

Traffic Management Order Proposed Changes

Proposal Reference Number	Basil Street Residents' Bays Experimental Traffic Order
Ward	Brompton and Hans Town
Street	Basil Street
Title of Proposal	Experimental Additional Residents' Parking Space
Existing Restriction	Double Yellow Line
Proposed new restriction	On the north-west side of Basil Street, opposite No. 31 Basil Street, to remove 14 metres of 'at any time' waiting restrictions and replace them with a residents' parking place that would operate 8.30am-10pm on Mondays to Fridays, 8.30am-6.30pm on Saturdays and 1pm-5pm on Sundays (8.30am-6.30pm on Sundays that are a 'special occasion' as defined by the Council).
Reason for change	To improve the amenities of the local area by providing additional residents' parking space and to deter taxis from over ranking on this section of road.
Other comments	The proposals are being introduced on an experimental basis so that its effects can be monitored and varied where necessary.
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Date order effective from	15 April 2020

Number of objections received	One
Reasons for objections	<p>The main text of the objection reads:</p> <p><u>Objection</u></p> <p>Please explain to me how this is going to affect the taxi queuing in Walton Place? The double yellow lines outside LaDuree have always been and continue to be, used by residents and private cars. Turning them into resident's parking is not going to make any difference!! What we need is for Taxis to be able to go along Basil Street from Hans Place which is on both sides of Basil Street and from Walton Place. This idea is going to be another disaster — we don't need more resident' cars blocking that corner. Taxis move and they need this space it should be a taxi rank</p> <p>We need the Taxis, As does Harrods, they stop a lot of private cars parking all over the place. The problem started when the Councils gave permission to close of Hans Crescent to traffic — that was a disaster. The Underground was where the entrance to Zara now is and one was protected from the rain as one descended. Neither did we have all these tawdry street merchants and drug dealers frequenting the place, there were trees and a pavement and everyone was happy including the Taxis who had a free flow through to The Brompton Road.</p> <p>La Duree has also caused a nuisance with no drop pavement outside on that corner where there used to be one, further the pavement's slightly higher than the others, causing people to trip and wheelchairs having a hard time including the elderly. Why on earth was La Duree allowed to have that pavement pushed out into the roadway. That too has caused a narrowing of Hans Place at that junction and as a result with private cars parked there despite the double yellows; awful jams at most times of day.</p> <p>So I might suggest that La Duree's pavement be moved back to where it was (it was only supposed to be there temporarily to see how things went), and the dropped pavement put back. Further, that somehow, if only one way towards the Brompton Road, that Hans Crescent is rejigged to allow traffic from Basil Street through to the Brompton Road. Something can be done with the entrance to the Underground so that at least one side of the street will accommodate cars/Taxis</p>

	<p>The Underground entrance in any event is a disaster, the steps are wet during the rain, the handrails too. It was ill conceived and impossible for people with prams and luggage It is on the main underground route to the airport for heaven's sake!. The Councils appear have been only in thrall to Harrods etc., and no consideration, whatsoever has been taken when it comes to local residents and the general public.</p> <p>Thank you for your letter inviting comments. It is appreciated. The money needed to rejig as suggested above, can easily come from parking fines and roadway improvement sources ——— With this COVID19 thing at least we have a little calm around here, the birds sing and the air is cleaner — do something now and we can perhaps go back to a more civilised way of life, including the underground entrance being user friendly. And our lungs not being in jeopardy with traffic continually idling despite regulations.</p> <p>The proposed revamping of the Underground station near Sloane Street will not mitigate the problems this end for residents and Harrods traffic - there are more residents at this end who need that underground, and not to have to go into the Brompton Road or haul luggage from the far end of Basil Street!</p>
Council's response to objections	<p>The Council introduced an experimental order to convert the double yellow line into residents' bays outside Laduree because taxis were using this section of double yellow line as an informal rank and were blocking traffic in Walton Place as they waited in the middle of that road for a space to open up on this informal rank. The idea behind the conversion to residents' bays was to prevent taxis using that space as an informal rank. It had been hoped that, without that informal rank to queue for, taxis would no longer wait in the middle of the road in Walton Place once the residents' bays were introduced. Unfortunately this still continues as taxis queue from the taxi rank at the junction of Hans Crescent all the way down Basil Street to the yellow box junction and taxis wait in Walton Place for a space to become available in Basil Street as they do not wish to block the yellow box junction (which is being enforced by CCTV cameras). However, the residents' bays have not made the situation any worse than it was previously and has provided more residents' parking to the area and so the experiment is deemed to have been a success.</p>
Decision	<p>The experimental order which removes 14 metres of 'at any time' waiting restrictions and replaces them with a residents' parking place that operates 8.30am-10pm on Mondays to Fridays, 8.30am-6.30pm on Saturdays and 1pm-5pm on Sundays (8.30am-6.30pm on Sundays that are a 'special</p>

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Date of decision	6 May 2021