

# 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 Walcot/Snow Hill/Claremont Rd  
**PROPOSAL:** Various Waiting and Loading and Parking Restrictions  
**SCHEME REF No:** 22 – 027  
**REPORT AUTHOR:** Phill Batty (Aecom)

### 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:

<b>Section A</b>	The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors, Divisional Directors and Heads of Service have delegated power to take any decision falling within their area of responsibility....”
<b>Section B</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.
<b>Section D9</b>	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**

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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:

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- 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 Member for Transport.



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**KEY**

- █ Proposed Zone Boundary
- █ Existing Zone Boundary
- █ Area outside Proposed RPZ
- █ Existing RPZ

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**ISSUE/REVISION**

ISSUE/REVISION	DATE	DESCRIPTION
C	17/06/2022	CRP Amended v.9.5
B	04/05/2022	Amend following consult analysis
A	07/02/2022	Issue for comment
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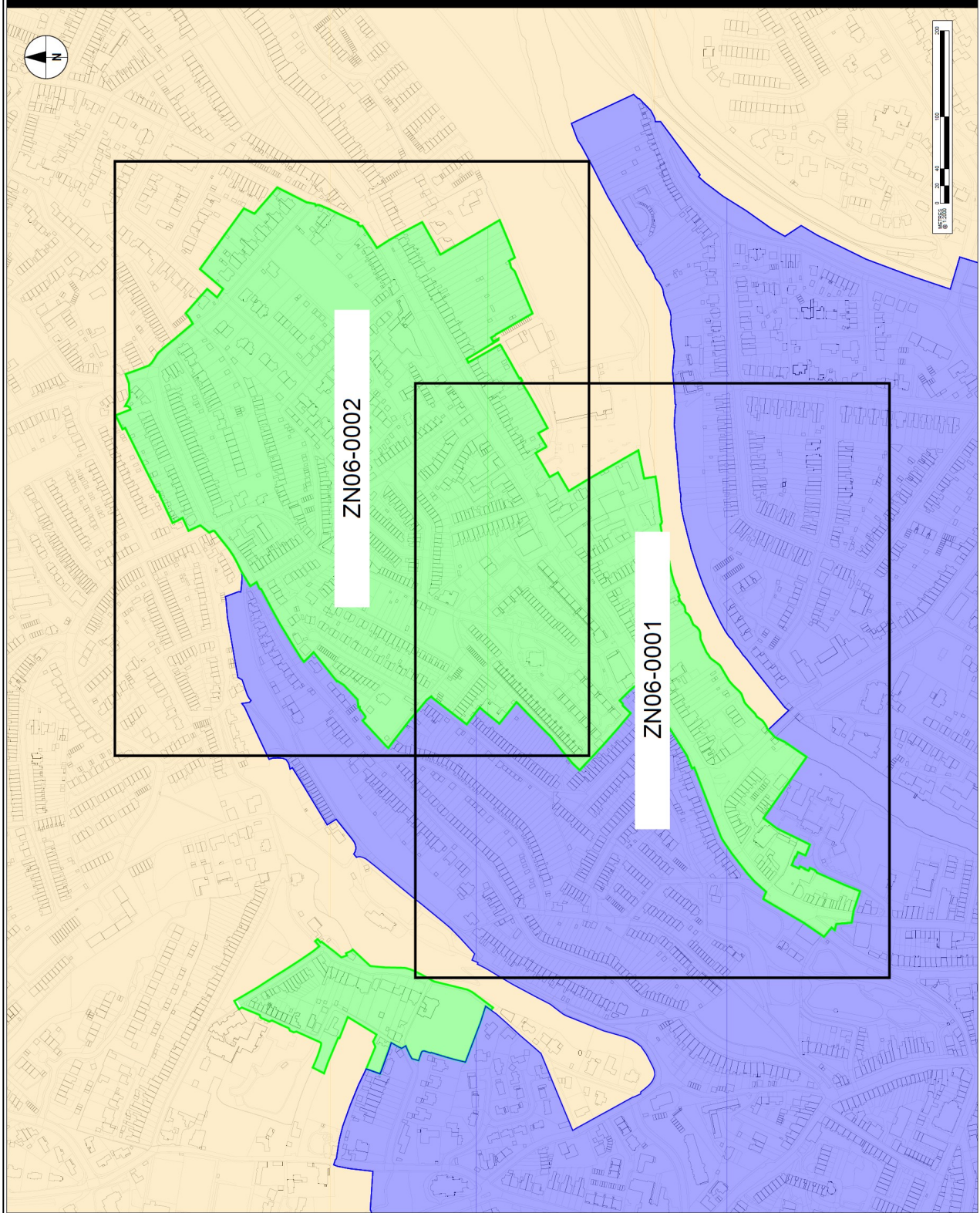
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**SHEET TITLE**

