

Extending the pedestrian area in Peascod Street



rising bollard would remain in place.

A number of local businesses and shoppers in Windsor have asked the Royal Borough to consider re-routing buses away from the current stop in Peascod Street so that this part of the town centre can be traffic-free during shopping hours.

Those businesses and local residents want to close Peascod Street and Oxford Road East to all traffic, including buses, during main shop opening hours.

The proposal would mean having to relocate the bus stop from Peascod Street to nearby Charles Street, which would enable a more pedestrian friendly area to be created.

The initiative, backed by Windsor Chamber of Commerce, would maintain access for emergency vehicles but would severely limit access by other vehicles. Deliveries to shops would be allowed but only where there was no other alternative and outside the main shopping hours. The

A new bus stop would be created in Charles Street by building a new layby between the main road and the access road. The stop would include bus shelters, comfortable seating, real-time bus information and signposting to Peascod Street. It would also allow for additional buses supporting the council's edge-of-town parking at Windsor Racecourse, Centrica and Home Park.

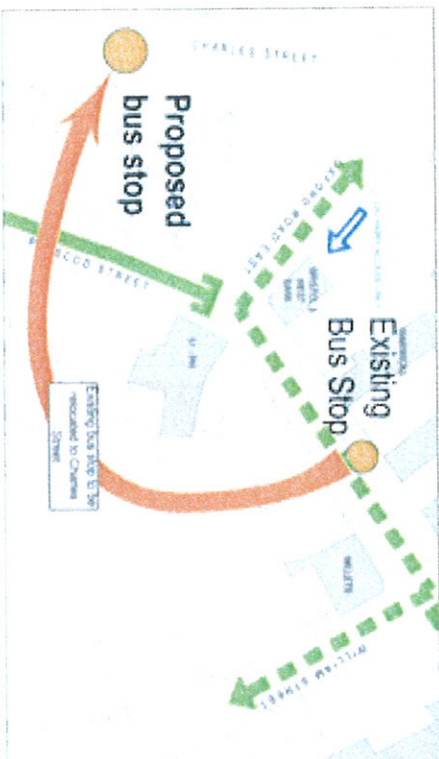
There would be a loss of some residents' parking spaces in Charles Street but residents directly affected would be consulted on suitable alternatives.

The lower part of Peascod Street already has restricted traffic access, thanks to the recently-installed rising bollard. However, supporters of the full pedestrianisation scheme say it would create a seamless traffic-free link with the top end of Peascod Street – already fully

pedestransitised – and provide a safe environment for residents and visitors to enjoy the shops, cafés and restaurants in this part of the town. The existing steps to Watrose and the footpath provide access to the shops in King Edward Court and Peascod Street from the proposed new bus stop.

So before taking any decision, the council wants to hear YOUR views.

Cllr Colin Rayner, lead member for highways and streetcare, said: "This proposal to support pedestrianisation



has provoked a great deal of debate in Windsor. It is vital that we get as much local input as possible before saying yes or no. That's why we are launching a widespread consultation so businesses, residents, bus users and visitors can put forward their views.

"Once we have all the views we will then take further decisions based on the outcome of the consultation."
Your views are vital to help the council decide. You can take part in the consultation by:

- **Completing the questionnaire and** sending it to Peascod Street Consultation, FREEPOST RLYH-SHYR-JUXJ, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, Town Hall, St Ives Road, Maidenhead SL6 1RF.
- **Taking part online at** www.rbwm.gov.uk

The council has also commissioned direct consultation with businesses, bus users and pedestrians in this part of Peascod Street. The closing date for responses is **Friday 30 November**. Afterwards all views will be analysed and a report will be prepared to help the council decide on the way forward.

HAVE YOUR SAY

● Do you agree with the relocation of the bus stop from Peascod Street to Charles Street?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
● Do you support the potential for additional pedestrianisation in Peascod Street?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
● Do you think it will help local businesses and provide a better, safer environment for shoppers and visitors? Will it help foster a cosmopolitan café culture that will draw more people to this part of the town?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
● Or do you think the current traffic restrictions using the new rising bollard are enough and that moving the bus stop to Charles Street would cause serious inconvenience to local bus passengers?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Do you have any other comments or suggestions? (Please use additional sheets if necessary).

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You do not need to provide your name and address but your postcode will help with our response analysis.

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