

OFFICER DECISION REPORT - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

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APPROVAL TO PROGRESS TRO

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Transport Group

TITLE OF REPORT: RPZ Sion Hill/Summerhill Road

PROPOSAL: Various Waiting and Loading and Parking Restrictions

SCHEME REF No: 22 – 025

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:

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 Council's 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 Sion Hill and Summerhill Road, Bath.

This RPZ will aim to prioritise on-street parking for residents and provide accessible parking near social hubs within the area including the school, and 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 this or 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 [19th May 2022 from 4pm to 8pm], and an in-person event [19th May 2022 from 4pm to 8pm at Bath Spa-Sion Hill conference room] 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 59 responses to the proposed Residents' Parking Zone. 57 of these came through the online questionnaire with two respondents responding by email.

A total of 41 responses were from within the proposed Zone with a further 18 from outside the area.

Just over a third (37%) of respondents support the Residents' Parking Zone with a further 16% saying they partially support. Of the 15 respondents who felt that the current parking provision was bad, 87% supported the plans with one respondent partially supporting them and one objecting. Similarly, of the 16 respondents who felt the current parking provision was good, 94% objected to the plans.

The percentages of respondents showing overall support and objection for the scheme is similar. It is the opinion of the local Ward Councillors' that support does exist for a scheme which covers Sion Hill and Summerhill Road and should be progressed with some amendments.

Amendments to be made:

- 1) Remove most of proposed lining and bay markings. Maintain all existing restrictions. Area to be signed as permit parking area from Sion Road westwards. All roads to be restricted to resident permit holder only except in marked bays.
- 2) Provide two dual use bays adjacent to the allotments - PH or 3 hours NR 1 hour. New double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking nearby.
- 3) Provide a dual use bay near property 21a Sion Hill - PH or 3 hours NR 1 hour.
- 4) New double yellow lines opposite properties Kite Lodge, Sunnyside, and Dawnside to maintain clear access to driveways opposite.
- 5) New double yellow lines outside property 27 Sion Hill to prevent obstructive parking on bend.
- 6) New double yellow lines on the northern side of Sion Hill between Summerhill Road and Sion Road to prevent obstructive parking.
- 7) Change zone boundary to include properties 4-7 Primrose Hill.

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.



PROJECT
B&NES
PROPOSED RESIDENT
PARKING ZONES
SCHEMATIC LAYOUT

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KEY

EXISTING FEATURES

- Area outside proposed RPZ
- Existing RPZ
- Existing RPZ
- Pedestrian Crossing Controlled area

PROPOSED RPZ ELEMENTS

- Proposed Zone Boundary
- Proposed Zone Boundary
- No Waiting AT
- Resident Permit Holders Only bay / area
- Disabled badge holders only bay
- Two way cycleway

DRAFT
FOR COMMENT

ISSUE/REVISION

ISSUE/REVISION	DATE	DESCRIPTION
C	17/06/2022	Clp Amended V&B
B	04/06/2022	Amended following council analysis
A	07/03/2022	First Issue

