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 Walcot/Snow Hill/Claremont Rd

PROPOSAL: Various Waiting and Loading and Parking Restrictions

SCHEME REF No: 22 – 027

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1. <u>DELEGATION</u>

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. <u>LEGAL AUTHORITY</u>

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	Χ
(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	Х
(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	Х
(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 including Snow Hill and adjoining roads, stretching north to include Bennet Lane, Arundel Road and part of Camden Road; east to Eastbourne Avenue, Claremont Road and St Saviours Road; south to Kensington Place and the boundary of the River Avon; and west to parts of the The Paragon, London Street and London 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, places of worship, charities, 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 was held on the 27th May at 12pm, and an in-person event took place at the Riverside Youth Centre on the 24th May 2022 between 4pm to 8pm. These events 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 287 responses to the proposed Residents' Parking Zone.

A total of 219 responses were from within the proposed Zone with a further 68 from outside the area. Just under a quarter (22%) of respondents support the Residents' Parking Zone with a further 15% saying they partially support, the remaining 63% of respondents object to the proposals.

There were differences in the levels of support shown for the proposals. Almost three quarters (73%) of respondents who rate the current parking provision as bad either supported or partially supported the plans compared to 4% of those who currently feel the current parking provision is good.

Whilst overall support for the scheme is low, it is the opinion of the local Ward Councillors' that the proposals on the whole do serve to provide benefit to all residents in the area and suggest that the proposals are taken forward with some minor amendments. Implementation of parking

restrictions on a smaller area only is likely to have significant effect upon those neighbouring streets through migration of and displacement of identified parking issues.

Amendments to be made:

- 1) On the east side of Tyning Lane change bay to dual-use PH or 1hr NR 1hr.
- 2) Tyning Lane, convert advisory disabled bay identified as redundant into permit holders only bay.
- 3) Belgrave Road, convert advisory disabled bay identified as redundant into permit holders only bay.
- 4) Eastbourne Avenue, convert advisory disabled bay identified as redundant into permit holders only bay.
- 5) Arundel Road. To be signed as a permit parking area east of properties No. 2-3.
- 6) Highbury Place to be signed as a permit parking area east of its junction with Bennett Lane.
- 7) Middle Lane be signed as a permit parking area west of its junction with Upper East Hayes.

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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