



15th January 2021

Berkeley Town Centre: Temporary Covid Measures

To all Berkeley Town Centre businesses,

Covid is still with us, and may be for some time yet. With the current lockdown and new virus strain we need to continue to be extremely cautious.

Some months ago Stroud District Council (SDC) approached Berkeley Town Council (BTC) to recommend any measures to provide a Covid safe environment in Berkeley Town Centre, thus encouraging shoppers back to the town centre. As a result BTC identified a number of locations which experience some pedestrian congestion at some point in the day/week. This congestion may discourage some pedestrians, especially those in high risk groups, or with mobility issues. The congestion may also cause pedestrians to step off the pavement, into the road, to maintain a safe distance.

For the foreseeable future, we will be asking for all town centre businesses to continue to follow these guidelines –

1. Follow & enforce government Covid guidelines – Hands – Face – Space
2. Remove/minimise any street furniture/pavement obstructions to maximise space on pavements for pedestrians – we may contact individual businesses if additional action is required.
3. If your customers are queuing outside your shop, then encourage them to queue responsibly, allowing other pedestrians to pass safely. Pavement stencils can be available on request.

In addition, following consultation, SDC have approved the following recommendations from BTC –

4. Temporarily removing ONE parking space outside the chip shop, to provide adequate pavement width for pedestrians to pass (due to volume of queuing customers)
5. Temporarily removing ONE parking space outside Armstrong and North opticians, to provide pedestrian passing space, due to congestion caused by cyclists (typically visiting the coffee shop)
6. Temporarily removing THREE parking spaces between the One Stop Shop and Coach Close, to allow pedestrians to safely pass Post Office queues.

Once again, these measures are intended to provide a safe environment and encourage shoppers back to the town centre. We have listened and really minimised the number of parking spaces temporarily removed, aiming for that compromise between car parking and pedestrian safety.



IF ANY OF THE TOWN CENTRE BUISNESSES notice a negative impact on their customer footfall due to the above measures (or if you have any other questions/comments) please contact –

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Thank you for your co-operation
Berkeley Town Council