

Annex B Guildhall Ward

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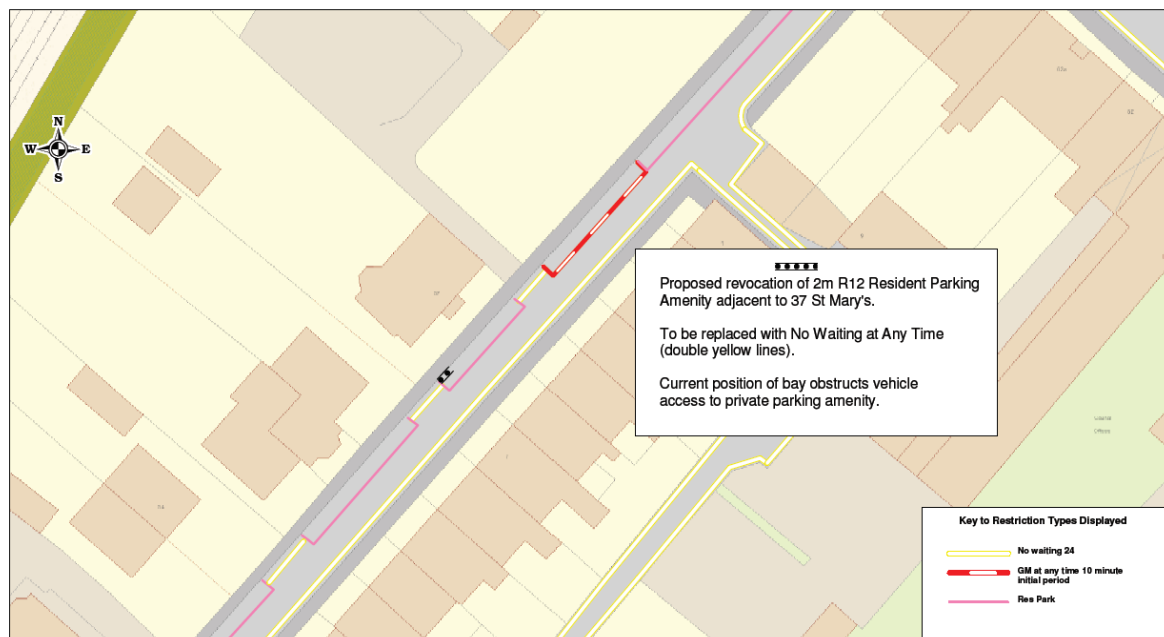
Location 37 St Mary's
(Requested by one resident)

Nature of problem and plan of Advertised Proposal

Following works at the above property, the Resident Parking bay obstructed the drive access, especially when large cars overhang outside the line. (Penalty Charge Notices can only be issued if the wheels are outside the line and situated on the double yellow lines.)



We advertised a proposal to shorten the Resident Parking Bay by 2m.



Representations Received

We received one objection to the proposal. Points made include:

- Given the number of small 'city' cars used by residents, does the existing size not accommodate 3 small vehicles comfortably? (There are no measurements on the map)
- It seems to me that the issue is not the size of the bay, but lack of action taken when a person parks poorly and extends beyond the parking zone, when a penalty notice should be given.
- I am not sure why you would wish to remove the option of 3 small vehicles parking (as this effectively reduces the bay by one space).

I have never seen evidence of the driveway being blocked (in any event, it is a 'shared' driveway entrance with a very large entry area)

Officer analysis and Recommendation

Because this Resident Parking zone is under pressure for space we can sympathise with the resident objecting to the change.

This is a legitimate dropped kerb access and as such we cannot condone or allow obstruction by encouraging cars to park across it. The bay is recorded within the Traffic Regulation Order as 13.5m in length. Which is generous for 2 vehicles but tight for 3 and is likely to lead to overhang at both ends when larger vehicles park. A reduction of 2m will reduce the bay to a comfortable bay for 2 vehicles and remove any need to overhang. The picture below (taken from Google Street Maps) shows three vehicles parked.



We are recommending implementation because overhanging vehicles will create obstruction to a legitimate access.

Options:

1. Implement as advertised (Recommended Option)
2. Uphold the objection and take no further action
3. Implement a lesser restriction than advertised; for example reduce the bay by 1m not 2m.

Ward Councillor Comments:

Cllr D Craghill – No comments received

Councillor J Looker – No comments received

Councillor F Fitzpatrick – No comments received