

OFFICER DECISION REPORT - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

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APPROVAL TO PROGRESS TRO

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

TITLE OF REPORT: South East Outer Bath Area TRO Review

PROPOSAL: Various Parking Restrictions

SCHEME REF No: 23-022

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	
(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 restrictions around the South East Outer Bath area.

4. **BACKGROUND**

A number of proposals for: No Parking At Any Time markings, Disabled Parking bays, Zone 9 Permit Holders Only parking, Dual Use Zone 9 Permit Holders and 2 Hours Limited Waiting, Zone 21 Permit Holder Only parking, Zone 21 boundary extension, No Parking Between Mon – Fri, 7.30am – 9.30am, 2 hour Limited Waiting 8am – 6pm, Bus Stop Clearway, extension of the Zone 3 boundary, Zone 21 dual use Permit Holder and 4 Hour Limited Waiting, Zone 21 dual use Permit Holder and 2 Hour Limited Waiting at various locations around the South East Outer Bath area were submitted to the Council by local residents, Ward Members and the Bath & North East Somerset Councils Traffic Management and Transport Planning Engineers. The reason behind these requests was to improve visibility and access for emergency and refuse vehicles, to allow for the safe passage and re-passage of vehicles and to provide limited on-street parking provision. These proposals have all been considered by the area Senior Safety Engineer.

5. **SOURCE OF FINANCE**

This proposal is being funded by the Area Parking Review code TCJ0009S.

6. **INFORMAL CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT**

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

7. **INFORMAL CONSULTATION FEEDBACK**

Chief Constable

Enforcement of waiting restrictions within the Bath and North East Somerset Council area rests with B&NES Parking Services. The proposals should meet the aspirations behind their introduction.

Parking Services

No comment.

Ward Members

Bathwick:

Cllr Manda Rigby – No comment.

Cllr Toby Simon – I attended the Bathwick Hill Residents Association Committee last night and we discussed parking controls on the part of the Hill that is in the area that would be covered by this order. It's clear that there are a number of issues with the current parking arrangements and members of the committee offered to undertake some engagement with residents along the road to see if controls should be changed. They said that they understood that my predecessor Cllr Dr Kumar had put forward some proposals, but they don't seem to have been incorporated in this draft. I would therefore like to ask that progress on this order be deferred for a month so that we can bring back proposals relating to Bathwick Hill.

Response: The only request Cllr Dr Kumar made for Bathwick Hill was for Resident Parking Zone A to be extended further along Bathwick Hill by some distance. Cllr Dr Kumar was informed that this request could not be included within the area TRO Review program of works as these reviews have a very limited budget and are meant to pick up small changes to parking restrictions around BANES, such as additional Double Yellow Lines around junctions to improve visibility splays or additional Blue Badge Holder bays or Limited Waiting bays. We can extend a Parking Permit Zone by a small amount but not the size of area that was being requested by Cllr Dr Kumar as this would sit outside the scope and remit of this Area TRO review and would need to be considered by the LN Team who now manage Resident Parking Zone requests around BANES. I'm afraid we are unable to postpone this Area TRO Review as we have a set rolling program of works that has been approved by the Cabinet Member for Transport. Each Area Review also covers a number of Ward boundaries, if we placed this Area Review on hold the proposals for Widcombe & Lyncombe, Odd Down and Combe Down would also be delayed and miss their processing window as we need to move on to the North East Outer Bath Area TRO Review in accordance with our rolling program of works.

Combe Down:

Cllr Bharat Pankania – No comment.

Cllr Onkar Saini – No comment.

Odd Down:

Cllr Steve Hedges – No comment.

Cllr Joel Hirst – No comment.

Lyncombe and Widcombe:

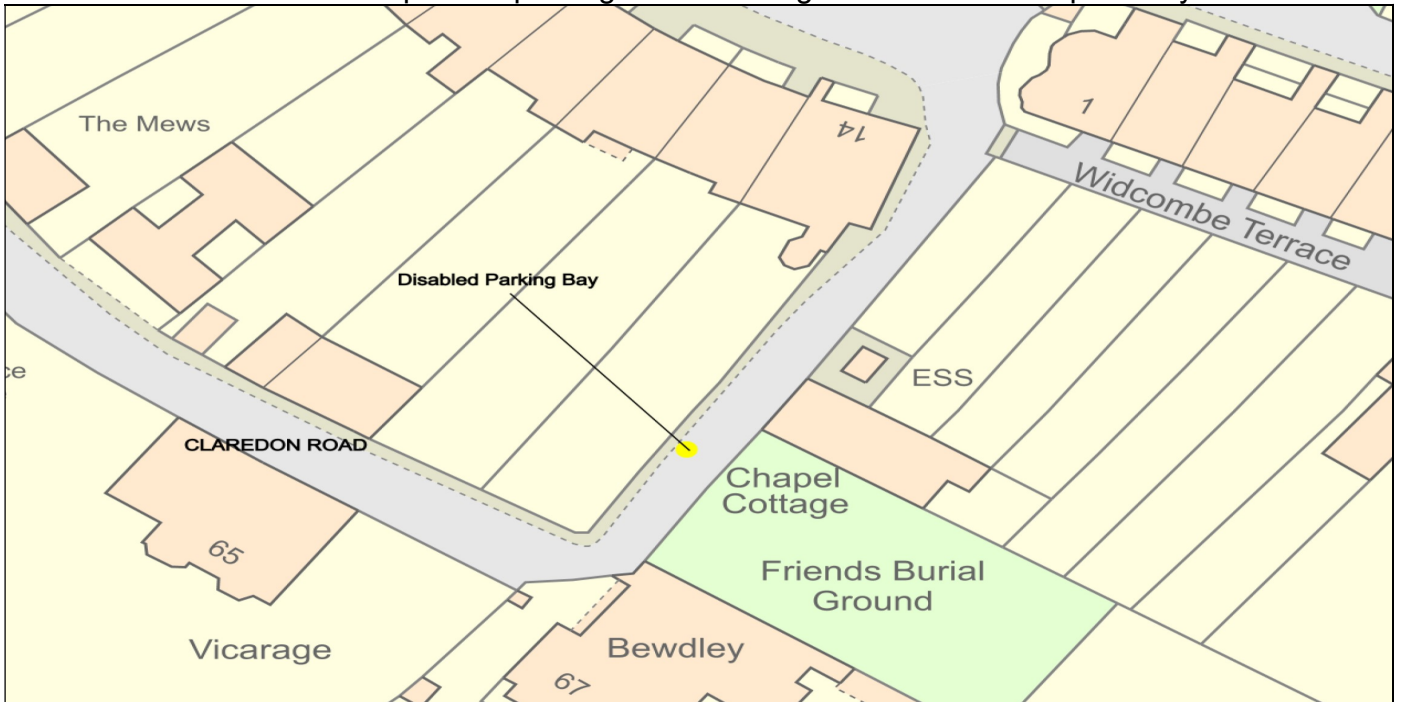
Cllr Alison Born – No comment.

Cllr Deborah Collins – No comment.

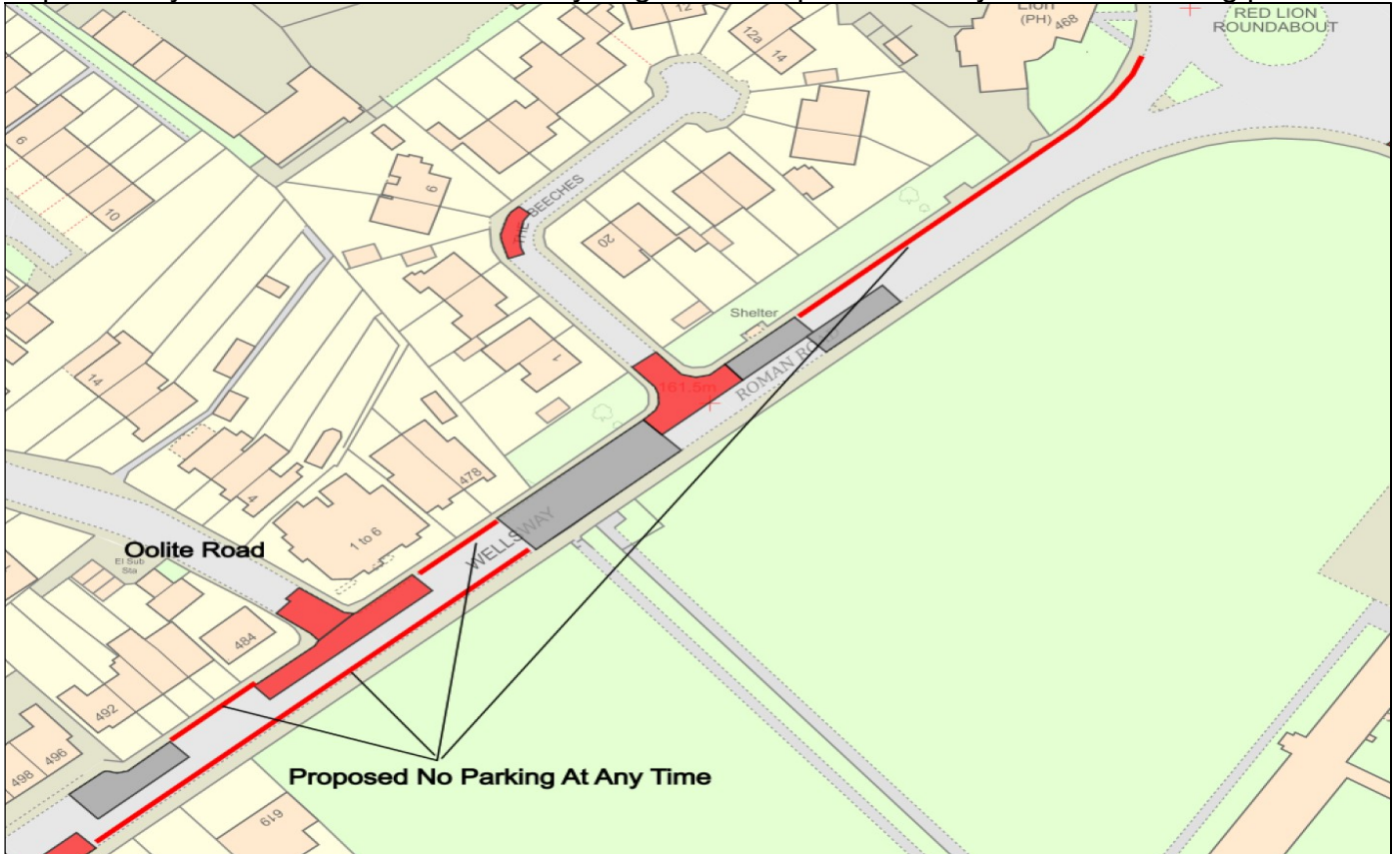
Cabinet Member:

Cllr Manda Rigby – No comment.

