

APPENDIX 4 - STATION HILL - ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING RESTRICTIONS ON FRIAR STREET AND GARRARD STREET - RESULTS OF STATUTORY CONSULTATION

Summary of feedback received to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order

UPDATED: 15/02/2024, following the end of the statutory consultation period.

Please note that the feedback text contained in this document has been directly copied from the responses we have received to preserve the integrity of the feedback. Where there was any sensitive or identifiable information provided, this text has been removed and has been clearly indicated.

Abbey - Station Hill (Friar Street and Garrard Street)	Feedback received
Support: 1 Object: 1 Neither support nor object: 0	
1. Support	No feedback provided
2. Object	<p><u>Friar Street</u> "No Waiting At Any Time Except Hackney Carriages between 11pm and 5am. Loading Only between 5am and 11pm Friar Street, north side: From a point 80m east of its junction with Greyfriars Road to a point 25m east of that point.</p> <p>There is already a Taxi Rank in place and I do not know how frequently it is used but never have I seen a taxi there in the daytime hence the plans to change this to loading I presume. This gives me concerns to the size of vehicles that will be looking to use this and potentially encroach the bus stops behind when attempting to get in the bay. The Bus stops outside Sainsburys are used by at least 3 million passengers every year. Kings Street, where there are loading bays and the red route but often vehicles are always outside of the loading bays at busy times, along with various other areas in the town including West Street and I think this would encourage vehicles to park on the bus stop outside Sainsbury's in a similar fashion resulting in buses unable to gain access to the stops and allowing passengers to board and alight safely"</p> <p><u>Officer Comment</u> The bay located to the west of the build out is to facilitate loading during the hours of 5am and 11pm and is 17.5m in length therefore capable of accommodating larger rigid vehicles or several smaller transit vans. Given that this is an additional facility above those on the southern side of Friar Street there is sufficient loading facilities for officers to believe that overspill into the adjacent bus stops would not occur.</p> <p>The bay to the east of the build out is 8m in length and is to be retained as a taxi rank albeit smaller than existing however, this is mitigated by the use of the bay to the west of the build out as a taxi rank between the hours of 11pm and 5am therefore increasing the overall taxi rank capacity overnight.</p>

Garrard Street

"I believe the return of: Pay & Display At Any Time Monday to Sunday inclusive, Maximum Stay 2 Hours Return Prohibited Within 2 hours Charges: Garrard Street is in Tariff Zone 1 will cause Reading Buses more concerns to Congestion on Reading FC match days where it is regularly witnessed taxis queuing on Greyfriars Road waiting to gain access to Garrard Street. More vehicles parked on Garrard Street will cause congestion."

Officer Comment

The pay and display and loading bays subject to this proposal are located on the southern side of Garrard Street which would not impact on the route of taxis to the horseshoe taxi rank east of Garrard Street with sufficient carriageway width retained to facilitate two-way traffic.

Taxis should not be queueing or waiting on Greyfriars Road unless the development works have necessitated the temporary closure of the road to accommodate a specific construction operation with taxis required to utilise the dedicate taxi rank bays. It should be advised that the Station Hill Phase 1 development work is gradually opening up areas of carriageway that have necessitated closure for construction to occur, again increasing the capacity of the Garrard Street carriageway alleviating any congestion that has occurred.