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BROAD STREET and SIDE STEETS – TRAFFIC CHANGE PROPOSALS: CONSULTATION NOTICE

Dear Resident/Business,

Now the Birmingham Edgbaston Metro extension, bringing trams from Centenary Square (the Library) to Hagley Road, is complete, the City Council and Transport for West Midlands would like to work with residents and stakeholders to make permanent the temporary traffic measures which are currently in place.

A critical part of the Metro scheme was the removal of any waiting or loading area on Broad Street that would obstruct tram and bus services. Our work with local stakeholders, through the Westside Business Improvement District, has highlighted the need to amend proposals for the side streets close to Broad Street to accommodate night-time economy requirements alongside the loading requirements for the businesses.

Proposals

Temporary traffic measures are currently in place, but we would now like your views on the plans to make permanent those measures on first 50-100m of the side streets off Broad Street, namely: Berkley Street, Bishopsgate Street, Gas Street, Granville Street and Sheepcote Street (East & West).

To balance the different needs throughout the day (including at night), the proposals include:

- loading facilities;
- opportunities for general traffic, including Private Hire Vehicles, to drop off and pick up only (waiting not allowed);
- changes to Hackney Carriage (black cab) ranks;
- retaining disabled (Blue Badge) parking provision within the area;
- changes to Pay and Display parking.

It is also proposed **not** to implement the loading and taxi bay/Red Route proposals on Oozells Street, that were previously advertised.

Have your say

You can view the proposals, including maps, and give your feedback online at birminghambeheard.org.uk/economy/edg-metro-side-streets.

If you do not have access to the internet, computers can be booked at the Library of Birmingham, or you can contact us to request a paper copy using the contact details at the bottom of this letter.

All responses to the consultation must be received by Friday 4 November.

What happens next?

Based on your feedback, we will make any necessary changes to the proposals. After this, we must carry out a statutory consultation on the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs; the legal

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documents required to make changes to the status of the road) before any permanent changes are made.

However, to allow the area to function now that the Metro Extension is open, we have implemented some short-term changes to side streets, using a Temporary TRO.

More information

If you have any questions about this consultation, please email transport.projects@birmingham.gov.uk.

For information about the Metro extension, visit metroalliance.co.uk.

For information about current Metro services, visit westmidlandsmetro.com.

Yours sincerely,



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