



Exeter
City Council

Use of Sidwell Street as a possible location for a temporary bus station
Questions & Answers

1. How long would a temporary bus station be in place?

As an indicative timetable, work would start on site in early 2017. The temporary bus station would be in place from around March 2017 to December 2018.

2. Would there be any assessment of the impact on air quality?

Data on existing pollution levels would be assessed and air quality would be monitored continuously in consultation with the council's environmental health team.

3. What highways works would be needed?

The works are shown on the plans.

4. How will you ensure the safety of pedestrians?

There are currently limited conflict points. A safety audit would be undertaken on the scheme and any areas of concern would be addressed.

5. How much on-street parking will be lost?

17 spaces would be temporarily removed.

6. Is planning permission required for these changes?

Planning permission is not required.

7. Have Stagecoach and other bus operators been consulted about this?

Key partners have been consulted.

8. Would long-distance (National Express and Megabus) buses use the temporary bus station?

No. We are discussing appropriate locations with National Express and Megabus. Touring coaches would stop in South Street.

9. Has there been any thought about traffic management and how traffic in this confined area and nearby streets might cope with this influx of buses?

It would be subject to a traffic management plan.

10. What would happen to Sidwell Street when the new bus station opens?

It is anticipated it will be reinstated.

11. What is the process going forward?

The council's Leisure Complex and Bus Station Steering Group will make a final decision on the location of a temporary bus station on 12th July 2016. A detailed planning application for the new bus station will be submitted to the council shortly.

12. Will cars be permitted to access Sidwell Street?

During the interim arrangements cars will not be permitted to use Sidwell Street. As soon as the new bus station is open, cars will be permitted to use it again.

13. Which buses would stop where?

The bus operator, Stagecoach, will be reviewing its bus routes and bus stops.

14. Where would the bus station facilities be located?

We would look at any suitable vacant shop units for a travel centre. Staff welfare facilities and offices would be located in vacant offices in the city centre.