

Northampton Town Centre Parking Proposals

BACKGROUND:

In February this year, Northamptonshire County Council agreed its budget for 2018-19 and the medium term plan (to 2021-22), which included making a number of changes to how on-street parking is provided within the Northampton Town Centre Pay and Display Zone.

The changes are required to align with Northampton Borough Council's off-street parking operations, and to simplify the on-street parking provision within the central area. The proposals also aim to improve the availability of parking, reduce congestion and to rationalise the times so that they are more convenient for the public.

HOW TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK:

What happens next and how can I have my say?

With any changes on the road network, it is inevitable that some residents or businesses may not approve of proposals to introduce or change parking restrictions and for this reason, the government requires local authorities to allow a 21 day notice period where the public can object or comment on these types of measures.

Should you wish to comment on the proposals through the formal process you must put your views in writing no later than the 18th October 2018 to the address below quoting reference PKG/ P1759:

Traffic Orders Section, Northamptonshire Highways, One Angel Square, Angel Street,

Northampton, NN1 1ED

Or by email to: parkingenquiries@kierwsp.co.uk

Once the public notice period has ended, all feedback will be reviewed before a final decision is made by the Asset and Traffic Manager at the County Council. Anyone who responds to the formal notice will be informed of the outcome once a decision is made.

Summary of proposed changes

- Variation to the hours of operation for all time limited (Mon – Sat, 8am to 6pm) pay and display bays, limited waiting bays, loading bays, and permit holder bays within the Town Centre Pay and Display Zone, including single yellow lines. Currently restrictions apply from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday; under the proposals this would change, with restrictions in operation from 7am to 7pm, 7 days a week.
- Under the proposals, all remaining 1 hour pay and display bays within the Town Centre would change to allow parking for up to 2 hours. The roads where bays are planned to be amended include;
Bridge Street, George Row and Mercer's Row.

- Additional parking bays to be accommodated within streets around the central area. The increase in parking spaces will benefit shoppers and local businesses, while also reducing the amount of traffic circulating looking for spaces. The additional spaces will mean a reduction in yellow line restrictions and will be located in streets where existing pay and display bays are already in place.
- Proposals to introduce 4 hour bays in St. John's Street and Derngate; this will offer visitors to the town centre more flexibility when looking to park for longer periods.
- New designated loading areas on St. Giles Street. This is to ensure businesses have suitable areas in which to receive goods around newly created pay and display bays.
- New disabled bays on St. Giles Street close to local facilities to serve the needs of blue badge holders visiting the area.
- The introduction of pay and display charges on parking bays located in Abington Street.

If you require further information please send enquires to Parkingenquiries@kierwsp.co.uk. We aim to respond to all enquiries within 5 working days.

DATES:

CONSULTATION OPENS – 27th September 2018

CONSULTATION CLOSES – 18th October 2018