

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 Beacon Hill
PROPOSAL:	Various Waiting and Loading and Parking Restrictions
SCHEME REF No:	22 – 026
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 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 Richmond Place, part of Summerfield Road, Richmond Lane, Richmond Close, Mount Beacon, Beacon Road, and part of Richmond Hill, 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 [26th May 2022 from 4pm to 8pm], and an in-person event [26th May 2022 from 4pm to 8pm at St Stephen's 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 113 responses to the proposed Residents' Parking Zone. 109 of these came through the online portal.

89 responses were from within the proposed Zone with a further 24 from outside the area. The majority (87%) of respondents oppose the Residents' Parking Zone.

Whilst overall support for the scheme is very low, it is the opinion of the local Ward Councillors' that support does exist for a scheme which covers a smaller area encompassing Beacon Road, Mount Beacon, Richmond Lane and Richmond Hill only.

Amendments to be made:

- 1) Proposed boundary amended to cover only Beacon Hill, Beacon Mount, Richmond Hill, and Richmond Lane.
- 2) The revised proposals should not include any permit parking restrictions on Richmond Place. All new bay and lining proposals for Richmond Place. Maintain the existing no waiting at any time restrictions at the junction with Richmond Road/Richmond Close. Maintain the School Keep Clear.
- 3) Introduce a new no waiting at any time restriction on the north side of Beacon Road extending westwards to supersede a short section of the existing no waiting at times restriction opposite the junction with Richmond Lane to prevent obstructive parking.

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.

7. COMMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE

Chief Constable

Thank you for your email and attachments regarding the proposed Residents Parking Zone for Beacon Hill, Bath as shown on the attached plan. It is understood that the proposed Beacon 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 – Apologies that I didn't notice this earlier but could Mount Beacon House and grounds be taken out of the proposal – this property is divided into flats which are accessed from a drive off Richmond Hill and has plenty of parking within its grounds. I can't imagine the residents would support being included in an RPZ zone. Is there anyway the southeast boundary could be adjusted to simply run along Mount Beacon Road?

Cllr Mark Elliott – No comment.

Amended proposal plan shown below with the boundary amended to remove Mount Beacon House and grounds as requested by the Councillor Lucy Hodge above:



PROJECT
B&NES
PROPOSED RESIDENT
PARKING ZONES
 SCHEMATIC LAYOUT

CLIENT
Bath and North East
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GENERAL NOTES

1. Do not scale from this drawing. All dimensions are in millimetres, unless otherwise stated.
2. All proposals illustrative only and subject to planning consent.
3. WCA and B&NES information prepared, 2021. Copyright reserved, 2021.
4. OS Information provided by Bath and North East Somerset Council.

KEY

EXISTING FEATURES

- Existing RPZ
- Area outside proposed RPZ
- Proposed RPZ
- Proposed Controlled Area
- Proposed Zone Boundary

PROPOSED RPZ FEATURES

- No Waiting AAT
- No waiting at times
- Resident Permit Holders Only Day
- Disabled Badge Holders Only Day
- School Keep Clear

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FOR COMMENT

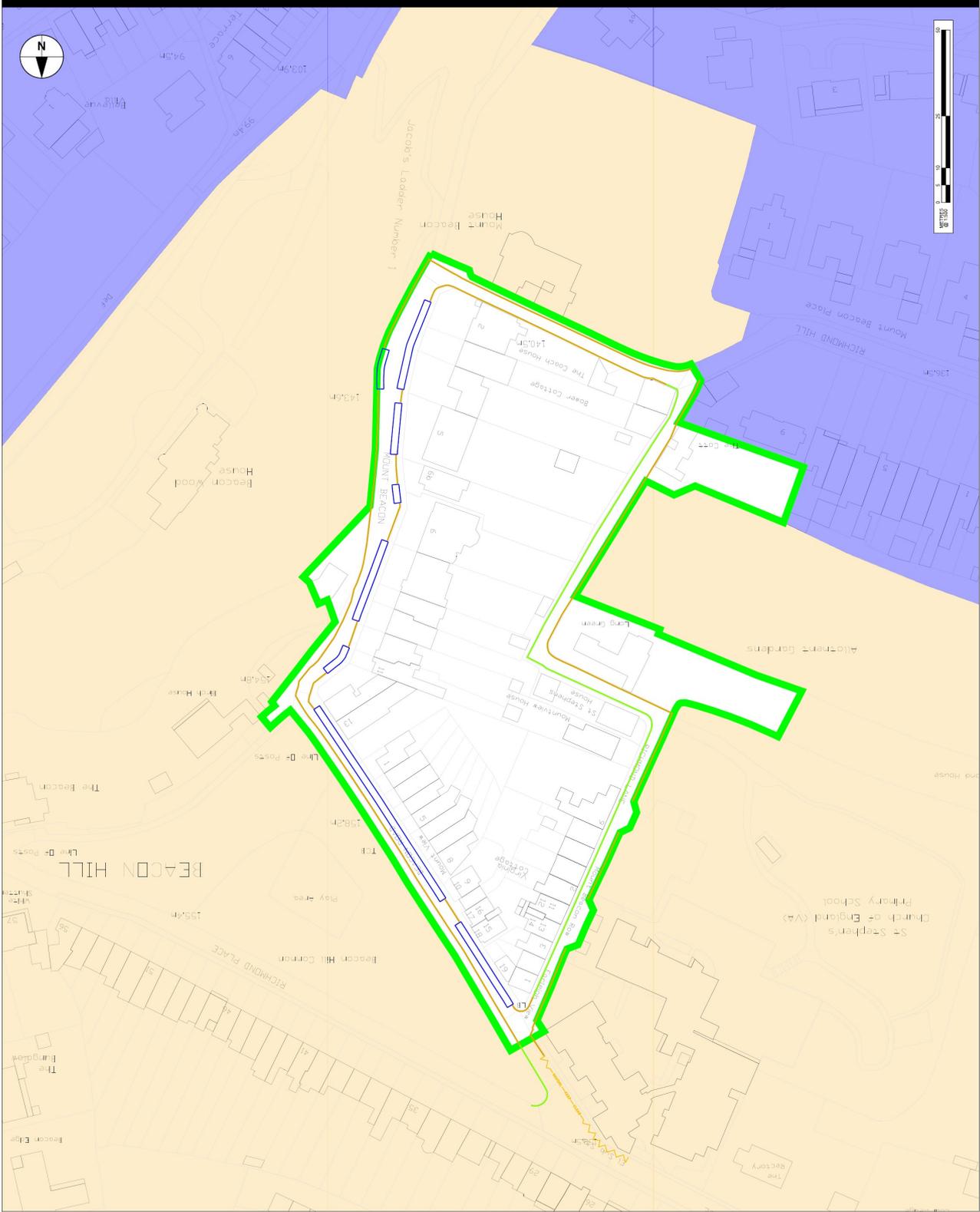
ISSUE/REVISION

NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION
D	23/03/2022	Zone boundary R.H.H.
C	17/03/2022	CR Amend v3 E
B	04/03/2022	Amend planning consent analysis
A	07/02/22	Issue for comment
TR	DATE	DESCRIPTION

PROJECT NUMBER
 60976754

SHEET TITLE
 PROPOSED RESIDENT PARKING
 ZONE: BEACON HILL RPZ
 PARKING CONTROL SCHEMATIC

SHEET NUMBER
 60976754-SHT-10-2IN05-C-0001-D.049



Cabinet Members:

Cllr Manda Rigby - I approve this to go to TRO consultation and thanks for all the work you have done.

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: 25th August 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', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Chris Major
Director for Place Management

Date:07/09/2022