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EARLY REVIEW OF PAY AND DISPLAY ON COMMERCIAL STREET

Although a six-month review of the pay and display scheme on Commercial Street, Harrogate is planned for October, the Cabinet Member for Public Works has today agreed an early variation of the scheme.

Councillor Julian Sturdy has responded to suggestions that a reduction in the maximum stay time will help local traders. He said: "The scheme is having the desired effect of removing problems of traffic queuing back on to Cheltenham Parade and traffic flow has improved. But I understand the concerns traders have which is why I have agreed to this interim revision.

"Traders feel that the maximum parking period – currently three hours – should be reduced to one hour. They believe that many drivers who are currently parking in Commercial Street are not using the local shops. In order to make parking more available for those wishing to use the shops in Commercial Street, I have asked for the maximum period to be reduced to one hour."

The value of this variation will be looked at again when the scheme is reviewed in October. The results of having three months at the three-hour stay will be compared with having three months at the one-hour stay. All this will help to make a more informed decision on the need for any further refinements. ENDS

FURTHER INFORMATION: Councillor Julian Sturdy is available for comment on 07836 692010.