

OFFICER DECISION REPORT – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

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INFORMAL CONSULTATION

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Transport Group

TITLE OF REPORT:	RPZ Chelsea Rd/Foxcombe Rd
PROPOSAL:	Various Waiting and Loading and Parking Restrictions
SCHEME REF No:	22 – 024
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1. DELEGATION

The delegation to be exercised in this report is contained within **Part 3, Section 4** of the Constitution under the **Delegation of Functions to Officers**, as follows:

Section A	The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors, Divisional Directors and Heads of Service have delegated power to take any decision falling within their area of responsibility....”
Section B	Without prejudice to the generality of this, Officers are authorised to: serve any notices and make, amend or revoke any orders falling within his/her area of responsibility.
Section D9	An Officer to whom a power, duty or function is delegated may nominate or authorise another Officer to exercise that power, duty or function, provided that Officer reports to or is responsible to the delegator.

For the purposes of this report, the Director of Place Management holds the delegated power to make, amend or revoke any Orders.

2. LEGAL AUTHORITY

This proposal is made in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which under Section 1 provides, generally, for Orders to be made for the following reasons, and in the case of this report specifically for the reason(s) shown below:

(a)	for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or	X
(b)	for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, or	
(c)	for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), or	X
(d)	for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property,	
(e)	(without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (d) above) for preserving the character of the road in a case where it is specially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot, or	

(f)	for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs, or	X
(g)	for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality)	

3. **PROPOSAL**

To implement various parking, waiting and loading restrictions, including designated parking bays reserved for disabled badge holders only and permit holders only.

4. **BACKGROUND**

Bath and North East Somerset Council's Traffic Management Team has been developing with the support of local Ward Councillors and in relation to the Councils policy to improve the parking situation for local residents and help communities to create healthier, safer streets (Low Traffic Neighbourhood Strategy – July 2020 & Residents' Parking Schemes July 2020) a scheme to introduce a Residents' Parking Zone (RPZ) covering the following area: an area which includes Chelsea Road, Kennington Road, Warwick Road, Foxcombe Road, and Park Road, Bath.

This RPZ will aim to prioritise on-street parking for residents and provide accessible parking near social hubs within the area including pubs, cafes, places of worship, and other local businesses.

The implementation of the new RPZ will deter parking by non-residents who may currently use the area to park all day and commute into the City Centre or other facilities in the neighbouring areas where parking may be limited, restricted, or charged for. The initial proposal was produced as a draft to be shared with the public during a 28-day public consultation. The consultation took place between the 5th May to 2nd June.

A virtual online event [17th May 2022 from 4pm to 8pm], and an in-person event [17th May 2022 from 4pm to 8pm at Weston Methodist Church] were held in order to provide further information and enable consultees to talk to an advisor, view the proposal plans, ask questions, and submit a questionnaire.

In total, there were 338 responses to the proposed Residents' Parking Zone. A total of 334 of these came through the online questionnaire with four sent via letter or E-mail.

A total of 116 responses were from within the proposed Zone with a further 222 from outside the area. Those who live in the Parking Zone are more likely to support the proposals than those who live outside the Zone (43% compared with 7%). There is a more even split of opinion for those who live inside the Zone with 53% supporting or partially supporting and 47% objecting to the proposals.

165 respondents from outside the zone stated they believed it would directly impact negatively on local businesses, with these same respondents most likely to express objection to the proposals.

Whilst overall the figures show majority objection to the scheme, when considering only those respondents from within the proposed zone area, support for the scheme is much higher. It is the opinion of the local Ward Councillors' that support does exist for a scheme which covers the area however have suggested that amendments to the proposals (mainly changes to time limit on dual-use bays) may aid in garnering further support.

Amendments to be made:

- 1) On the east side of Chelsea Road outside property 8e provide 6m length disabled badge holders only.
- 2) Change proposed disabled bay outside property 20 Newbridge Road to 1 hour limited waiting
- 3) Change all the proposed permit only bays on Kennington Rd and Park Road east of Warwick Road to dual use – PH or 3 hours NR 1 hour.
- 4) Change redundant disabled badge holders only bay outside properties 14-15 Kennington Rd to dual use – PH or 3 hours NR 1 hour.
- 5) Change the proposed permit only bays on east side of Warwick Rd to dual use – PH or 2 hours NR 1 hour.

5. SOURCE OF FINANCE

This proposal is being funded by RPZ capital budget TCRP001.

6. CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT

The proposal requires informal consultation with the Chief Constable, Ward Members and the Cabinet Members for Transport.

PROPOSAL(S) APPROVED FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATION WITH THE CHIEF CONSTABLE AND WARD MEMBERS.



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Head of Highways, Parking and Passenger Transport

Date: 17th Aug 2022



PROJECT
**B&NES
 PROPOSED RESIDENT
 PARKING ZONES**
 SCHEMATIC LAYOUT

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KEY

- EXISTING FEATURES**
- Existing Proposed RZ
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 - Proposed RZ
 - Proposed RZ Boundary
 - No waiting and No loading AT
 - No waiting at times
 - Resident Permit Holders Only bay
 - Resident Permit or 2 hr no return within 1 hr
 - 1 hr no return within 1 hr parking bay
 - Disabled badge holders only bay
 - Resident Disabled bay

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 FOR COMMENT**

ISSUE/REVISION

NO	DATE	DESCRIPTION
C	17/05/2022	City Amended G.B
B	04/05/2022	Amend following consult analysis
A	07/03/2022	First Issue

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60676754

SHEET TITLE

**PROPOSED RESIDENT PARKING ZONE
 CHELSEA RD / FOXCOMBE RD AREA
 PARKING CONTROL SCHEMATIC**

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