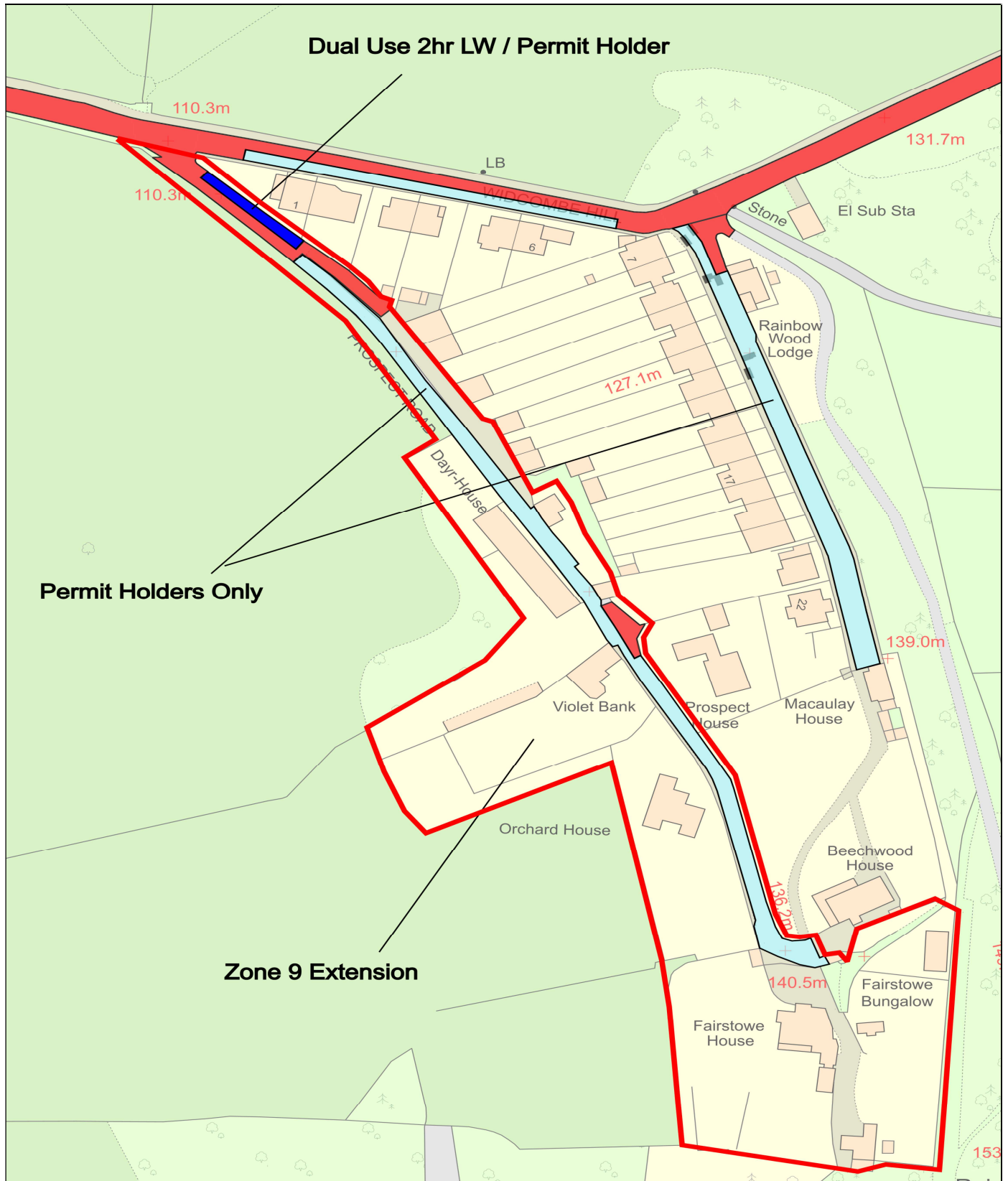
Plan 1 – Claredon Road, Widcombe, Bath – A proposed Disabled Parking Bay was requested by the Quaker Burial Ground to provide parking for Blue Badge Holders in close proximity to the site.



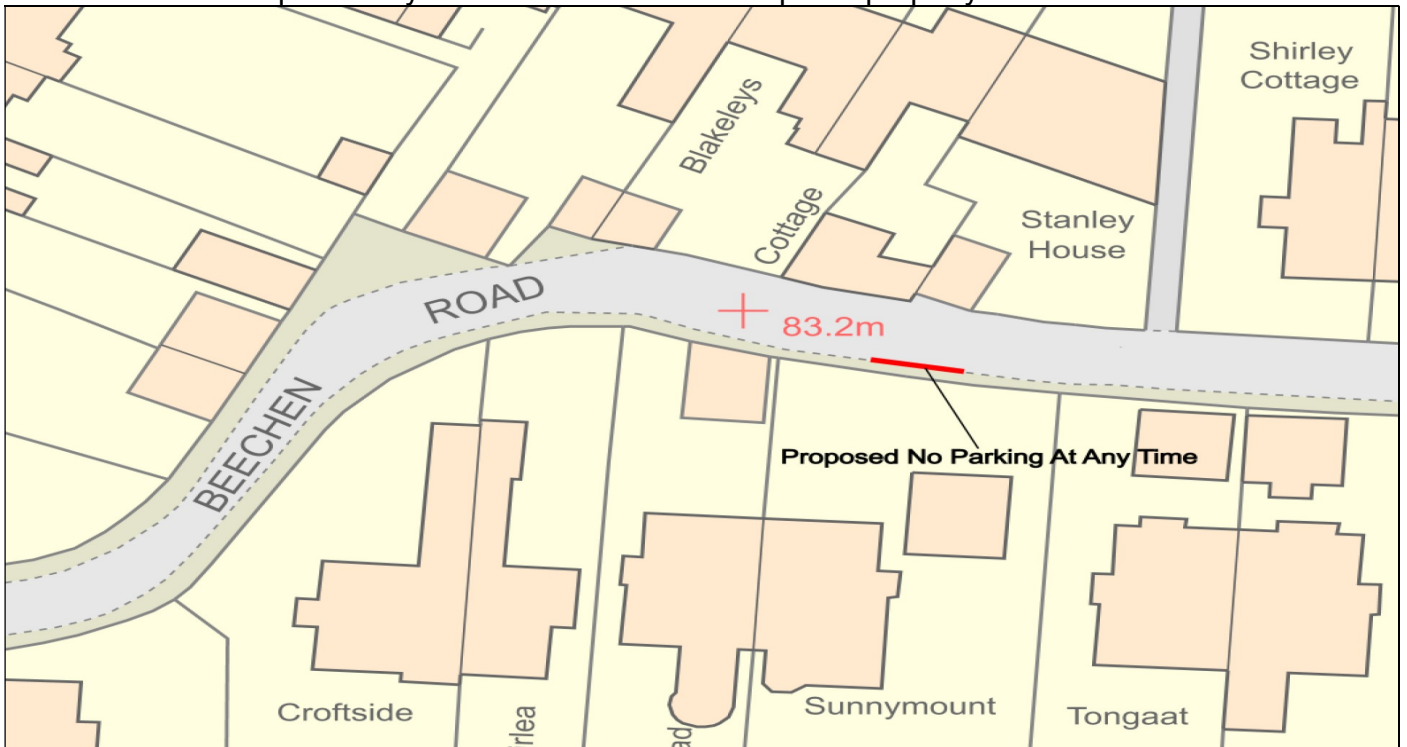
Plan 2 – Wellsway, Odd Down, Bath – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the Senior Traffic and Safety Engineer to improve visibility near the crossing point.