**PROPOSED RESIDENT PARKING ZONE**  
**MAP OF PROPOSED LOCAL ROAD**  
**PARKING CONTROL COVERS SHEET**

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**KEY**

- SHEET REFERENCES**
- Scheme Plot Boundary
  - Existing Features
  - Area outside proposed RPZ
  - Existing RPZ
  - Pedestrian Crossing Controlled Area
- PROPOSED RPZ ELEMENTS**
- Proposed Zone Boundary
  - No waiting and No loading AT
  - No waiting AT
  - No waiting AT No loading at times
  - No waiting at times
  - No waiting at times No loading at times
  - Unrestricted parking bay
  - Car Club Permit Holders Only bay
  - Blue Bay Only bay
  - Blue Bay Only bay with Blue Bay Only bay
  - Resident Permit of 1 hr no return within 1 hr
  - 1 hr no return within 1 hr parking bay
  - 1 hr no return within 1 hr parking bay
  - Blue Stop Clearance
  - Redundant Disabled bay

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**ISSUE/REVISION**

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C	17/05/2022	CP Amend v3.0
A	07/03/2022	First Issue

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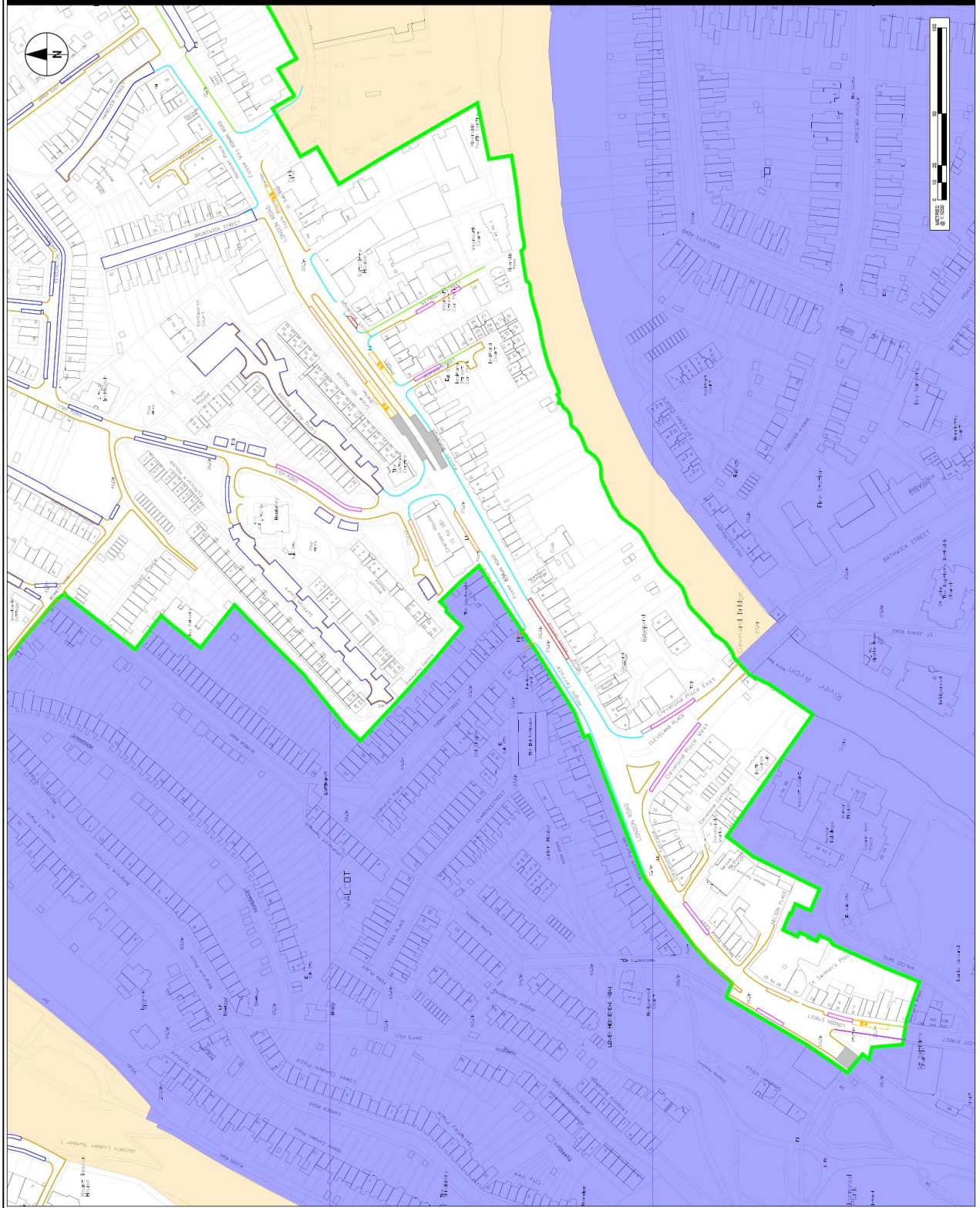
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**SHEET TITLE**

