

FOBRA TRANSPORT REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2024

1. New crossings

Over the summer new pedestrian crossings have been installed by B&NES in a number of locations: Lansdown Road (outside St Stephens church), Weston village (Crown Road), and Warminster Road (above St Mary's school). This is very welcome news for those pedestrians in the relevant areas, improving safety of pedestrian access to various key community facilities.

2. A36 Limpley Stoke carriageway repairs and stabilisation

National Highways are carrying out essential roadworks on the A36 near Limpley Stoke, which is causing significant disruption to traffic East of Bath. The affected length of road will be closed until about March 2025, causing significant disruption. Diversion routes are signposted for long-distance routes. Full information can be found here:

<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/south-west/a36-limpley-stoke-carriageway-repairs-and-stabilisation/>

including a useful video explaining the works and why they are expected to take so long.

3. B&NES consultations

(a) **NEW: consultation on certain Parking Restrictions in Central Bath.** Closes 26 September 2024

A TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) consultation has just opened on some proposals for new/revised parking restrictions at certain locations in the centre of Bath: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/take-part-street-parking-tro-consultation>

According to the relevant officer report, the background to the changes is proposals submitted to the Council at various locations around the central Bath area by local residents, Ward Members and the Bath & North East Somerset Councils Traffic Management and Transport Planning Engineers, to improve visibility and access for emergency and refuse vehicles, to allow for the safe passage and re-passage of vehicles and to provide limited on-street parking provision.

(b) **Active Travel Masterplan consultation** (Now closed)

A brief response limited to some matters of general principle was submitted in line with comments as foreshadowed in the email to RAs flagging up this consultation - a copy will be placed on the FoBRA website shortly.

(c) **REMINDER: New Sydney Place and Sydney Road through-traffic restriction trial: Public consultation.** Closes 3 October 2024

This ETRO trial started in April. Details are here: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/sydneyroadETRO>

(d) **Forthcoming Liveable Neighbourhood ETRO consultations.** Dates awaited

ETRO Trials are planned for the Circus & Lower Lansdown area LN and for the Lyme Road/Charmouth Road area LN. The former was originally planned for commencement for early August but it is understood a new ETRO is being issued with minor changes. Proposed commencement dates are awaited for both.

4. Bus routes and timetables

FirstBus introduced a new timetable and some route changes on 1 September. There are material changes on some routes, notably those serving the RUH. There are disappointing timetable reductions on some routes. A summary of the Bath-related changes can be found in the Bath & Somerset section on the FirstBus page here: <https://www.firstbus.co.uk/bristol-bath-and-west/news-and-service-updates/updates/service-changes-west-england-1-september>

5. B&NES “Street Strategy”

B&NES is proposing a new Street Strategy to “*manage outdoor dining, trading and entertainment on Bath and North East Somerset’s highways and public spaces*”. The B&NES announcement is [here](#). If you wish to know more, a report can be found on the webpage for the council’s Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel meeting of 12 September 2024 at <https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/documents/s83677/Streets%20Strategy%20Report.pdf>

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