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Dear resident / business owner,

Bedminster and Southville parking survey

In late 2019/early 2020 we sent you a survey about parking in your area. I am pleased to provide a summary of the survey responses and our next steps. I would like to thank you for providing your views.

Responses were received from 1,945 properties, out of 7,115 properties in the survey area - a response rate of just 27%.

When we came into office, we were clear that we would only extend existing Residents Parking Schemes if they were led by local councillors with overwhelming support from people in the areas affected. The responses we received to this survey, with only 1 in 4 homes responding, cannot be considered sufficient to demonstrate clear or overwhelming support for any intervention. However, among the people who responded there is some strong support for Match Day Parking and for junction protection. There is lower support for RPS across the whole survey, although support for RPS increases in some sub-areas. We will continue further analysis of the sub-areas; however they are not large enough on their own to support a standalone RPS.

2,259 responses were received in total from the 1,945 properties (there was more than one response from many households). Of all the results of the 27% of households who responded:

- 80% of those responding were in favour of Match Day Parking
- 73% of those responding were in favour of Junction Protection
- 59% of those responding were in favour of a Residents Parking Scheme

We will work with Ashton Gate stadium to develop proposals for Match Day Parking and will look carefully at possible junction protection options to assess their deliverability.

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There are ongoing discussions with the stadium around obligations and responsibilities of a match day scheme and other events such as concerts. This will be reviewed as part of their expansion plans and existing planning conditions. It is important to note we want to support a thriving Ashton Gate stadium which balances the concerns of the neighbouring community.

Junction protection will also have implications for parking in the area and has impact on parking availability for residents, and will need to be consulted on. We will explore this further with residents, businesses and ward members. There is not yet council resources committed to any project, so this is the start of any work which makes changes to the area.

More broadly, this engagement demonstrates that we will look again at RPS schemes for the area. The RPS existing in areas before 2016 are not always fit for purpose, with the growth of population, the development of higher density communities and car free developments. In considering new proposals for residents' parking, we would want to develop new rules and guidelines. We are therefore open to the possibility of expanding new Residents Parking Schemes in this area, but would need to engage with residents on new procedures. We would seek to consider introducing a maximum number of cars that an individual household could register for a permit and altering the rules around guest/visitor permits.

We will give further consideration to this option and we would consult fully on any changes before a decision is made on how to proceed.

Yours faithfully,

Cllr Kye Dudd