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**PARKING CONTROL SCHEMATIC**

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  - Resident Permit or 1 hr no return within 1 hr
  - 2 hr no return within 1 hr parking bay
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  - Bus stop Chearway
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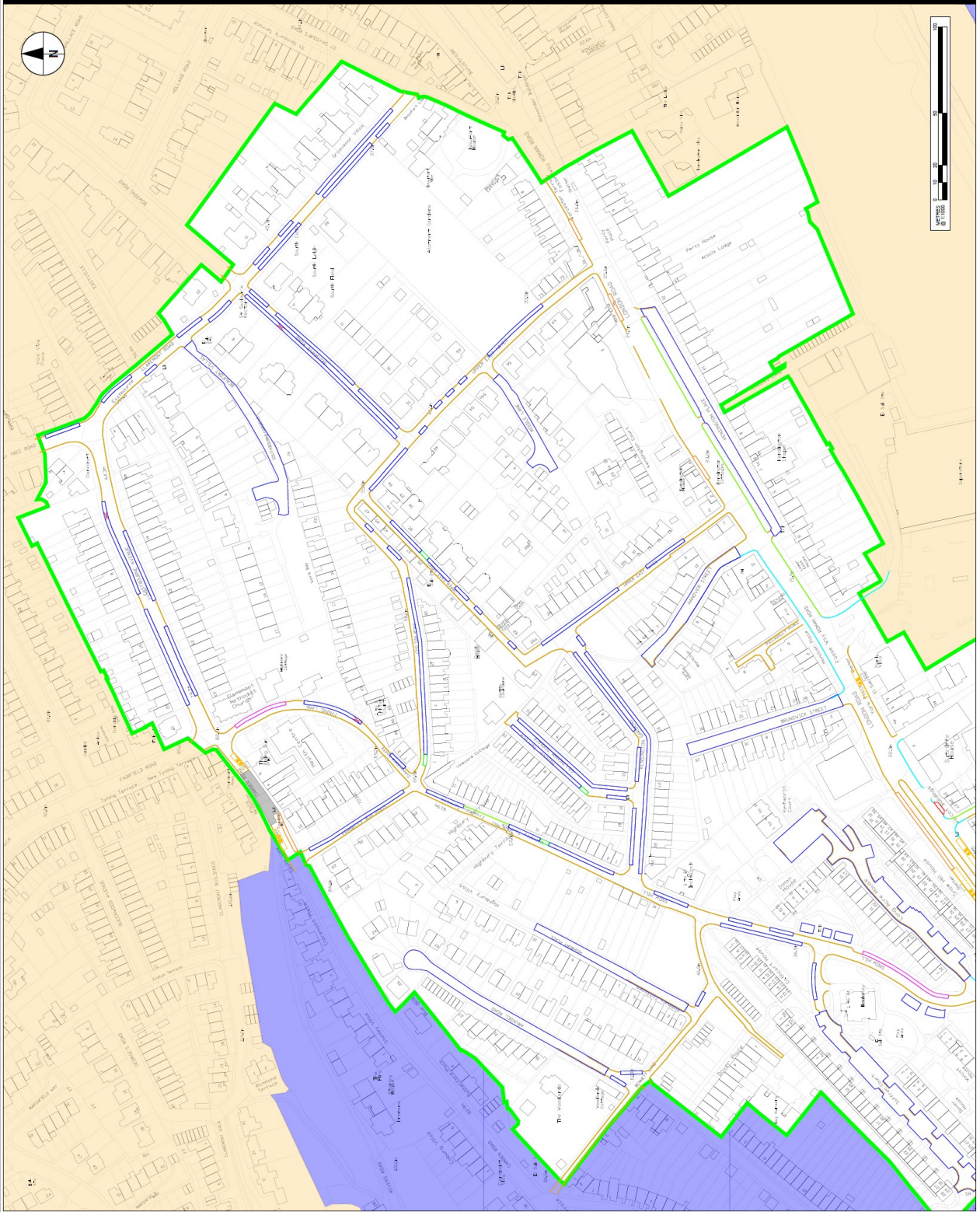
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## 7. COMMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE

