

## **Consultation Update – The Downs & Sneyd Park parking restrictions**

Public consultation on proposals to introduce double yellow lines, single yellow lines, 4 hour limited waiting and disabled bays on the Downs took place between 18 August and 21 September 2014. This followed a request from the Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym Neighbourhood Partnership to review parking restrictions on local residential roads, requests from First Bus to improve the running of the number 40 bus route (which had been previously withdrawn) and concerns from the Downs Committee that all day commuter parking was limiting visitor parking on the Downs.

The consultation generated over 200 responses, many with detailed suggestions as to what measures would best address the various issues. Where possible these have been incorporated into the scheme.

Some concerns were raised that the hours of operation did not cover the peak periods on a Saturday and early evening mid-week when football related parking caused concern. Passing places have been provided on Stoke Road to deal with this and First Bus didn't have any concerns at this time of day, as traffic volumes were lower.

Roman Road is part of the National Cycle Network and Number 40 bus route and the police felt the current timed 'No Entry' was unenforceable. Requests were received to close this road to all traffic except buses and cycles which would make cycling more pleasant and slightly improve bus journey times.

Requests were received to limit parking on Circular Road to one side only to ease the movement of vehicles. This would improve cycle safety, reduce the number of parking restriction signs and stop the erosion caused by vehicles parking partially on the grass.

Proposed changes to scheme design:

- Double yellow lines full extent of the Downs side of Downleaze (Stoke Road to Julian Road) to assist number 40 bus route.
- No restrictions on residential side of Downleaze (Stoke Road to Julian Road) to assist local residents.
- Limited restrictions on Rockleaze with just a short section of double yellow lines on the Downs side to create a passing point for the tour bus and other larger vehicles.
- Some minor changes to the proposals in Sneyd Park to maintain junction protection and address some localised issues raised.
- Double yellow lines extended on Stoke Road to increase passing places for buses outside of hours of operation of single yellow lines.
- Disabled bays added on Stoke Road by public toilet.
- Coach Parking to be added to Parry's Lane.
- Close Roman Road to all traffic except buses and cycles
- Double yellow lines along full extent of Downs side of Circular Road.

### **Timescale:**

The adjacent RPS areas are likely to become operational around May 2015, therefore these restrictions will be prepared for Statutory Advertisement as soon as possible to limit the potential adverse parking impact on the Downs.

Full details of the Statutory Advertisement will be available in due course at:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/transport-and-streets/traffic-regulation-orders-tros>