PROJECT NUMBER

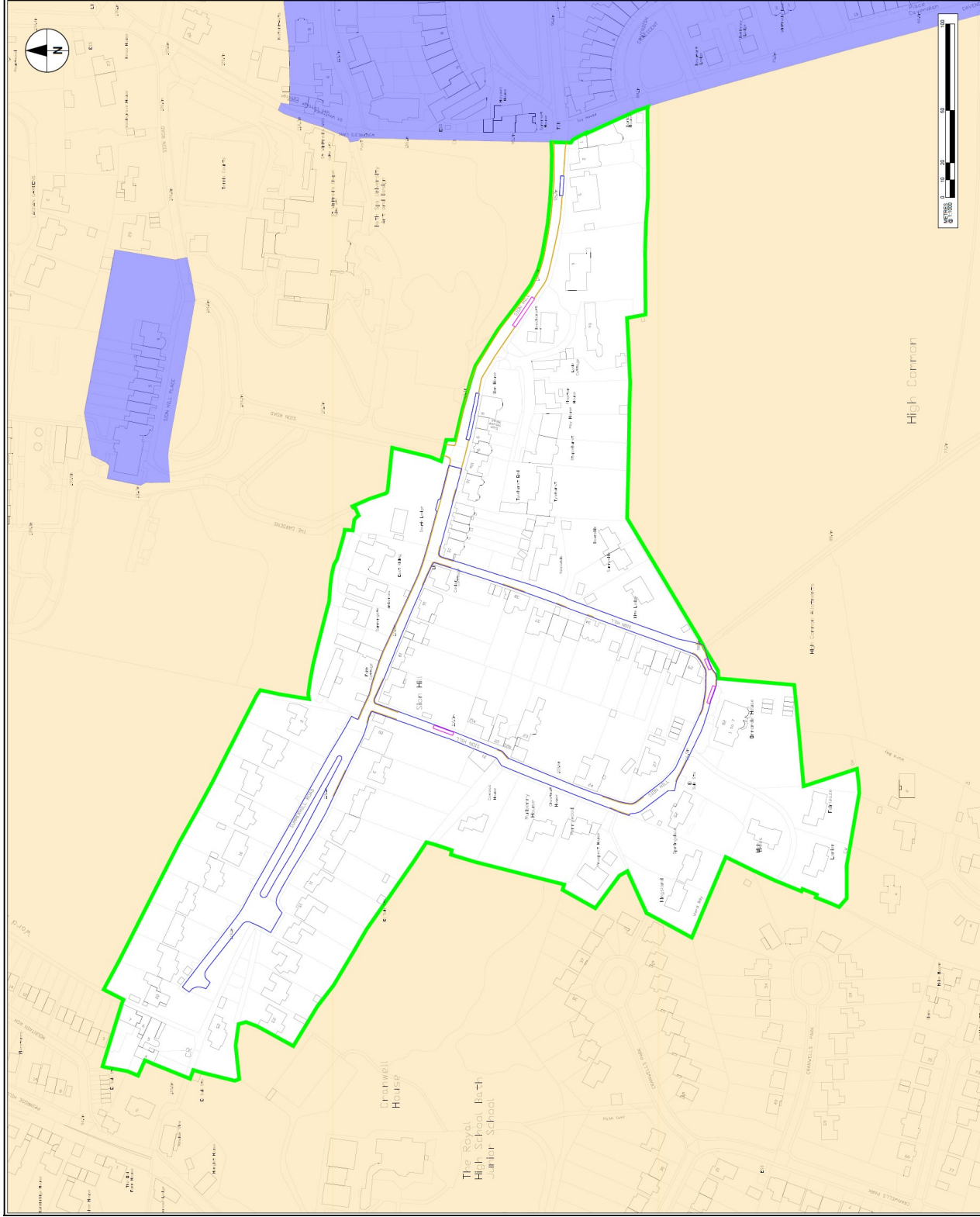
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SHEET TITLE

PROPOSED RESIDENT PARKING ZONE
SUMMERHILL RD AREA
PARKING CONTROL SCHEMATIC

SHEET NUMBER

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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 Sion Hill, Bath as shown on the attached plan. It is understood that the proposed Sion 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

Lansdown:

Cllr Lucy Hodge – I agree for the attached proposal to proceed to public consultation.

Cllr Mark Elliott – No comment.

Cabinet Members:

Cllr Manda Rigby – No comment.

8. RECOMMENDATION

As no significant objections and/or comments have been received following the informal consultation described above, the public advertisement of the Traffic Regulation Order should progress.



Paul Garrod
Traffic Management & Network Manager

Date: 6th September 2022

9. DECISION

As the officer holding the above delegation, I:

Approve the progression of this Traffic Regulation Order.	X
Agree that this Traffic Regulation Order should not be progressed at this time.	

In taking this decision, I confirm that due regard has been given to the Council's public sector equality duty, which requires it to consider and think about how its policies or decisions may affect people who are protected under the Equality Act.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Major', is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

Chris Major
Director for Place Management

Date:07/09/2022