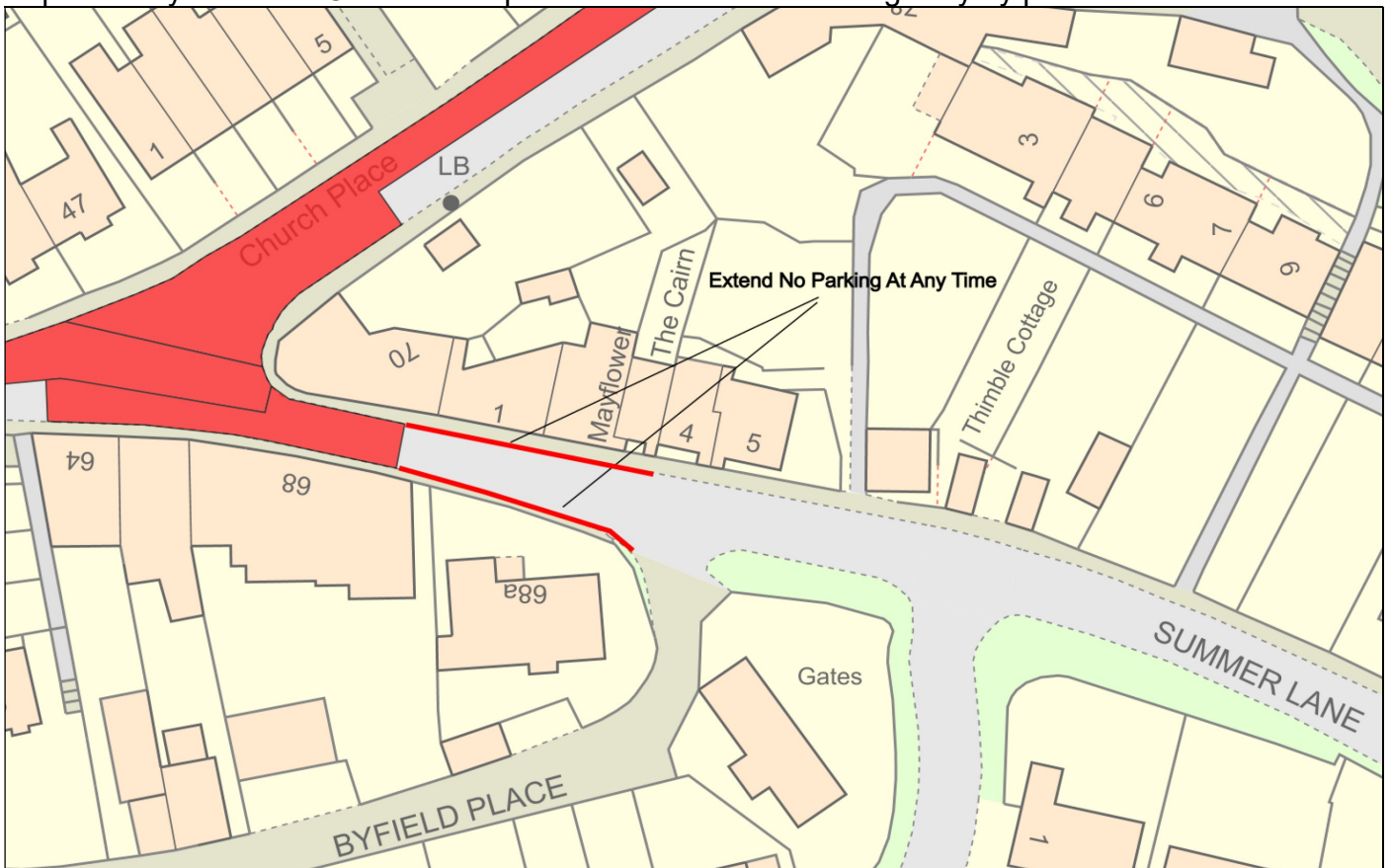
Plan 3 – Prospect Road / Macaulay Buildings, Widcombe / Lyncombe, Bath – Proposed extension of Zone 9, Permit Holder Only parking and Dual Use Permit Holder / 2 Hour Limited Waiting was requested by the local Ward Members to improve access to on-street parking provision for local residents.



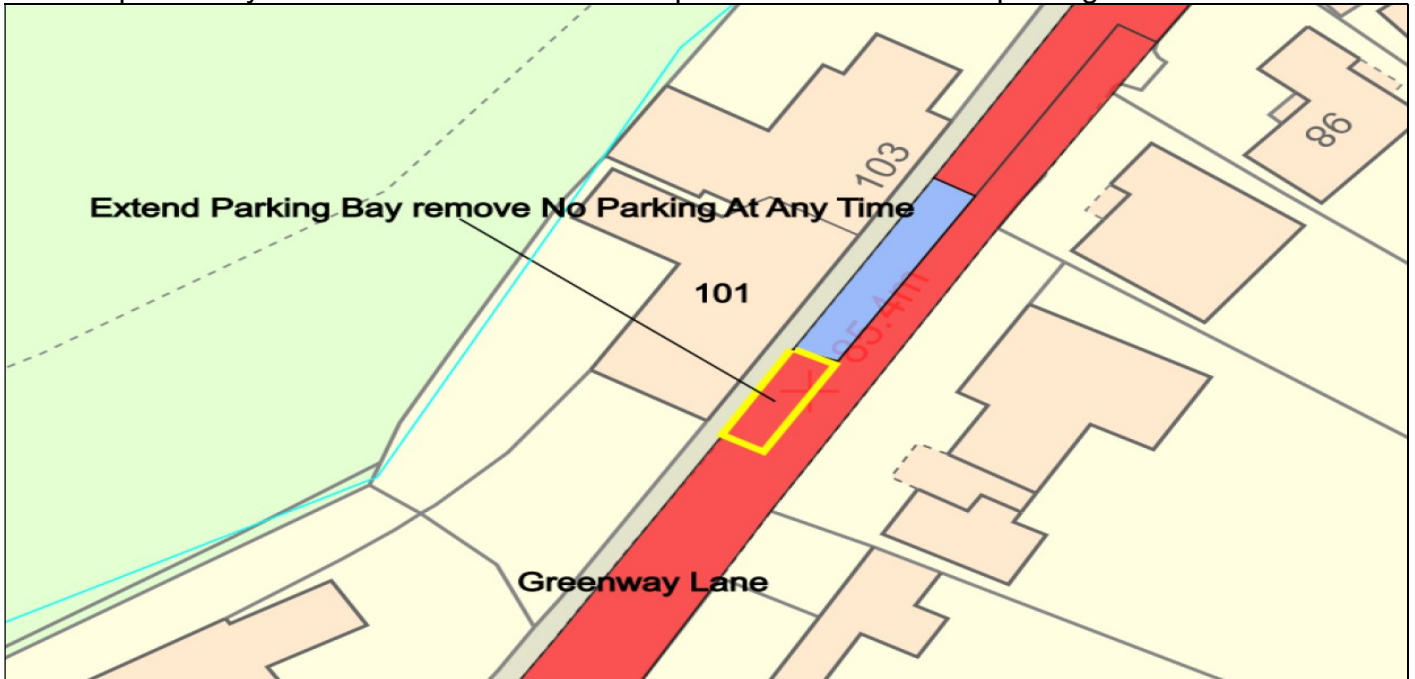
Plan 4 – Beechen Cliff Road, Widcombe / Lyncombe, Bath – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the Ward Councillor to improve property access.



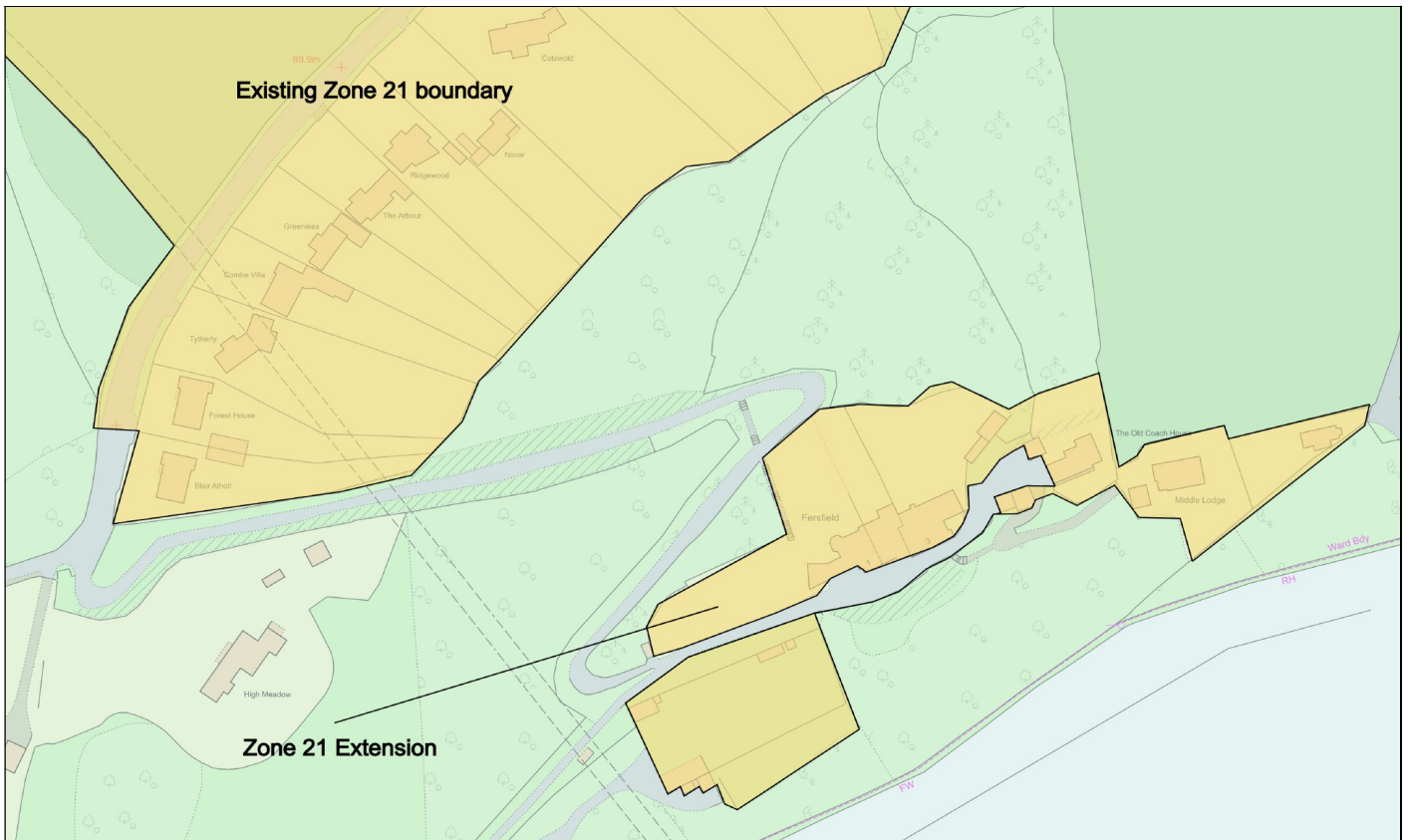
Plan 5 – Summer Lane, Combe Down, Bath – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the Ward Councillor to prevent obstruction of the highway by parked vehicles.



Plan 6 – Greenway Lane, Widcombe / Lyncombe, Bath – Proposed extension of the Zone 21 Permit Holder Only parking bay and shortening of the existing No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Ward Councillors to provide more on-street parking for residents.



