Public Parking Arrangements During 2018 Cruise Liner Season

Traffic & Highway Services is advising of changes to public parking spaces in Town during the cruise ship visiting season. The season commences on Friday 30th March with the arrival of Saga Sapphire. Then there are regular liner arrivals through until 07th October.

As a result of the above, the small car parking spaces will not be available at the eastern end of Albert Pier from Thursday 29th March until the end of the season, as the area will be required for passenger handling.

This week, three 2-hour parking spaces have been removed from the end of the central row of parking on the Albert Pier to enable sufficient space for vehicles to turn in advance of wires and stanchions which have been installed by the Marina shower block. These are to provide segregation between passengers and vehicles circulating through the car park.

On Thursday 29th March, the 2-hour parking spaces on the southern side of Albert Pier will be changed to taxi and booked hire car parking from 6 p.m. The change of use of these spaces will continue throughout the season, early evening the day before a visiting cruise liner arrives and during the day of the cruise liner visit.

Parking on the Red Light Arm (excluding the Marine Traders bay) of the Albert Pier will also be suspended the evening before and during the day of most cruise ship visits for coach tour parking. The Arm will also be used on some afternoons as a queuing area for passengers prior to them returning to their ship. The staff managing operations on the Pier will return the Arm to public parking as soon as tours and passenger handling operations are complete or in the event a ship is cancelled at short notice.

To mitigate for the loss of short term parking on the Albert Pier, 40 spaces of 10-hour parking on the seaward side of South Esplanade by Havelet Bay will change to 2-hour parking on Thursday 29th March for the season. To compensate for this, additional 10-hour parking will be provided on Castle Emplacement in an area normally reserved for Port Permit holders. In addition, the angled spaces adjacent to the Fisherman’s Quay slipway which have historically been used for other Harbour uses in the summer months will be retained for public parking.

Advanced warning notices will be placed out on site advising of the changes that will come into effect. Drivers are asked to pay particular attention to the traffic signage in the above areas to ensure the arrangements work as smoothly as possible.

Special Constables will continue to manage the unofficial crossing point near the Town Church at busy times when medium to large liners or a combination of smaller liners are visiting. This will represent approximately 1/3rd of the days when liners are scheduled to visit this year.