

Economy and Development

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Ref: 2025 VO11 Theobald Street

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Dear Resident,

Re – Proposed amendment to parking restrictions on Theobald Street

We are writing to let you know that the Council has been asked to consider making changes to the parking bays in Theobald Street, near the junction with Faringdon Road, and we are now asking residents for their views on the proposals.

The proposal involves changing the existing parking bays nearest to Faringdon Road from shared use (Residents Permits and 2 hour limited waiting) to "Residents Permit Holders only". Local Councillors have received a number of complaints from residents that there are not enough spaces for vehicles with residents parking permits and that these shared use bays are over-used by vehicles without permits. We have therefore been asked to consult with people in the area about changing these bays to give more space for residents parking permit holders only. They would match the other bays in the street being for permit holders only Monday to Friday 8am to 10pm.

The shared bays were introduced in the residents parking zone to ensure that parking space was available for visitors and to support local business in the area so that customers could visit their premises. They currently allow residents permit parking Monday to Friday 8am to 10pm and also limited waiting for non-permit holders for a maximum of 2 hours 9am to 6pm — with no return within 1 hour.

No decisions have been made yet. Whether the proposal goes ahead will depend on the outcome of the consultation. The volume of feedback, both in support of and against the proposals will be taken into account, so it is important that you record your views.

A map of the proposals can be viewed on the Council's website, from the 10 October 2025 under the heading of 'Stage 1 - Informal consultation' at www.swindon.gov.uk/trafficregulationorders; using the above reference. Please review the plans and submit any comments you may have via the form on the website by 24 October 2025.

If you experience any problems accessing the information on the above link, you may contact us in writing or by email to TrafficManager@swindon.gov.uk using the above reference and we can send a copy of the proposals.

Yours sincerely, Traffic Management & Road Safety Highways & Transport