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## Fifty percent of city centre disabled bays to reopen

From this Friday Blue Badge holders will be able to park along two city centre streets in Lichfield once again.

In the summer, Lichfield District Council temporarily suspended all Blue Badge parking in the city centre and created more disabled parking in nearby car parks, to allow for better social distancing throughout the city centre.

Following a review, the council has made the decision to bring back 21 Blue Badge parking bays into use from Friday 25 September 2020.

The majority of bays on Tamworth Street and Bore Street will be available for Blue Badge holders, except for the ones set aside for cafes and licensed premises to use as outdoor seating.

Due to the layout of the city centre, and the need to allow extra space to practice social distancing, the disabled bays on Conduit Street and Market Street will remain no parking zones.

**Councillor Liz Little, Lichfield District Council's Cabinet Member responsible for Economic Development, said:** "Having reviewed the city centre and listened to local people, we are happy to be bringing half of the disabled parking bays back into use.

"It will mean Blue Badge holders will once again be able to park in the city centre, close to shops and banks. They just need to avoid any bays that still have traffic cones around them.

"We think this is a good compromise, as it is vital people have enough space to social distance in our bustling city centre, while making sure we help visitors with mobility issues as much as we can."

To ensure there are plenty of spaces for Blue Badge holders, 21 parking bays will still be reserved across two nearby car parks on Bird Street and Lombard Street.

For a map of city centre car parks, visit [www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/carparkmap](http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/carparkmap).

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