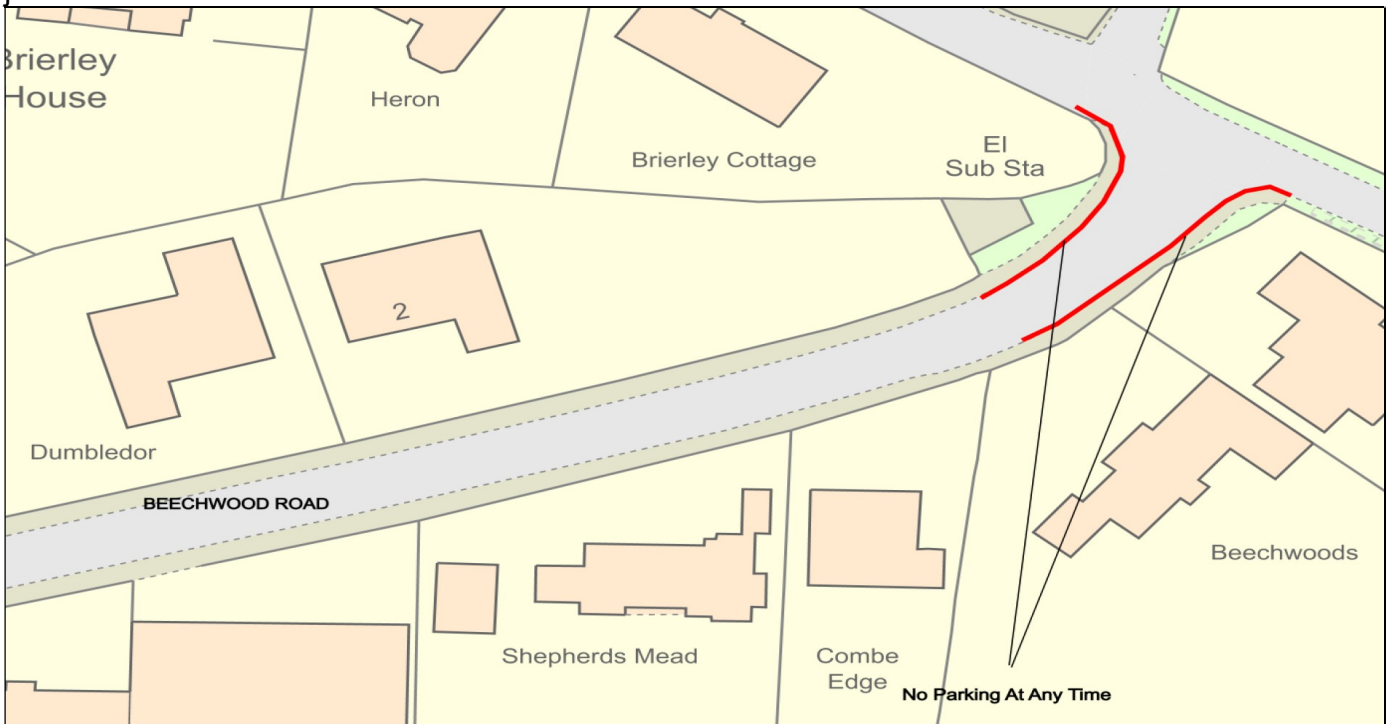
Plan 7 – Perrymead, Widcombe / Lyncombe, Bath – Proposed extension of the boundary of Zone 21 to cover properties along the private access driveway at the end of Perrymead was requested by the local Ward Councillors to allow these residents to be able to purchase visitor permits to park within Zone 21.



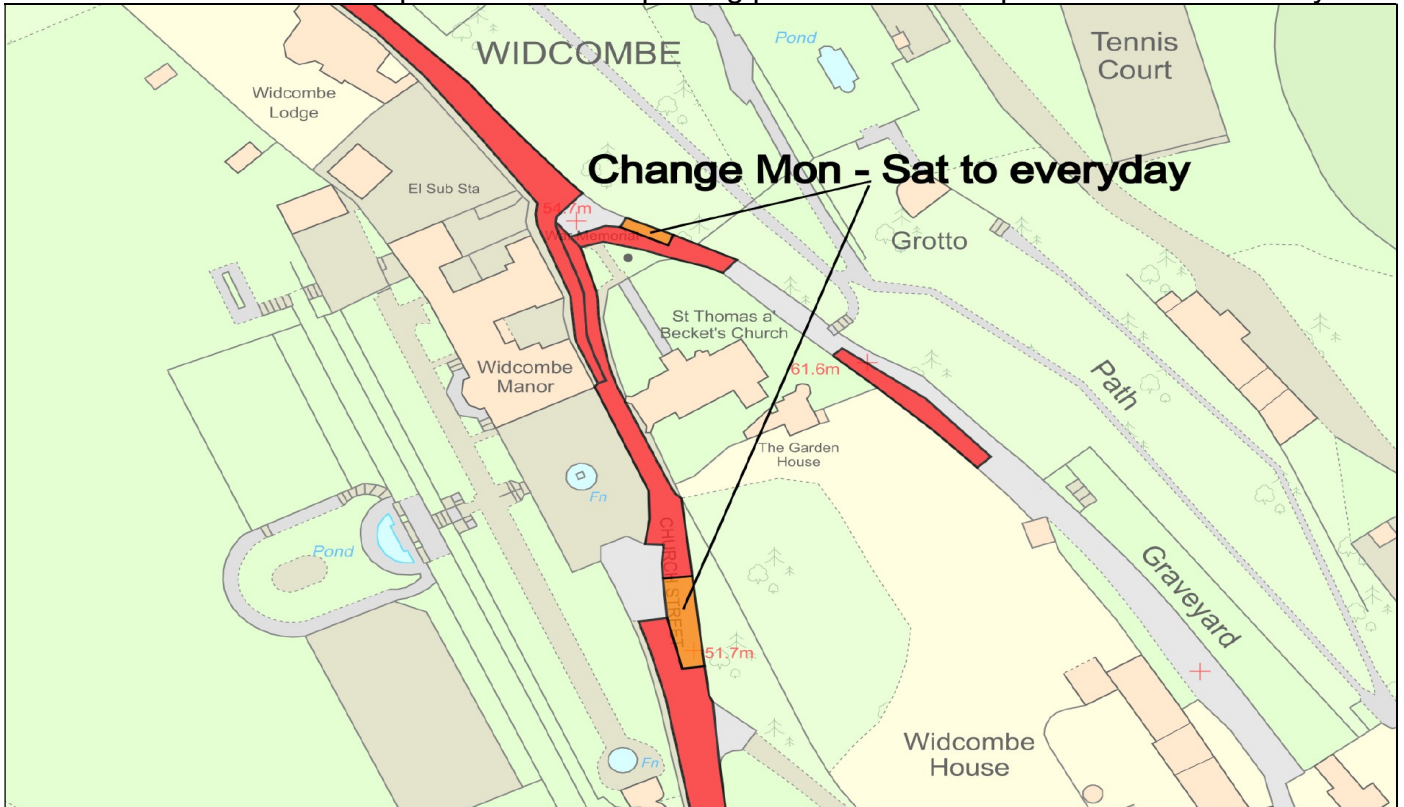
Plan 8 – Claverton Down Road, Claverton Down, Bath – Proposed No Parking Between Monday – Friday, 7.30am – 9.30am was requested by the local Ward Councillor to prevent parking from causing an obstruction to the flow of traffic during the morning peak rush hour period.



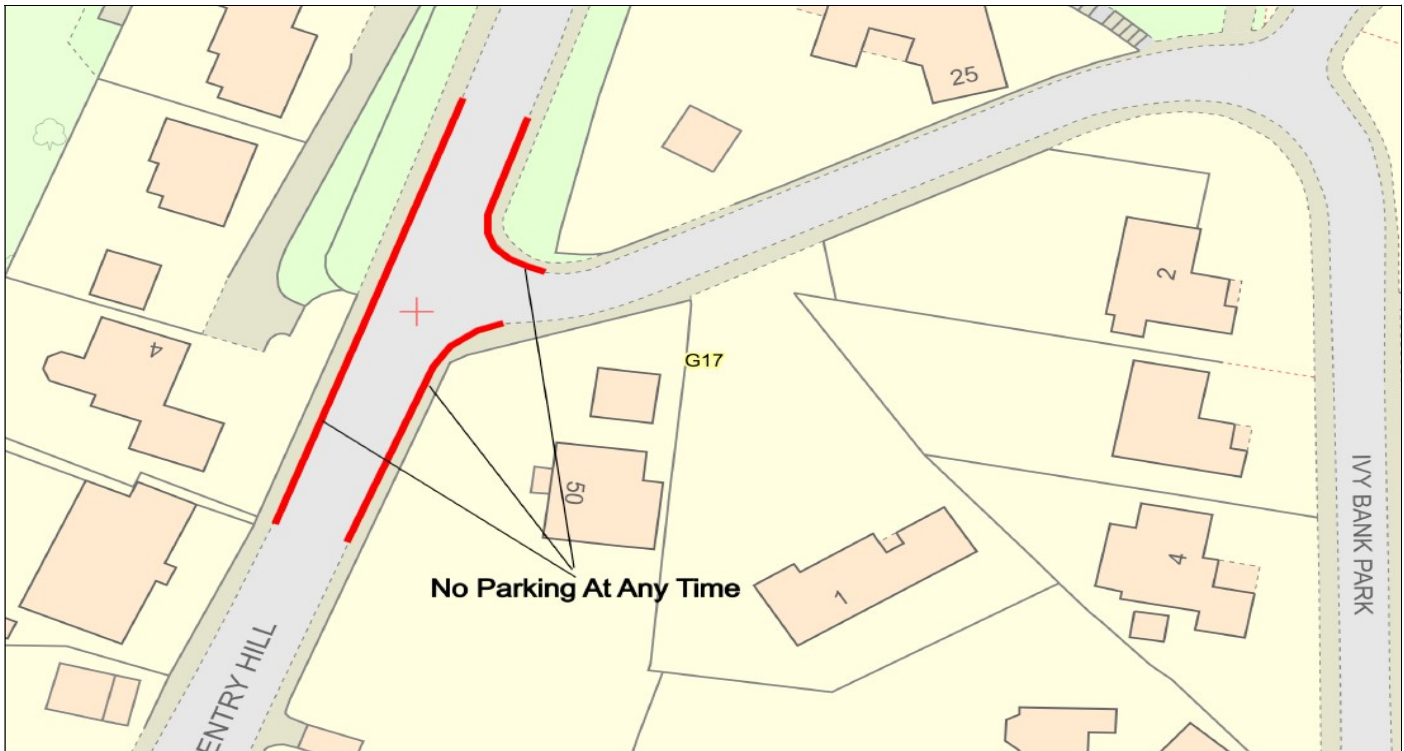
Plan 9 – Beechwood Road, Combe Down, Bath – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Ward Council to improve visibility and prevent obstruction around the junction.