### Chief Constable

Thank you for your email and attachments regarding the proposed Residents Parking Zone for Walcot / Snow Hill, Bath as shown on the attached schematics. It is understood that the proposed Walcot / Snow 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**

#### **Lambride:**

Cllr Rob Appleyard – Despite assurances I am disappointed that Claremont Rd and Belgrave Rd are still included in the Walcot RPZ as they are now in Lambridge Ward following a boundary change and the Lambridge ward residents affected have not been consulted specifically.

Until the residents in these roads are specifically consulted, I do not support their inclusion...a point made repeatedly during the Walcot discussions

Given the high level of resistance it does raise the question why this is proceeding. Any minor changes being suggested by Walcot Ward Cllrs should be followed by additional consultation



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I agree changes can be made but feel the issue of displacement to any changes proposed, and effecting the Lambridge Ward have not been recognised and will only go to increase the pressure on residents parking in the ward

Cllr Joanne Wright – I would agree and want the following on the TRO:  
that that Claremont Rd and Belgrave Road are still included in the Walcot RPZ as they are now in Lambridge Ward following a boundary change and the Lambridge ward residents affected have not been consulted specifically.

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I do NOT agree to the changes made as there will be significant displacement affecting the Lambridge Ward, which have not been recognised and will only go to increase the pressure on residents parking in the ward.

*Response: The initial public consultation carried out prior to moving towards the detailed design and TRO stage was publicised via a press release to news outlets, the Council's Twitter page and on the Bath & North East Somerset Newsroom. A letter and leaflet were also sent to all residents and businesses within the proposed RPZ and adjoining streets. During the consultation period an in-person consultation event was held at the Riverside Youth Centre on 24 May between 4pm and 8pm. A webinar was also held on 27 May at 12pm. The Council is satisfied therefore that the residents along Claremont Road and Belgrave Road have been consulted on these proposals as well as the local Lambridge Ward Members. Resident Parking Zones do not always follow ward boundaries. The Council must design and put forward the most practical scheme possible, which provides clear entry and exit points in and out of the zone, considers displacement of vehicles and the topography and layout of the local area.*

#### Walcot:

Cllr Tom Davies - What we would like is two 30-minute waiting bays outside Avelinos between 8am and 6pm.

Cllr Richard Samuel - I am happy this proposal should go to public consultation. What we would like is two 30-minute waiting bays outside Avelinos between 8am and 6pm.

