**Submission: Consultation:** *Pavement Parking: options for change*

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**full list of consultation questions**

**Introductory Questions**

Question 1

For contact purposes only:

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Question 2

Are you responding as:

* an individual?
* on behalf of an organisation? – Yes, as above

**Questions for individuals**

Question 3

Do you think vehicles being parked on the pavement is a problem in your area?

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know

Question 4

Pavement parking causes you problems because:

* you have a sight impairment
* you have a mobility impairment
* you use a buggy or pram to transport children
* another issue

Question 5

Would you leave home more often if there was no pavement parking?

* Yes
* No

**Questions for all respondents**

Question 6

Do you think vehicles parked on the pavement is a problem in your area?

* **Yes**
* No
* Don’t know

Question 7

Do you prefer:

* option 1?
* option 2?
* option 3? - **Option 3 - to introduce a national prohibition on pavement parking, except at locations where local authorities choose to allow it**
* an alternative option? (please describe it)

**Option 2 - to allow local authorities with CPE powers to enforce against ‘Unnecessary obstruction of the pavement’**

Question 8

How would you define an ‘unnecessary obstruction of the pavement’?

Question 9

Do you think a warning notice should be given for first-time offences of causing an unnecessary obstruction by parking on the pavement?

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know

Question 10

What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages associated with Option 2?

**Option 3 - England-wide pavement parking prohibition**

Question 11

Do you think a national prohibition should apply:

* on no roads (since you are against the proposal)?
* **on all public roads within the country?**
* only on roads with speed limits up to 40mph (this includes roads in villages, towns and cities); or
* in an alternative way of your description? (please describe)

Question 12

Should a national prohibition apply to:

* pavements only?
* **pavements and verges?**

Question 13

What are your views on the impact this would have on the built and historic environment?

**Answer:** The condition and maintenance requirements of the built environment will be much improved if the risk of vehicle impact, damage to pavements and contributions to any subsidence are all removed.

Question 14

What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of Option 3:

* for rural areas including villages? **Answer:** The retention of the character and quality of rural communities will be assisted by placing existing often random parking behaviour with a more uniform respect for the community’s needs.
* for suburban areas? **Answer:** To reduce the burden of non-residential parking, and of those households with a significant number of vehicles on their neighbours.
* for town and city centres? **Answer:** To mitigate dropping off behaviours, informal taxi rank creation, reduce options for delivery vehicles to help promote moves towards more use of cargo bikes, to prevent intrusive and unhelpful parking in places where road space is limited, to assist in the creation of active travel networks (walking/cycling) and pedestrianisation/pedestrian priority.
* overall? **Answer:** To radically reduce air pollution and contributions to greenhouse gas emissions which remain a major problem of the entire transport sector.

Question 15

Do you believe Option 2 or Option 3 would have an impact on the environment?

Option 2

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know

**Option 3**

* Yes – very positive impact when combined with active travel network creation.
* No
* Don’t know

If answering “Yes” to an option, please explain the impact you think will occur and whether it is positive or negative.

Question 16

For both options 2 and 3, we propose exceptions for those vehicles listed in Annex B. (The final listed exception applies to option 3 only.)

* What, if any, other additional vehicles or services would you like to exempt and why?

**Questions on the equality duty**

Question 17

In respect of people who share any of the following protected characteristics:

* age
* disability
* gender reassignment
* pregnancy and maternity
* race
* religion/belief
* sex
* sexual orientation

Please describe any negative impacts that the options in this document might have on these objectives:

* eliminating discrimination
* advancing equality of opportunity
* fostering good relations

Please clearly identify the specific consultation option, the protected characteristic affected, which objective is affected and the nature of any negative impact.

**Final comments for all respondents**

Question 18

Do you have any other comments?

The effectiveness of the implementation of option 3 will be enhanced by the rigorous pursuit of active travel network options, Low Traffic Neighbourhoods and a faster roll-out of electric vehicles.

**Questions for organisations (other than local authorities)**

Question 19

Your organisation’s name is? **COWLEY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP**

Question 20

Is your organisation a commercial business?

* Yes
* **No**

Question 21

Does your organisation routinely make deliveries as part of its business?

* Yes
* No

Question 22

Do you agree that 20 minutes of pavement parking would be adequate for a delivery?

* Yes
* **No**

If you answered “No”, why not? **Answer:** This is too long – cut to 10 minutes and require those businesses alleging a need for more time to justify this, through a standard form application to the Council.