

11. CATHEDRAL SQUARE PARKING

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The purpose of this report is to request the Committee to consider changing an existing 'P30' parking restriction (for three carparks) outside the Anthony Harper Building in the northwest quadrant of Cathedral Square to 'P5'.

BACKGROUND

Kerbside parking within the north west quadrant of Cathedral Square has traditionally been available to motorists 24 hours of the day. Originally serving the former Chief Post Office, postal boxes and cinemas, angle parking adjacent to the four ships court has always been popular.

More recently, temporary works have been carried out to manage parking in this quadrant of the Square including a 'general P5' restriction adjacent to the Anthony Harper Building and entrance to Chancery Lane. To supplement the short term nature of parking in this area, three angle carparks were created with a time limit of 30 minutes.

DISCUSSION

Unfortunately, these three carparks are parked out most of the day by long term parkers to the detriment of local businesses. A chemist that has recently relocated from the Regent Building into the Anthony Harper complex has been especially disadvantaged. Taxis often take over this parking area denying customers and other visitors space which is at a premium most times of the day.

If the 'P30' restriction was removed and replaced with 'P5' parking compatible with other carparks in this area businesses would benefit along with people using the area as a drop off point and for the collection of goods from nearby businesses, (see plan attached).

CONCLUSION

In order to overcome the present difficulties with the management of the existing three, 'P30' parking spaces in the northwest quadrant of Cathedral Square adjacent to the Anthony Harper building, this restriction should be revoked and a new 'P5' area created.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the existing 'P30' angle parking area for three car parks adjacent to the Anthony Harper building in the northwest quadrant of Cathedral Square be revoked.
 2. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 5 minutes along the angle parking area outside the Anthony Harper building in the northwest quadrant of Cathedral Square.

The Parking Manager agrees with this recommendation.

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Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.