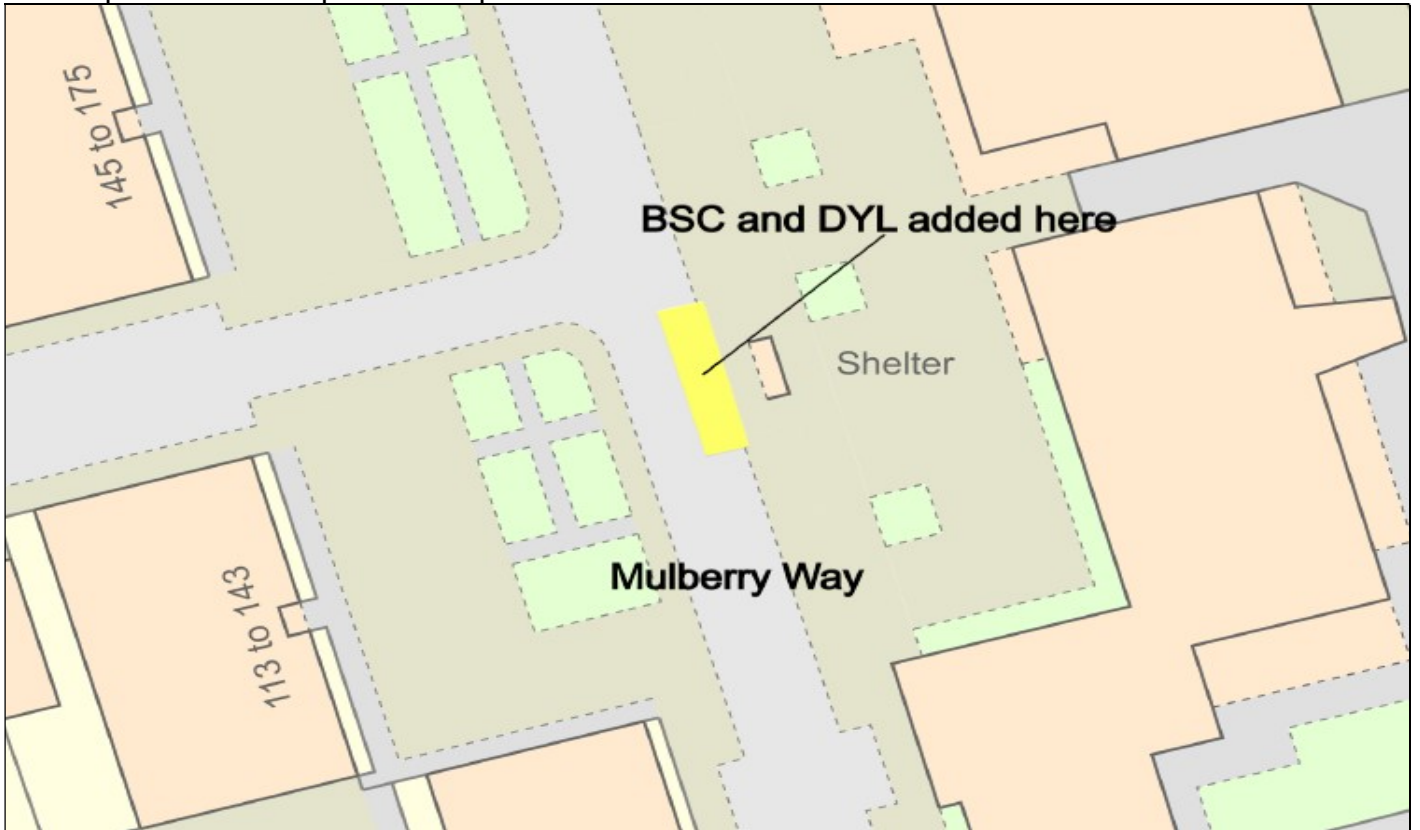
Plan 10 – Church Street, Widcombe / Lyncombe, Bath – Proposed extension of the operating times from 6 days to 7 days a week of the 2 Limited Waiting parking bays was requested by the St Thomas a Becket Church to provide on-street parking provision for their parishioners on Sunday.



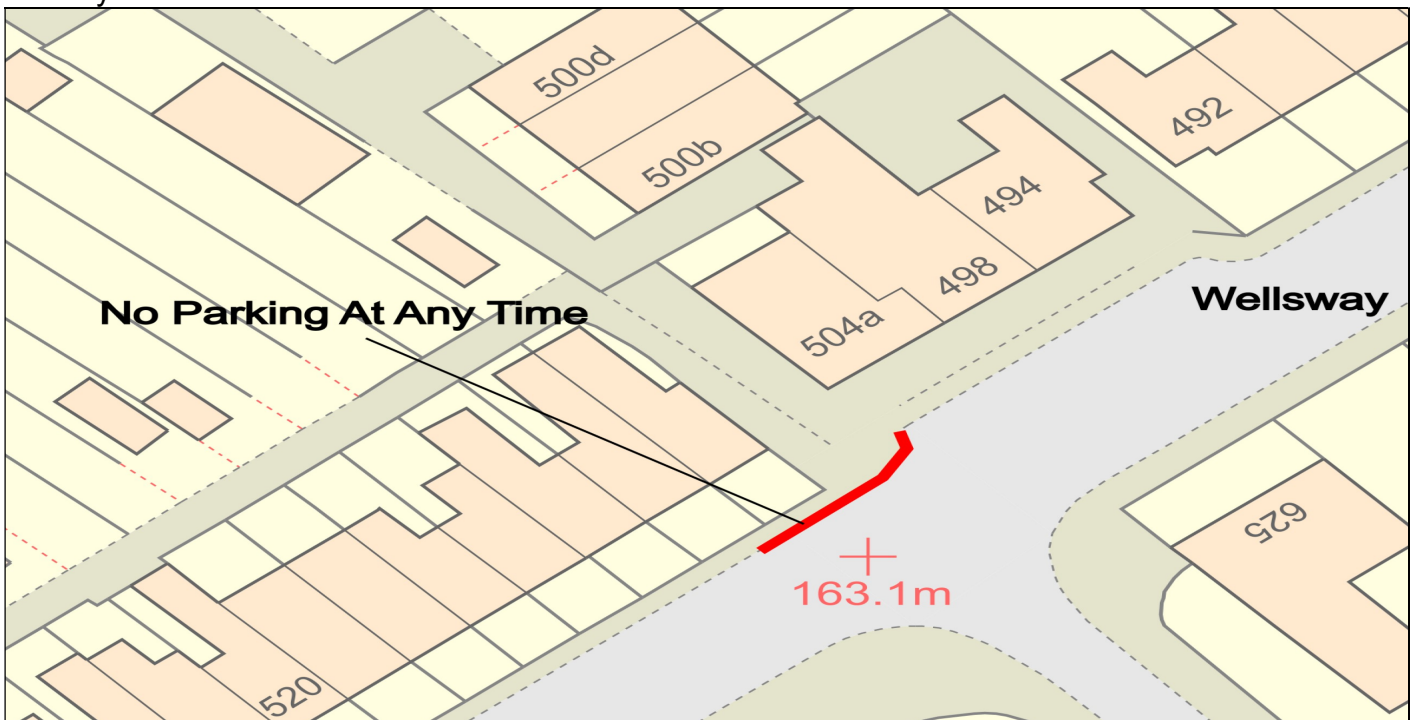
Plan 11 – Entry Hill, Widcombe / Lyncombe, Bath – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Ward Councillors to improve visibility around the junction with Ivy Bank Park.



