

Dear Resident,

When we saw the details of the boundaries of the Charging Clean Air Zone proposed by the Council, we realised this raised particular issues for residents on our Estate, and therefore we distributed the attached letter to all residents inviting them to a public meeting on 8 November to discuss them. I subsequently also sent you by email a copy of the advice that the Pulteney Estate Residents Association had sent their members.

About 70 residents attended our public meeting, which provided useful information and exchanges of views. We also had a show of hands on a couple of issues. I attach a note that summarises particularly the results of the voting on the night.

The most important message from that consultation was that residents should respond to the online consultation here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CAZconsultationindividualandgroup>

by 26 November, and particularly giving their views as to whether or not the CAZ should be extended to include the Bathwick Estate. PERA have recommended that their area should be included, and their advice sets out why. The Sydney Place Residents Association have mounted a campaign on social media also advocating inclusion. We know that the Council are aware of these views, and seem likely to agree extensions in this part of Bath if there is a strong demand for them.

Having looked at the advice available and listened to the arguments, the BERA Committee has concluded that the CAZ should be extended to include the Bathwick Estate, and also in particular including Beckford Road itself. Many of us are exposed to its NO2 pollution regularly, and the scores of children from our Estate who walk to Bathwick St Mary School are exposed to it twice daily during the school week.

Our reasoning is broadly similar to PERA's. We understand that the Council intends that the size of the CAZ should be the minimum required to achieve the legal objectives imposed on it by the Government. But an unintended consequence of the skewed CAZ set out in the current proposals would be to incentivize the non-compliant, and therefore more polluting, traffic, to seek places within our estate to drop off passengers for the town centre. We took account of the votes made and views expressed at our 8 November meeting. We also realise that being inside the zone will mean extra costs for some residents, and their visitors, if it is not practical for them to upgrade their vehicles by 2020. But overall we think it is a better outcome for our community.

We will tell the Council that this is our view, but what really matters is the response they get from you. So, whatever your view on this issue, or any other aspect of the CAZ proposals, do respond to the Council by the deadline of 26 November.

Your sincerely,

Charles Draper

Chairman

Bathwick Estate Residents' Association