



# CARA Bulletin

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## Local issues

- **Low Traffic Neighbourhood.** Since our consultation last November in respect of a potential Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) for our catchment area, your CARA Committee has further considered the many comments and suggestions provided to us by our members and other local residents. We thank you again for your contribution.

With B&NES Council having 'signed off' its 'Liveable Neighbourhoods Strategy' for implementation and inviting proposals from local communities, we have discussed with our Ward Councillors the rationale for an LTN and a refined 'concept' that we believe will both reduce 'rat-running' traffic and 'destination' parking. This refined 'concept' introduces an entrance at the western end of our catchment area and a one-way Gay Street with 'left-turn only' at the George Street junction. Also included within the documentation provided earlier this week to B&NES for their consideration was an additional option to reflect particular concerns expressed during our consultations in respect of the need for more improvements to traffic flow in Bennett Street. This LTN 'concept' would improve the 'liveability' of our neighbourhood and increase parking options for residents.

We are now in a position to have further, more detailed, discussions with the Council and its traffic planners on this refined 'concept'. However, all of this work remains 'work in progress' and will involve the opportunity for further input from members and residents in general at some later stage if our current LTN suggestions are viewed favourably by B&NES.

We shall keep members and other local residents updated on our ongoing discussions.

- **The Approach golf course.** In our Bulletin of 6 February, we highlighted that B&NES Council had announced plans to extend and enhance community leisure provision at the Approach golf course (and Entry Hill golf course) by appointing new operators.

At the B&NES' Cabinet meeting on 11 February, it was decided "*i) that whilst this bid is proceedable, the Cabinet are not satisfied that there are sufficient benefits to commit to a long-term solution and will not be appointing Company A and ii) that the High Common is retained as public open space which should increase the range of informal uses on the site.*"

We shall keep members updated when we hear more on the Council's plans for the Approach.

- **Parking.** CARA has, for some time, been working to increase the amount of dedicated parking spaces for residents in our catchment area. The aim - to achieve a dominance/totality of 'permit-only' on-street parking spaces - is an integral part of our LTN concept (see above).

B&NES Council has announced that it is to consider introducing a series of changes to on-street parking across Bath and North East Somerset.

These proposals are designed to improve air quality ensuring a safer environment for pedestrians by reducing the risks to them posed by air pollution, while also meeting the council's wider transport policy aims including reducing congestion and vehicle intrusion into neighbourhoods.

Of particular note for CARA members are proposals to:

- Introduce emissions-based parking permits for all residents' parking zones. The proposal would see a vehicle placed in a charging band according to its recorded emissions with the DVLA.
- Extend on-street parking tariffs and residents' permit operating hours to include Sundays.
- Review hotel and guesthouse permits to reallocate the parking to car parks and to include the introduction of digitised permits.
- Increase Residents' parking visitor permit charges by 50p a day in year one with subsequent rises of 25p a day in years two and three.

For further details on the parking proposals, please visit:

<https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=31781&PlanId=770&RPID=31357153>

If the proposals are approved by Councillors, there will be a public consultation later this year. CARA and its members will be able to comment at that time.

- **New filming activity.** We have been advised of further filming activity in our residential area that will have an impact on parking availability. Please see the attached notice from the film production company.

**Two images from our own local 'Helmut Newton' during last month's snowfall!**



'Pete the Street' arrives to complete a work.



A view across the Circus.

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