

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PERMANENT AND EXPERIMENTAL TROS

Proposed various parking restrictions, Tivoli area, Hatherley Court Road, Bournside Road, Belworth Drive, St. James' Square, Montpellier Walk and The Promenade/Municipal Offices Road areas of Cheltenham, in variation to the GCC On Street Parking Order 2017.

The Proposal

- No Waiting restrictions to be proposed on various sections throughout Tivoli, Hatherley Court Road, Belworth Drive and Bournside Road area of Cheltenham to improve safety at junctions and on bends.
- Limited waiting bays to be proposed On Andover Road and Hatherley Court Road to improve access to local amenities, such as the Tivoli shops and the park, respectively.
- The existing 'Mayor Only' parking space outside Cheltenham Borough Council offices will become 'Police Only'.
- The times of the Taxi Only restriction on part of Montpellier Walk will be increased.
- The parking bays on St James' Square will be reduced and replaced by a short length of new No Waiting at Any Time.

The Reasons

We are proposing no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) restrictions on the following streets: Bournside Road, Hatherley Court Road, Belworth Drive, Albany Road, Oakfield Street, Alexandra Street, Dagmar Road, Princes Street, Tivoli Street, Lypiatt Street, Hatherley Street, Tivoli Walk, Andover Road, Painswick Road, Ashford Road, Tivoli Road, Grafton Road, Gratton Road, Edward Street, Brandon Place and St James' Square. This will aim to improve safety for all road users, concentrating on junction protection for improved visibility and traffic flow, especially for larger vehicles such as refuse collection vehicles. These proposals are in line with Rule 243 of The Highway Code (no parking opposite or within 10 metres of a junction). The proposed lengths of yellow lines have been kept to minimum to ensure a positive balance between road safety and minimal loss of parking provision in the area.

We are proposing a single yellow line (No waiting Monday – Saturday 8am – 6pm) on Hatherley Court Road, near to its junction with Hatherley Road to improve traffic flow and assist the frequent local bus service accessing the planned route.

We are proposing limited waiting (Monday – Saturday 8am – 6pm, Maximum stay of 1 hour, no return within 1 hour) on Hatherley Court Road to improve access to local amenities, including the local park.

We are proposing limited waiting (Monday – Saturday 8am – 6pm, Maximum stay of 2 hours, no return within 2 hours) on Andover Road, near to its junction with Hatherley Road, to improve access to local amenities, including the local shops and public houses.

We are proposing for the shared use bay (Zone 12 Cheltenham Permit Holders or Pay and Display Max Stay 2 Hours Mon – Sat 8am – 8pm) in St James Square, on the west side of the road just south of its junction Knapp Road and Clarence Street to be reduced by approximately 8 metres and replaced with double yellow lines. This is to increase visibility for motorists to see pedestrians waiting to cross the road using the existing pedestrian refuge island.

We are proposing to remove the Mayor's bay in Municipal Offices Road due to it no longer being required at this location and replacing it with a Police Only parking bay.

We are proposing to amend the bay restriction times in Montpellier Walk, on the east side of the road between its junctions with Montpellier Spa Road and Montpellier Terrace. The current restriction (permit holder z6/p&d max stay 2hr mon-sat 8am-6pm sun 11am-4pm/no waiting except taxi 8pm-6am) will be revoked and the new proposed restriction will be Zone 6 Cheltenham permit holders/pay and display max stay 2hours mon-sat 8am-6pm and sun 11am-4pm/ no waiting except taxi 6pm-6am. This is to avoid confusion as there is currently a period of unrestricted parking of 2 hours between the two different restrictions times of the dual use bay.

Please see attached plans.-

The lining will be in accordance with The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

This proposal is in line with Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which allows the County Council to make an Order to:

- avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising
- for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians)
- for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs

Thorough consideration was given to the factors set out in Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in proposing this Traffic Order.

The Police, Ambulance Service, Fire Service, Town and Parish Council's, Road Haulage Association and the Freight Transport Association have not raised any objections to the proposals.