

22. GLOUCESTER STREET P5 LOADING ZONE

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's approval to change an existing 'P5 at Any Time' parking restriction to a 'P5 Loading Zone at Any Time' on the north side of Gloucester Street just west of New Regent Street.

The Committee will recall that a report was considered at the 8 October 2002 meeting of the Committee seeking the same approval. The staff recommendations were not approved at this time as the Committee thought the area may have been better utilised as a bus stop.

Although there may be issues relating to the bus stop on the north side of Gloucester Street nearer Colombo Street, it is not appropriate to relocate it to in front of the Theatre Royal for the following reasons:

- The bus stop needs to be as close as possible to Colombo Street as this allows both interchange with the Colombo Street services.
- The existing stop services a catchment to the west of Colombo Street and the next stop east of Manchester Street would overlap if the stop was shifted.
- Many years ago the Fire Service wanted "No Stopping" in front of all theatres. "P5 at any time" restrictions were installed as a compromise. A bus stop would not meet the Fire Service requirements.
- Agreement was obtained from the Main Salon in the Theatre Royal building for the P5 Loading Zone. A bus emitting diesel fumes into the salon would not be acceptable.
- The P5 services the area, including New Regent Street during the times when delivery vehicles are banned. Alternative locations would not be as good.

The reason for the change was for the better location of signs as one of the existing signs kept getting destroyed, probably by early morning trucks from the Press buildings opposite. The change was requested so that proper enforcement can be carried out.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That a 'Loading Zone Time Limit 5 Minutes at Any Time' be installed on the north side of Gloucester Street commencing at a point 29 metres from its intersection with New Regent Street and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 16.5 metres.
 2. That the existing 'P5 at Any Time' on the north side of Gloucester Street commencing at a point 29 metres from its intersection with New Regent Street and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 16.5 metres be removed.

Chairman's

- Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.