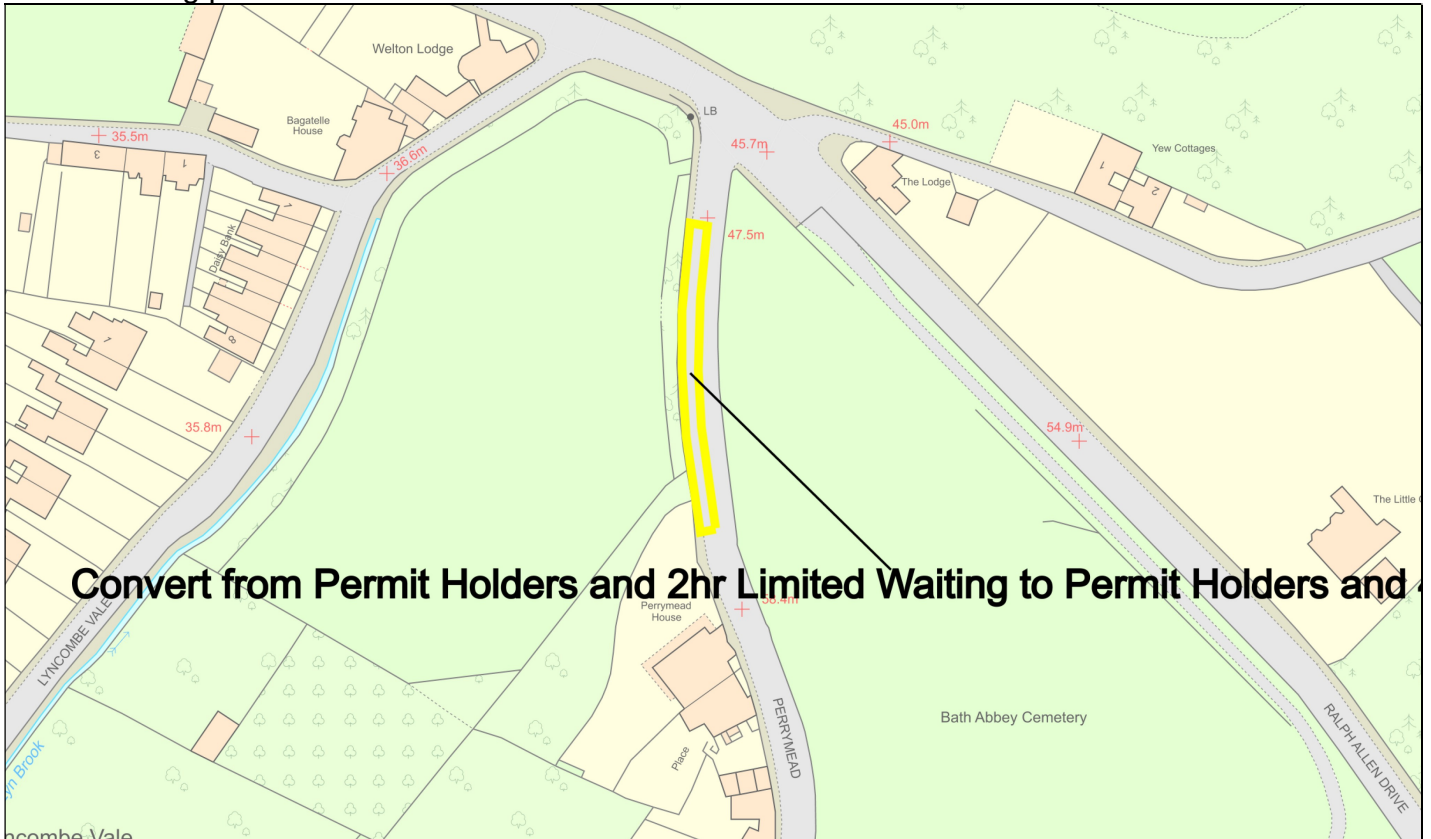
Plan 12 – Mulberry Way, Combe Down, Bath – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions and a Bus Stop Clearway was requested by the Traffic Management Team to prevent obstruction of this bus stop to allow bus operators to pull in without obstruction.



Plan 13 – Wellsway, Odd Down, Bath – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions at the entrance to 500-504 Wellsway was requested by the local Ward Councillor to improve access and visibility for residents.



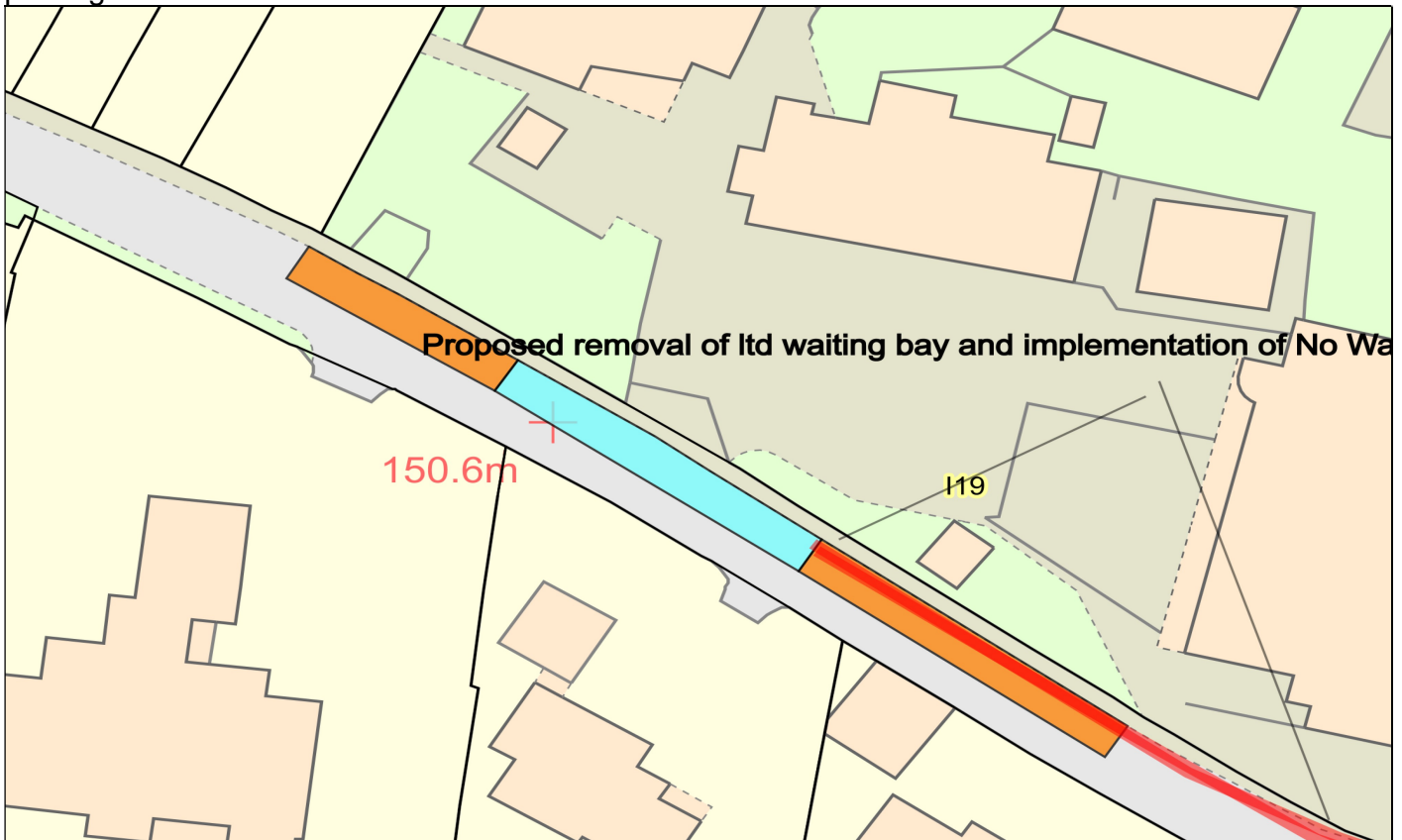
Plan 14 – Perrymead, Widcombe / Lyncombe, Bath – Proposed dual use Zone 21 Permit Holder and 4 Hour Limited Waiting parking was requested by the local Ward Councillors to provide longer limited waiting provision for visitors to the area.



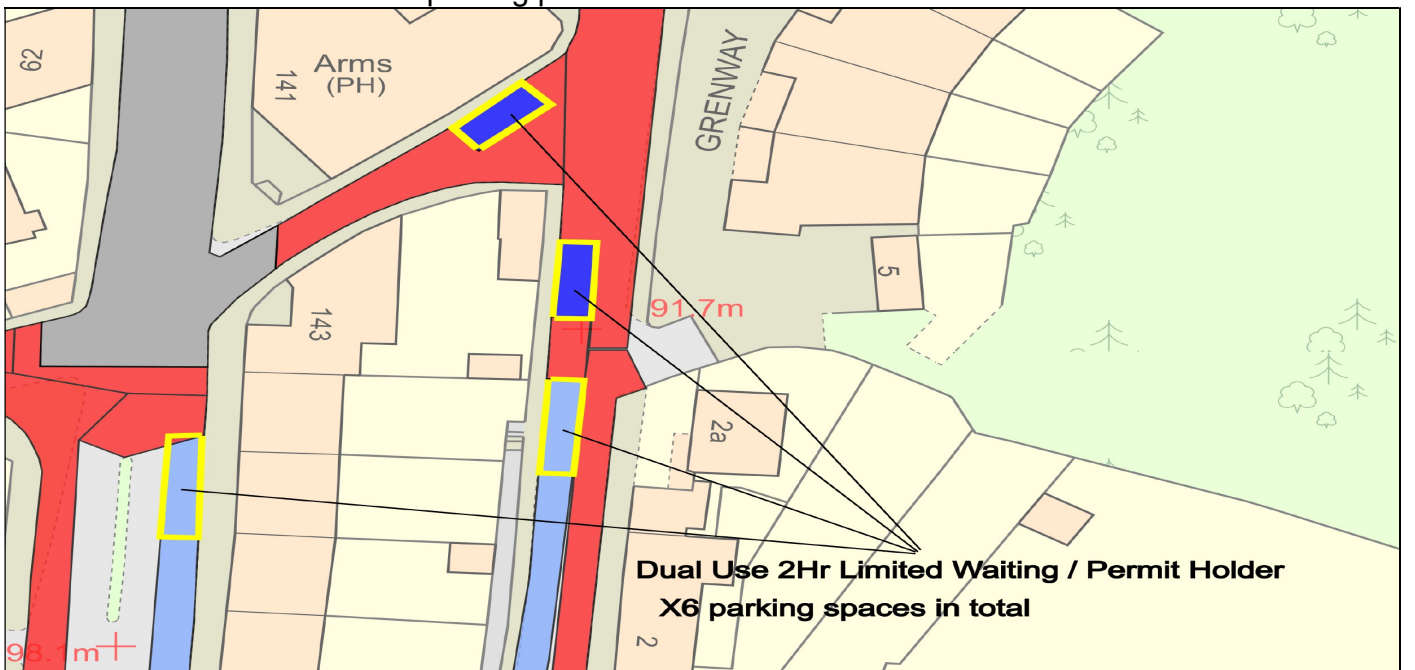
Plan 15 – St Lukes Road, Widcombe / Lyncombe, Bath – Proposed Disabled Parking bays were requested by the local Ward Councillor to provide available parking provision for Blue Badge Holders wishing to access the local church.



