OFFICER DECISION REPORT – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

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INFORMAL CONSULTATION (Cabinet Members for Transport)

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Transport Group

TITLE OF REPORT: RPZ Entry Hill

PROPOSAL: Various Waiting and Loading and Parking Restrictions

SCHEME REF No: 22 – 022

REPORT AUTHOR: Phill Batty (Aecom)

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. **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	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

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

The implementation of the new RPZ will deter parking by non-residents who may currently use the area to park 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.

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Whilst overall support for the scheme is low, it is the opinion of the local Ward Councillors' that support does exist for a scheme which covers a smaller area encompassing the northern end of Entry Hill and adjacent streets only albeit with some further amendments.

Amendments to be made:

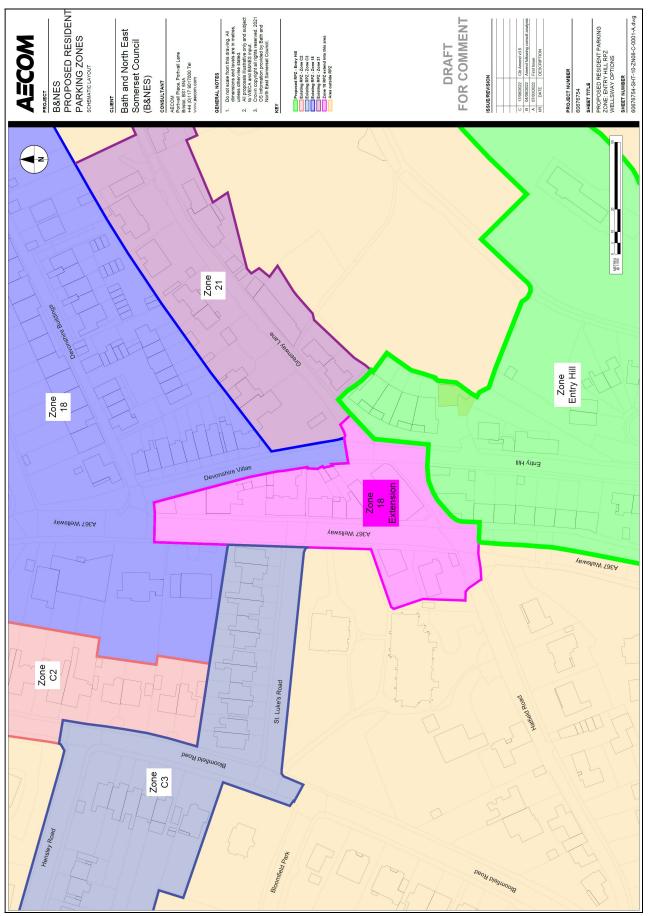
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- 7) Bay outside properties 145-155 Wellsway to be signed for use by resident permit holders only rather than the dual-use.
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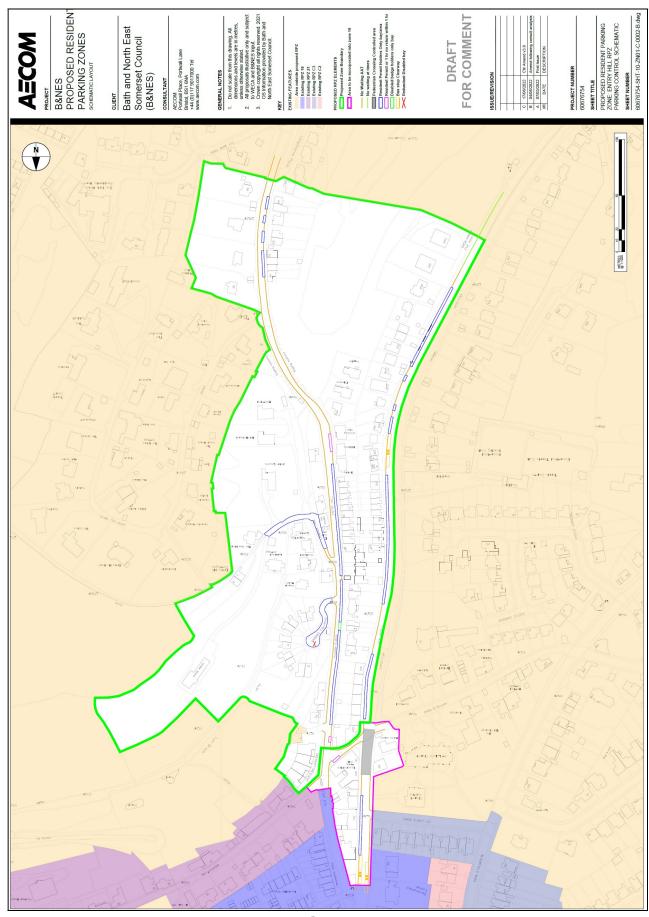
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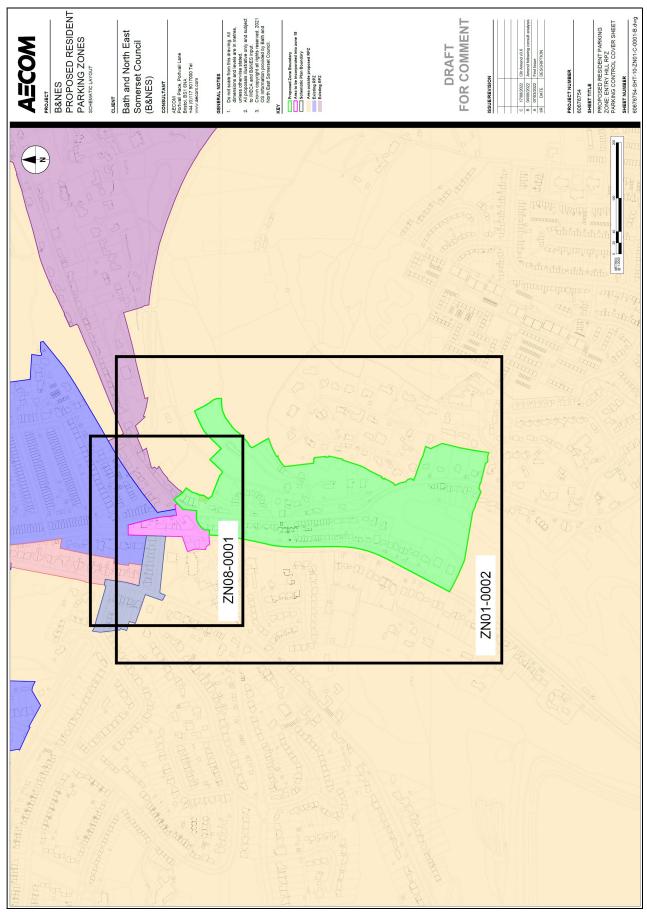
This proposal is being funded by RPZ capital budget TCRP001.

6. CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT

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







7. COMMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE

Chief Constable

Thank you for your email and attachments regarding the proposed Residents Parking Zone for Entry Hill, Bath as shown on the attached schematics. It is understood that the proposed Entry Hill RPZ TRO is one of many currently being considered for within the Bath area.

The informal TRO Report states that the proposal is "To implement various parking, waiting and loading restrictions, including designated parking bays reserved for disabled badge holders only and permit holders only.

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The proposals should meet the Statement of Intent regarding their introduction.

Any increase in parking restrictions brings with it a potential increase in the need for enforcement. Following the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement we are unable to address this, as enforcement of waiting restrictions backed by a Traffic Regulation Order within the Bath and North East Somerset Council area, rests with B&NES Parking Services rather than ourselves.

We are also unable to provide dedicated enforcement to any reported displaced parking into adjacent areas and would request that additional parking restrictions be considered should such displacement occur if the proposals are implemented. Any enforcement of potential obstruction offences would be intelligence led and targeted based on gathered information and circumstances at the time at each potential obstruction offence location.

Parking Services

Andrew Dunn – Team Manager Parking Services - I broadly support the implementation of the restrictions but there should be a recognition that additional restrictions require additional revenue support for new staff to reflect the fact that every new restriction requires a very small percentage of a staff member to enforce on a regular or semi-regular basis.

Whilst this impact may itself be small for a single scheme, the cumulative impact may have an impact for the enforcement across other locations.

Ward Members

Widcombe & Lyncombe:

Cllr Alison Born – I have nothing to add to the comments made by Winston and Andy Dunn which I support.

Cllr Winston Duguid - Does this include the detail we agreed on 205 to 213 Wellsway? We agreed that there should not be yellow lines there and it would be a continuation of residents parking bays (opposite the tennis court entrance). There still seems to be yellow there?

Response: On the advice of Parking Services, we should not be placing parking bays with White Keep Clear markings across driveways as this opens the Council up to challenge as the bay is stating any vehicle can park in this location, but the White Keep Clear is advising that

they don't, sending conflicting information to drivers. Please see the amended proposal plan below changing back the parking bays on the Wellsway as requested by the Ward Members above and showing Double Yellow Lines across driveways as advised by Parking Services.

B&NES PROPOSED RESIDENT PARKING ZONES SCHEMATIC LAYOUT SHEET NUMBER 60676754-SHT-10-ZN01-C-0002-D.dwg DRAFT FOR COMMENT Bath and North East Somerset Council (B&NES) PROPOSED RESIDENT PARKING ZONE: ENTRY HILL RPZ PARKING CONTROL SCHEMATIC

REPORT APPROVED FOR CIRCULATION TO CABINET MEMBERS FOR TRANSPORT

Paul Garrod

Traffic Management and Network Manager

Date: 24th August 2022