

**For the first time in 75 years, the Conservative Party Conference comes to Birmingham. The conference runs from 28th September to 1st October at The ICC. Up to 12,000 delegates and visitors are expected to attend.**

Bringing an event of this size and stature to the city means that a comprehensive plan of activity to welcome and assist with managing the event is in place, with as little disruption to residents, businesses and visitors as possible but there are some temporary changes to be aware of.

As the conference is being held at The ICC, the pedestrian mall through the convention centre will be closed to the general public throughout the conference. The area around this building, including Centenary Square, The Hyatt Regency Hotel and the last block of Broad Street up to Paradise Forum will see some changes to access for both pedestrians and traffic.

#### **Roads**

Bridge Street adjacent to the Hyatt hotel will be pedestrian access only from 8pm on Wednesday 24th September. Cambridge Street (between Civic Close and Brindley Drive) and Broad Street (between Paradise Circus Queensway and Gas Street) will be pedestrian only areas from 5am on Sunday 28th September.

After 5am on Sunday 28th September, all vehicle access to Broad Street (Sheepcote Street to Gas Street), Oozells Street, Gas Street, and Granville Street (Broad Street to Tennant Street) will be via Holliday Street and Berkley Street only. As Broad Street will not be available as a through route for vehicles during the conference, motorists are advised to use the following alternative routes:

- Into city direction from Hagley Road, via Monument Road, Alston Street, Ring Road, Spring Hill Circus and A457 to Paradise Circus.
- Into city direction from Five Ways Island, via Islington Row, Bath Row, Holloway Head, Holloway Circus Queensway, Suffolk Street Queensway to Paradise Circus.
- Out of city direction, from Paradise Circus via A457, Ring Road to Five ways.

All temporary traffic restrictions will be removed in the early hours of Thursday 2nd October.

**For more information, please call 0121 303 1111**

#### **Car parks**

Civic Centre car park adjacent to the Rep Theatre will be closed to the public during the conference but the Brindley Drive, Brindleyplace and National Indoor Arena car parks are unaffected.

#### **Pay and display**

On street pay and display bay parking suspensions will be in operation during the conference in Bridge Street, Berkley Street and Gas Street.

#### **Taxis**

The taxi rank in Broad Street outside The Reflex and the taxi rank in Bridge Street next to the Hyatt hotel will be suspended during the conference. Extra temporary ranks will be provided in Berkley Street, Oozells Street, Cambridge Street and Broad Street (Oozells Street to Gas Street).

#### **Buses**

Throughout the conference, bus stops in the section of Broad Street between Five Ways and Sheepcote Street in both directions will continue to be in use. Stops in Broad Street between Sheepcote Street and Paradise Circus Queensway will be suspended.

#### **Hotels**

The Hyatt Regency Hotel will not be open to the public during the conference. All other the hotels are open as usual.

#### **Restaurants, bars, attractions, theatres, cinemas**

All of the bars and restaurants along Broad Street and in Brindleyplace will be open as usual. However The Hyatt Regency Hotel's restaurant, bar, gym, pool and Amala spa will be closed to the public over this weekend.

The national Sealife centre, Crescent Theatre, Ikon and Number Nine Galleries in Brindleyplace are unaffected by the conference. The Rep theatre's conferencing facilities will be used as the accreditation point for delegates, but this will not affect access for the public to either the theatre, café bar or ticket desk.

As The ICC will be closed to the general public, from early Wednesday evening 24th September to the Sunday evening 28th September, the public will not be able to collect concert tickets for Symphony Hall or use the café during this time. Cineworld cinema on Broad Street is not affected by the conference.

#### **Birmingham Register Office**

Access to the Register Office (at its new location in Holliday Wharf, Holliday Street, Birmingham. B1 1TJ) will be available at all times via Suffolk Street Queensway into Holliday Street.

#### **Commercial**

The Brasshouse Language Centre, Transport & General Workers Union and other offices along Broad Street are again unaffected by the conference.