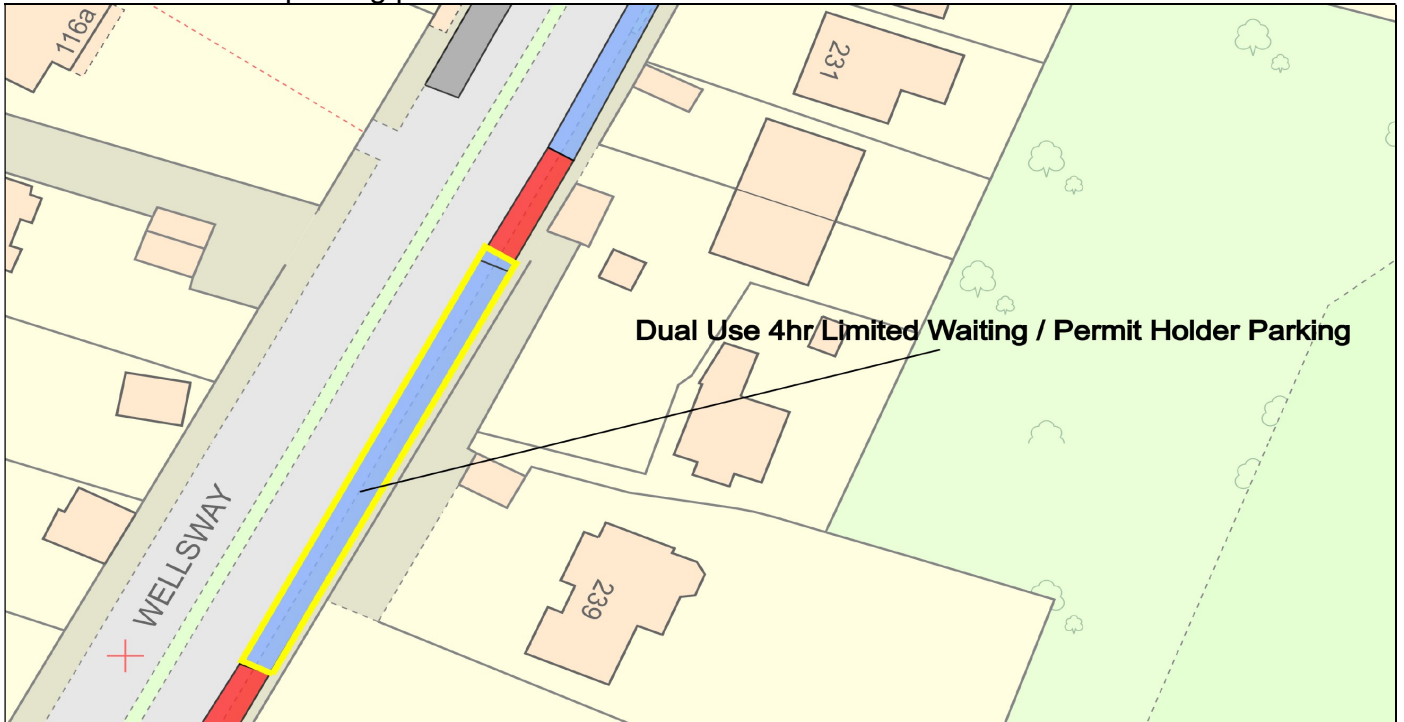
Plan 16 – Summer Lane, Combe Down, Bath – Proposed removal of the existing Limited Waiting bay and extension of No Parking At Any Time restrictions was requested by the Traffic Management Team on safety grounds due to concerns raised regarding access for emergency vehicles with parking in this location.



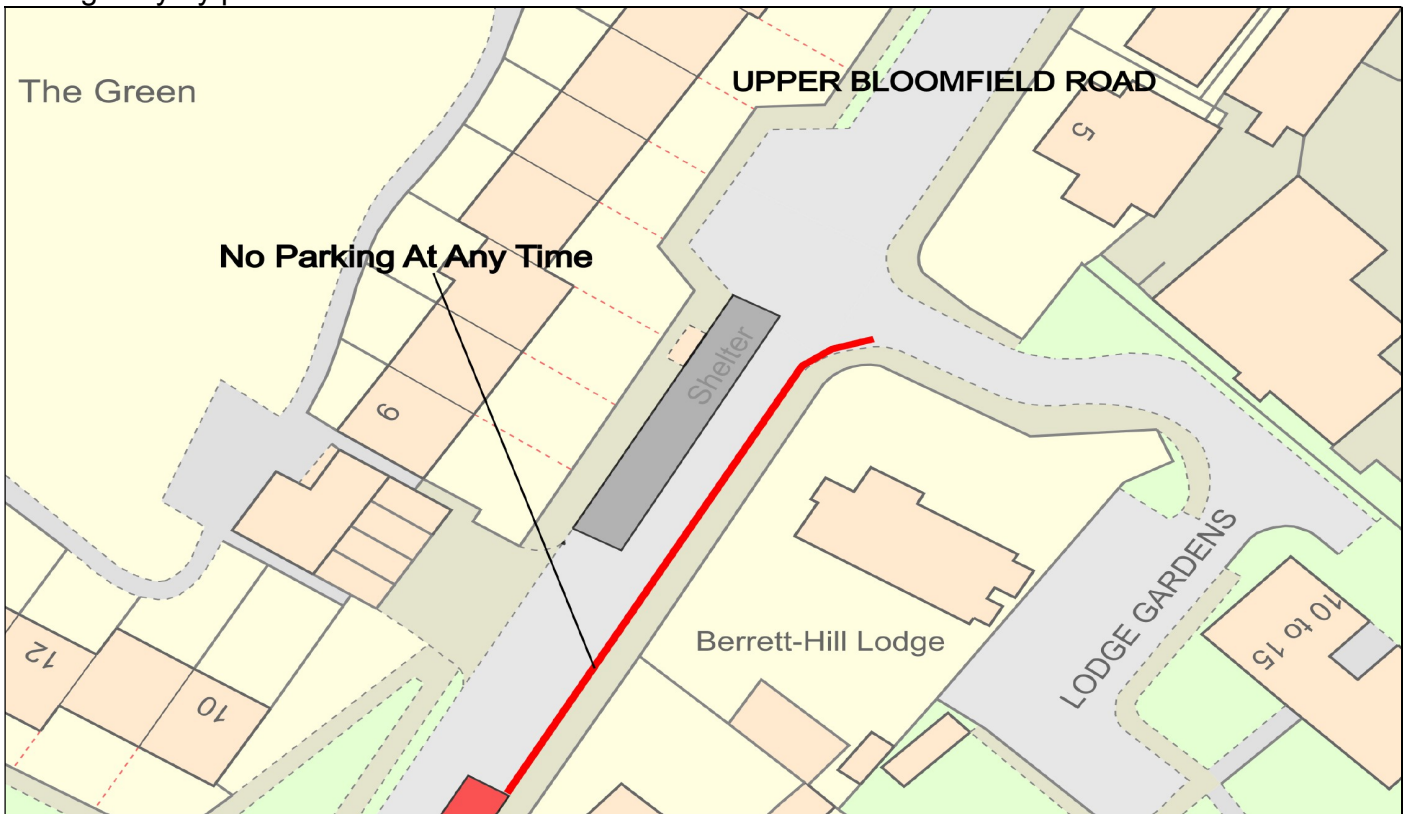
Plan 17 – Entry Hill / Wellsway, Widcombe / Lyncombe, Bath – Proposed dual use 2 Hour Limited Waiting and Permit Holder parking bays were requested by the local Ward Councillors to provide additional short term on-street parking provision for visitors to the area.



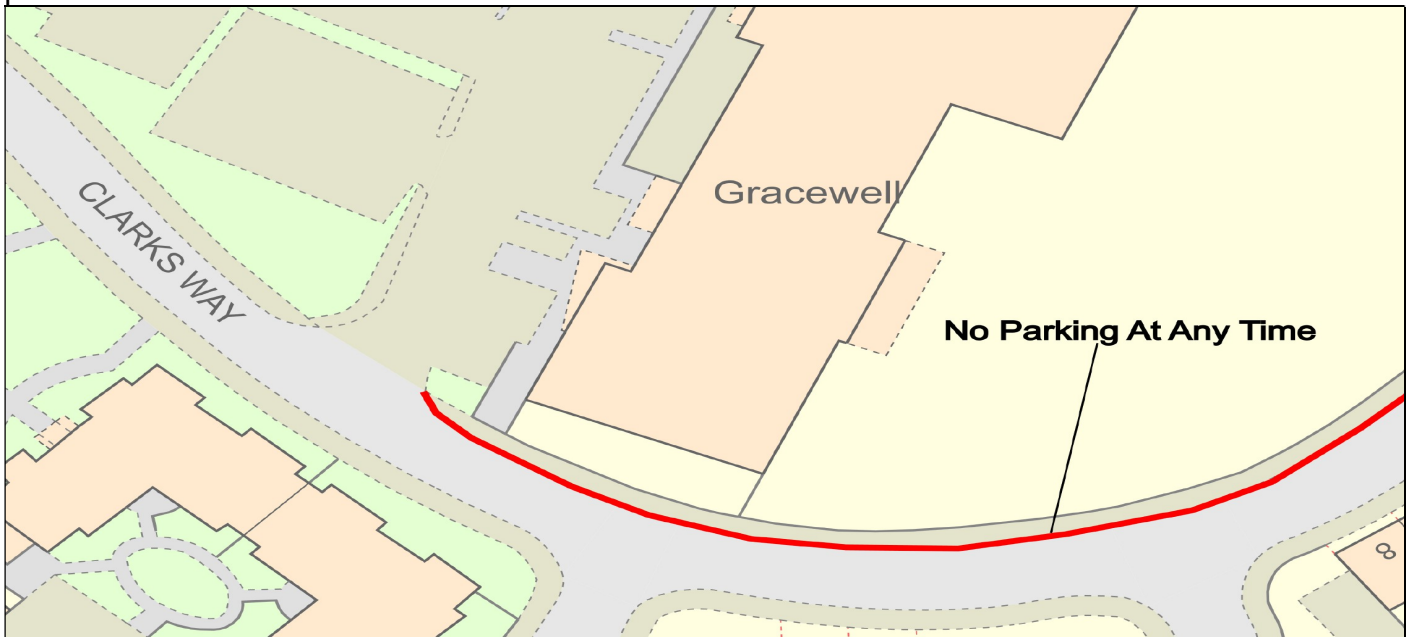
Plan 18 – Wellsway, Widcombe / Lyncombe, Bath – Proposed dual use 4 Hour Limited Waiting and Zone 22 Permit Holder parking was requested by the local Ward Councillors to provide additional short term on-street parking provision for visitors to the area.



