



# CARA Bulletin

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## Local parking issues... [Proposed limitation on parking in the 'inner' ring of The Circus.](#)

- In the CARA Bulletin dated 6 August, we advised that B&NES Council has given notice that it intends to introduce 'No Parking at any time', governed by double-yellow lines, on half of the 'inner' ring of The Circus (between no.2 and no.15).

This proposal came as a surprise to CARA and we therefore sought comment from our members on their view of the proposal. We thank all those who have responded, either directly to B&NES and/or to the CARA Committee.

It is apparent that, whilst many people favour restrictions on non-residents parking in the 'inner' ring of The Circus, there is clear concern that the proposal will lead to a loss of valuable residents' parking spaces.

As a result of members' feedback, CARA has adjusted its response to:

*"CARA objects to the proposal to introduce 'No Parking at any time' in half of the inner part of The Circus (from no.2 to no.15). This reflects our view that the proposal will lead to:*

1. *No material reduction in 'destination' parking traffic in The Circus area.*
2. *No material improvement in air quality.*
3. *A loss to residents of c.15 car parking spaces for use on weekday evenings/Sundays.*
4. *No material improvement in the ambience/heritage views in and across The Circus.*

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However, CARA does support B&NES Council in its initiative to address parking in The Circus by recommending the removal of the Sunday parking exemption in The Circus. This would mean that parking in ALL of the inner Circus would be prohibited from 8.00 am – 7.00 pm i.e. the same as Monday – Saturday. CARA believes that this would have the following benefits:

1. *Parking provision for residents (and, in turn, non-residents) would remain permitted in the evenings/nights i.e. from 7.00 pm to 8.00 am. However, no parking would be permitted during the day. This would be very clear to all motorists. If possible, the overnight parking should be for Residents only.*
2. *There would be a material improvement in the ambience/heritage views in and across The Circus on a Sunday. Currently, The Circus – one of Bath's premier architectural assets – resembles a car park on a Sunday. The removal of car parking on a Sunday would allow residents/non-residents/tourists to better appreciate the views across The Circus.*

*CARA further believes that this recommendation should form part of a broader traffic management package in The Circus area, which could include a Low Traffic Neighbourhood."*

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