

# A more pedestrian friendly Hockley

## What's next?

Following consultation with businesses and residents, along with a survey from the wider public, we propose the following next steps towards a pedestrian friendly Hockley.

## What?

### Weekends and Bank Holidays

Open for deliveries 6am – noon.

Road to be closed to vehicles noon – 6am to create a pedestrian friendly atmosphere.

### Weekday lunchtimes

Road to be closed noon – 2pm for lunchtime trade and then 6pm – 6am as normal.



## When?

We propose that the new traffic restrictions will begin on **Saturday 25 May** bank holiday weekend.

We will trial the new traffic arrangements until the end of the summer and review them in consultation with businesses and residents.

## How?

To kick off the pedestrian friendly summer and make the most of the car-free environment we intend to arrange a street market for the first weekend, with lots of opportunities for local businesses to get involved.

Hopefully we can turn this into a regular event. Our city centre team will be in touch with further plans for this, but if you would like more information please contact [vaughen.crompton@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:vaughen.crompton@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)



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# Addressing your comments

The following themes were identified either by businesses and residents or through the public survey

## Supporting local businesses with deliveries

**Concern:** Access for deliveries servicing businesses in the area

**Our proposal:** We will start daytime road closures at the weekend and over lunchtime - when the retail and hospitality trade is highest - for a trial period over the summer months. Allowing two delivery windows (6am -12pm and 2pm - 6pm) Monday - Friday. We will review how this is working at the end of the summer.

## Heathcoat Street

**Concern:** Heathcoat Street has a different range of businesses to those on Carlton Street and Broad Street so has different needs.

**Our proposal:** We will convert the parking bays on Heathcoat Street into limited waiting bays. These can be used for; businesses loading/unloading, customers collecting bulky items or as blue badge holder parking when the road is open.

## Parking

**Concern:** Reduction in car parking spaces in the area.

**Our proposal:** For the duration of the trial parking will be suspended on Heathcoat Street as mentioned above. Our public survey shows that only 3% of visitors to Hockley park in Hockley when visiting. Nevertheless, to compensate for the loss of spaces we will be adding an additional 30 spaces in the area.



## Disabled access

**Concern:** Access for blue badge holders and/or those with limited mobility.

**Our proposal:** We will be installing dedicated blue badge parking spaces in the additional parking bays for visitors to the area. In addition, blue badge holders will be able to use the limited waiting bays on Heathcoat Street.

## Traffic flows

**Concern:** Difficulty negotiating routes East Street - Western Street - Kipps Street

**Our proposal:** After listening to feedback we will be amending the one-way system to better support traffic flow.

## Linking to the city centre

**Concern:** Hockley is separated from the city centre by George Street traffic.

**Our proposal:** In the longer term we will look to improve the pedestrian crossing at George Street from the city centre.

## Street design

**Concern:** Areas looking untidy, planters in poor condition.

**Our proposal:** We are working with the street design team as part of a wider vision for the city centre. The pots will be replanted and we have also secured funding to update existing street furniture such as seating and signs.

## Cycling

**Concern:** Bike racks in the area always full.

**Our proposal:** We will install additional cycle parking in the area, work with the cycling team to improve signage of quiet routes connecting the city centre.

## Events

**Concern:** That closures will only benefit hospitality businesses. People would like to see more events, street art and markets.

**Our proposal:** There will be more opportunity for businesses to use the space more creatively when further traffic restrictions are in place. We want to work with local businesses to make the most out of Hockley and help you to organise artisan markets and additional events. If you would like to get involved, please contact [vaughen.crompton@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:vaughen.crompton@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

## Let us know what you think

We would like to hear your thoughts on the above proposals. Please contact 0115 8765 249 or [traffic.management@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:traffic.management@nottinghamcity.gov.uk) with your feedback. If you would like to discuss this in person, let us know and we are happy to arrange a meeting with a member our traffic team.

# Survey feedback

624 people responded to the survey.  
Here's what you said...

**91%** think that pedestrianised streets are more pleasant to visit

**77%** would spend more time in Hockley if it was pedestrianised

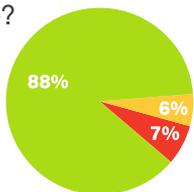
**84%** actively seek out independent Nottingham based businesses

and only **8%** said that they required on street parking outside their final destination or they would not visit the area.

## Should we extend?

If we were to further extend the traffic restrictions (beyond 6pm-6am) to make it more pedestrian friendly what effect do you think it will have?

**It will make the area better**



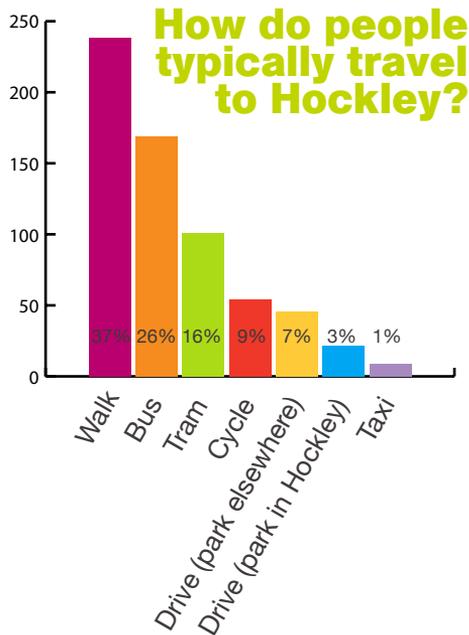
**It will have no effect**

**It will have a detrimental to the area**

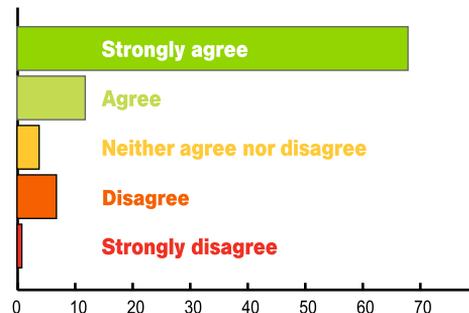
## What did businesses and residents think?

92 people responded who either lived or worked in the area.

When asked 'I support a more pedestrian friendly Hockley' your responses were...



More details can be found at [transportnottingham.com/hockleysurvey](http://transportnottingham.com/hockleysurvey)



If you have any further comments or thoughts about the pedestrian friendly Hockley project please contact [traffic.management@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:traffic.management@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)



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