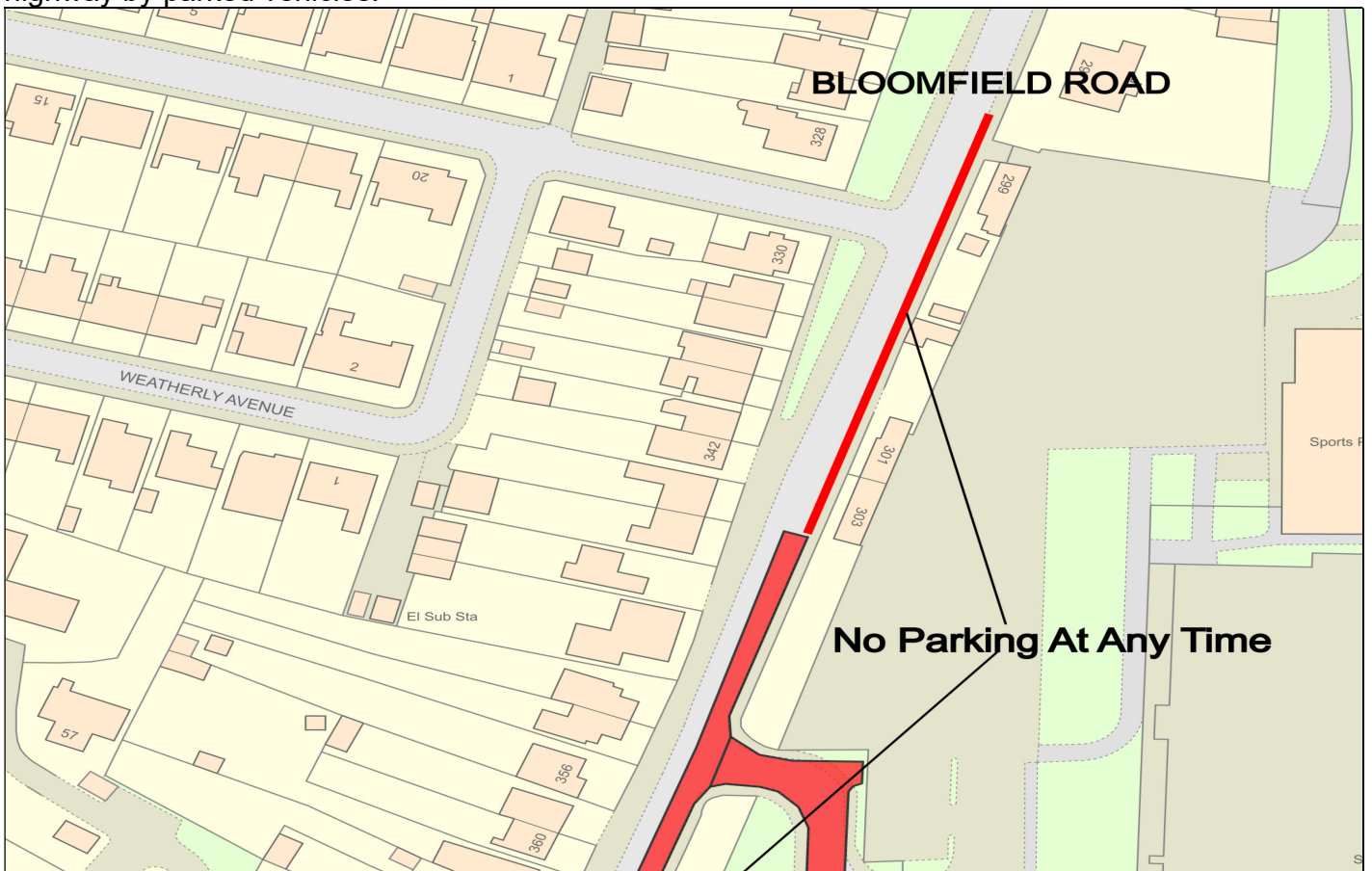
Plan 19 – Upper Bloomfield Road, Odd Down, Bath – Proposed extension of the existing No Parking At Any Time restrictions was requested by the local Ward Councillor to prevent obstruction of the highway by parked vehicles.



Plan 20 – Clarks Way, Odd Down, Bath – Proposed extension of the existing No Parking At Any Time restrictions was requested by the local Ward Councillor to prevent obstruction of the highway by parked vehicles.



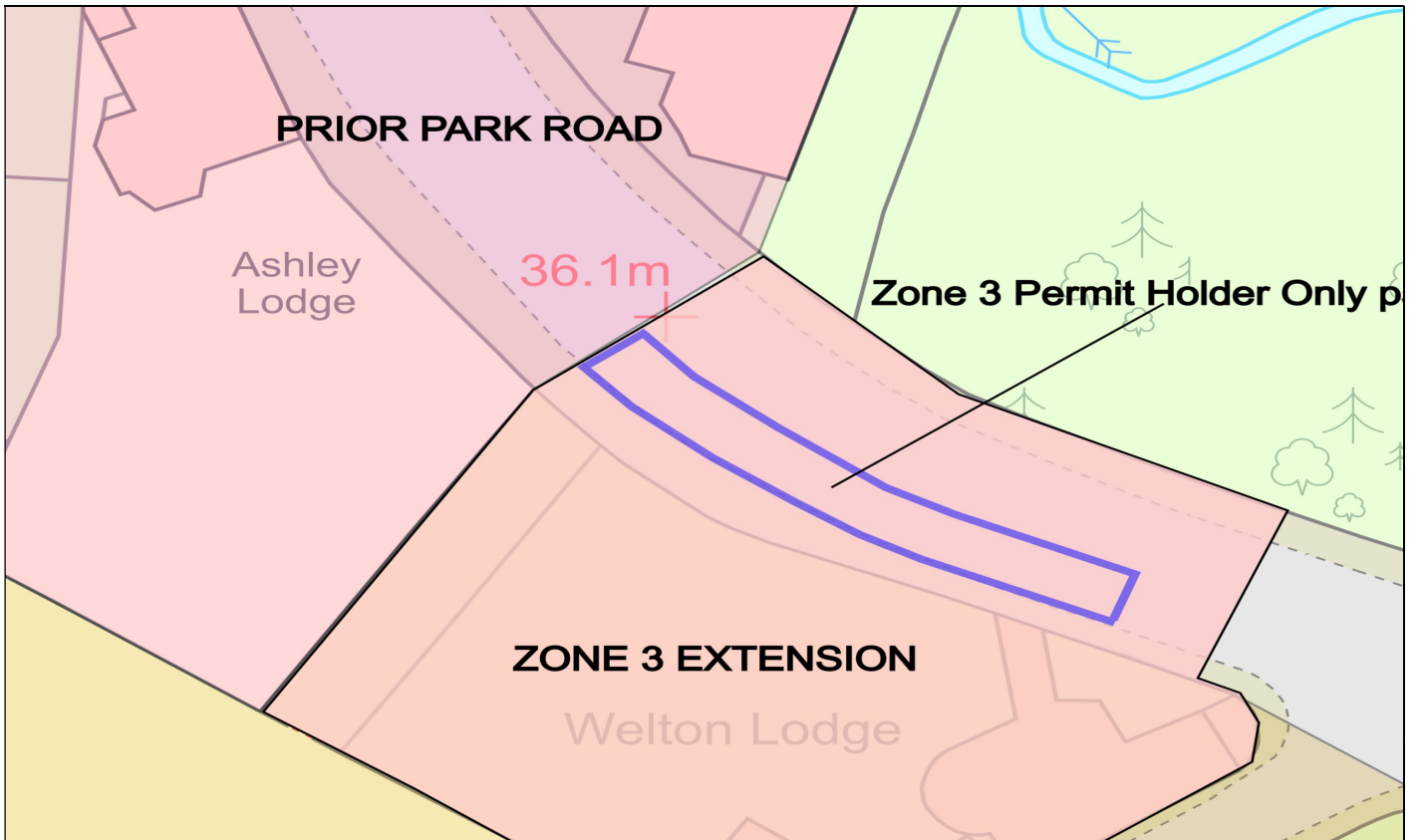
Plan 21 – Bloomfield Road, Odd Down, Bath – Proposed extension of the existing No Parking At Any Time restrictions was requested by the local Ward Councillor to prevent obstruction of the highway by parked vehicles.



Plan 22 – Bloomfield Drive, Odd Down, Bath – Proposed extension of the existing No Parking At Any Time restrictions was requested by the local Ward Councillor to prevent obstruction of the highway by parked vehicles.



Plan 23 – Prior Park Road, Widcombe / Lyncombe, Bath – Proposed extension of Zone 3 and a Zone 3 Permit Holder Only parking bay was requested by the local Ward Members on behalf of local residents.



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: 2nd October 2023

9. DECISION

As the officer holding the above delegation, I approve the progression of this Traffic Regulation Order.

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.

The Council's policy framework has been used as the basis to develop the scheme with full engagement with stakeholders across the area.

I further note that the issue of deciding whether to implement any scheme is a matter of broad judgement, taking into account the wider transport and climate aims of the Council rather than a purely mathematical analysis on the numbers of positive or negative responses.

The arguments both for and against the scheme were clearly identified and were considered fully as part of the decision-making process before I made the final decision as set out above.



Chris Major
Director for Place Management

Date: 03/10/23