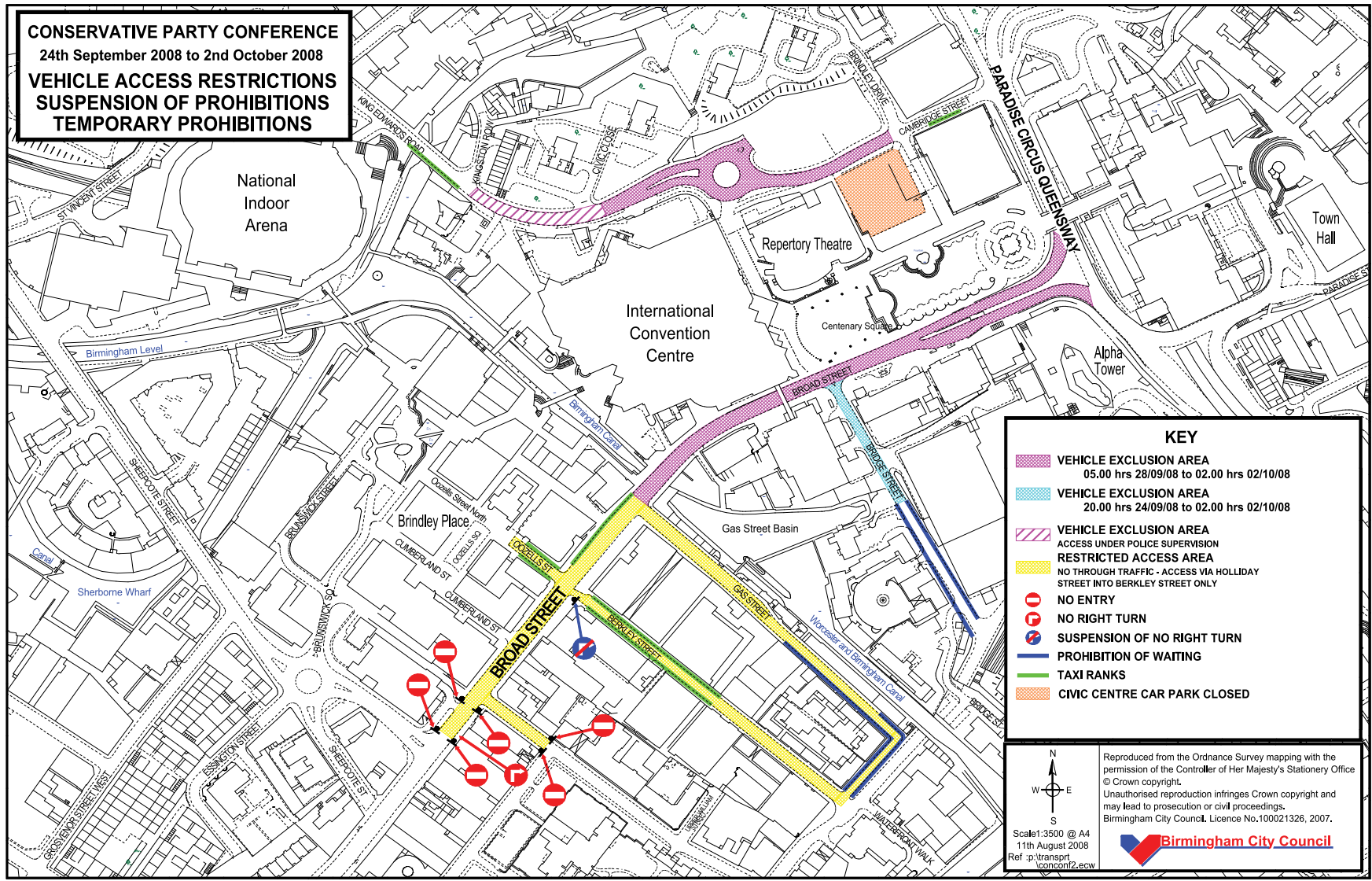
#### **Five Ways**

All of the shops and outlets at Five Ways and Broadway Plaza are unaffected by the conference.



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