*Response: Amended plan for Walcot / Snow Hill RPZ with 12m length of Cleveland Place east bay shown as limited waiting 30mins no return within 1 hr as requested by the Ward Members shown below:*



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 Disabled parking bay  
 Solo/MC Only bay  
 Resident Permit Holders Only bay  
 Disabled bays for residents only within 1hr  
 Disabled bays for residents only within 30 mins  
 Disabled bays for residents only within 15 mins  
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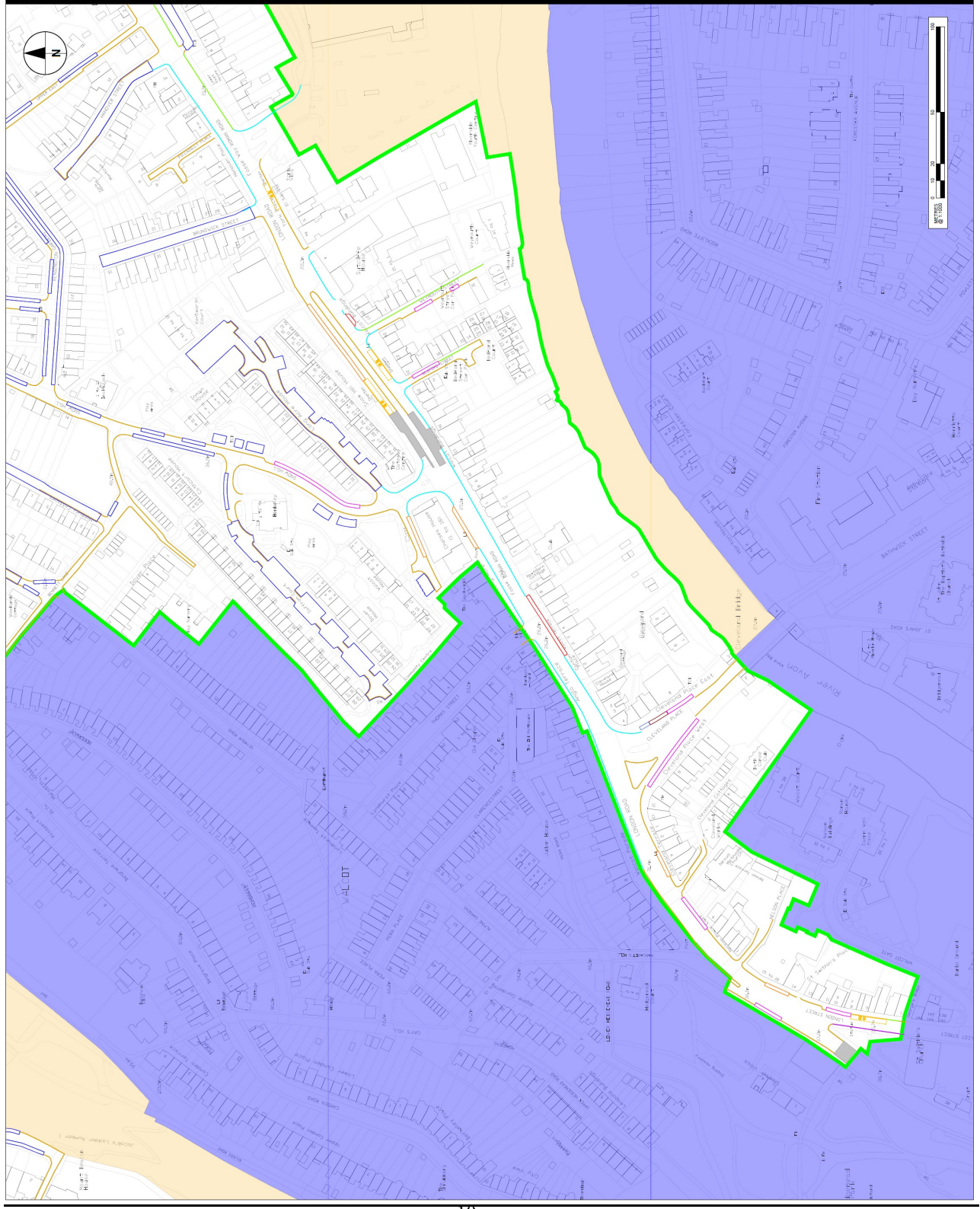
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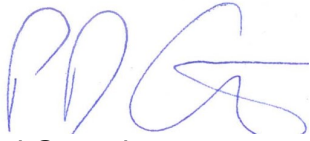
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REPORT APPROVED FOR CIRCULATION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT



Paul Garrod  
Traffic Management and Network Manager

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022