

Equality Impact Assessment Gerrards Cross Parking Review

When completing this Equality Impact Assessment, please refer to the accompanying guidance available on the intranet [here](#). Please be concise, use plain English and note that this document may be available to members of the public.

Part 1: Project details

Project title	Gerrards Cross Parking Review
Is this a new or existing project?	New
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Team	Design Services
Service	Highways & Technical Services
Business Unit	
Date started	February 2020
Date completed	Ongoing

Part 2: Purpose and Objectives

2.1	What is the purpose of the project or change?	To implement no waiting at any time waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) and no loading in locations of limited visibility for motorists and pedestrians in various locations around Gerrards Cross. Limited Waiting proposals to allow a longer period of time to park if visiting residents, shopping or working in the town. To work with stakeholders, the town council, councillors and residents to ascertain where restrictions would alleviate the current parking problems in the Gerrards Cross area. To improve parking capacity/availability for shoppers and shop workers to improve economic prosperity in the town.
2.2	What are the key objectives of the project or change?	<p>To support the Highway Code and for the following statutory reasons:- For avoiding 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.</p> <p>For providing parking opportunities for visitors, shoppers and shop workers to improve the economic prosperity in the town.</p>
2.3	Which other functions, services or policies may be impacted?	None identified. Parking enforcement may be easier to undertake with longer waiting periods and no return periods.
2.4	Who are the main stakeholders impacted by this project or change?	Residents, shoppers, shop workers, emergency services, refuse services, residents and local businesses.
2.5	Which other stakeholders may be affected by this project or change?	n/a

Part 3: Data and Research

3.1	What data and research has been used to inform this assessment?	This assessment has been based on the responses to the statutory consultation and to good practice/experience from previous parking schemes.
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3.2	Have any complaints on the grounds of discrimination been made in relation to this project?	There have been no specific comments about any groups with protected characteristics.
3.3	Please provide evidence of these.	N/A
3.4	What <u>positive</u> impacts have been established through research findings, consultation and data analysis?	<p>The results of the consultation held indicate that where no waiting anytime restrictions are recommended there should be greater egress and access visibility and reduced obstruction. This will improve accessibility on footways (pavements) for wheelchair users, those with mobility difficulties and for those user push chairs (potentially maternity group)</p> <p>There will be increased parking for disabled blue badge holders.</p>
3.5	What <u>negative</u> impacts have been established through research findings, consultation and data analysis?	Where there were previously obstructions and we are introducing parking controls, there may be an modest increase in some vehicle speeds perhaps impacting the vulnerable, younger and some disabled users, however the positive impacts of improve access and visibility for these same groups outweigh these negative impacts.
3.6	What additional information is needed to fill any gaps in knowledge about the potential impact of the project?	No further information will be required. Monitoring of the proposed restrictions and their impact will be monitored after their implementation on a regular basis.

Part 4: Testing the impact

Within this table, please indicate (✓) whether the project will have positive, negative or neutral impacts across the following nine protected factors and provide relevant comments. Both positive and negative impacts should be specified where this applies.

Note 1: Listing a negative outcome does not mean the project cannot continue.

Note 2: This is an opportunity to identify and address issues for improvement

		Positive Impact	Negative Impact	Neutral Impact	What evidence do you have for this?	Improvement Actions Required
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4.1	Age			✓	Statutory Consultation.	N/A
4.2	Disability	✓		✓	Statutory Consultation. New blue badge bays are being proposed to assist with blue badge holders.	N/A
4.3	Gender			✓	Statutory Consultation	N/A
4.4	Marriage & Civil Partnership			✓	Statutory Consultation	N/A
4.5	Pregnancy, Maternity & Paternity	✓			Statutory Consultation. The implementation of the proposed waiting restrictions will, in theory, allow a greater ease of passage through many locations for emergency and services vehicles.	N/A
4.6	Race			✓	Statutory Consultation	N/A
4.7	Religion & Belief			✓	Statutory Consultation.	N/A
4.8	Sexual Orientation			✓	Statutory Consultation	N/A
4.9	Transgender			✓	Statutory Consultation	N/A
4.10	Carers*			✓	Statutory Consultation	N/A

**someone who provides unpaid care for a family member or friend who is unable to cope without their support. This may be due to illness, disability, frailty, mental health problems or addiction*