

TRANSPORT UPDATES - September NTBCC

Map based TROs

CEC is now proposing to introduce map-based TROs for parking, waiting and loading/unloading. They are colour-coded and significantly easier to comprehend than the previous ones. NTBCC has welcomed the proposal. CEC have made samples available which Judy has circulated.

Workplace Parking Levy

CEC is now working on a Workplace Parking Levy (as in Nottingham) to help fund transport infrastructure and reduce traffic and emissions in what it describes as a “commuter work destination”. Made possible by the Transport (Scotland) Bill 2018 introduced in June. Formal proposal expected in due course.

Drummond Place/London St crossing

We submitted a response arguing for CEC’s option 2 (crossing at the Drummond St junction). We basically proposed an arrangement like the one in place at Broughton St/Albany St, with the aim of creating a traffic-calming ‘pinch point’. Consultation closed 22 July and we’ve not been notified of any outcome so far. AJ will seek an update for Monday.

‘Open Streets’

CEC have decided to close key roads to traffic from 10am to 5pm on the first Sunday of each month. Further details are awaited. Transport committee heard in August that Experimental Road Traffic Orders (ETROs) would be required and that there would have to be engagement with residents, businesses, and emergency services. A progress report has been promised for October.

BACKGROUND ON SEPTEMBER AGENDA ITEM - Parking Action Plan

An update on the plan is available in the 17 May Transport committee papers. The issues are:

1. Increase permit bands from 5 to 7 and introduce RPI-related price increases.
2. CEC now plan to introduce diesel surcharge of £40 for new permit holders or existing permit holders changing to diesel vehicles but omit those who currently own a diesel car.
3. Roll out Sunday restrictions in central zones, shared spaces and visitor permits. Increases in charges for central zone permit holders will cover half of the additional enforcement costs, the balance being spread over all CPZ permit holders.
4. Introduce double yellow lines at all junctions and crossing points.

I suggest the issue for us to consider is the **numbers** (which were not available when we supported the proposal): the increase in total spaces of 291 in “our” zones 1A, 5A, 2 and 6, and the big increase in shared spaces (+1262) – what will the effect of this be when controlled parking on Sundays in zone 1 comes in, and/or when streets are traffic-free/pedestrianized under CCTP.

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On behalf of Transport committee