the end of May. It will include widening the pavements between the junctions and installing the roadside cabinets for the lights and pedestrian crossings ahead of the 4 November CAZ switch on.

Traffic that would normally travel along this section of road will be diverted along Monmouth Street to turn right at Charlotte Street. Signage and diversion routes will be put in place. There will be no access to footways and parking on the south and west sides of the square during the works, and temporary footpaths will be created for pedestrians.

Regular drop-in events are planned to keep residents informed of the street works required to install the CAZ, and to support those people affected by charges with information on compliance, exemptions, and the financial support which will soon become available to help upgrade non-compliant vehicles regularly travelling in the zone.

The first drop-in event is on Saturday 15 February, 10.00-12.00 at the Guildhall, Bath. Everyone is welcome.

- **The Circus ironwork.** Harrison Brookes Architects have approached CARA for assistance in recording the streetscape of The Circus, in particular the historic ironwork of the railings and lantern holders. Previously, they have done similar work in the Royal Crescent and on the Pulteney Estate.

Do you live in The Circus ?

Would you be willing for Harrison Brookes to investigate and record your ironwork?

If so, please contact Rhys Brookes at Harrison Brookes via rhys@harrisonbrookes.co.uk

- **CARA Litter Pick.** On Saturday 21 March, CARA is planning a litter-pick around the CARA streets of Upper Town, Bath. This coincides with the 'Great British Spring Clean'. We meet on The Circus Green at 9.30 a.m. for about 60 minutes, or so. Our previous litter picks have been a great success. Would you be interested? All equipment including day-glo tabards, sacks, gloves etc. will be provide. E-mail: Stephanie at email@rbrown.co.uk. See you there!

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