

# 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:** North East Somerset Area TRO Review

**PROPOSAL:** Parking Restrictions

**SCHEME REF No:** 23 – 011

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Traffic Management Team

### 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	
(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 North East Somerset area.

### 4. **BACKGROUND**

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### 5. **SOURCE OF FINANCE**

This proposal is being funded by the capital Parking budget, project code TC8302.

### 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**

It is understood from the report that the proposal is “*To implement various parking / waiting restrictions around the North East Somerset area.*”

#### **BACKGROUND**

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As per the drawings contained within the attached.

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**

#### **Bathavon North:**

Cllr Kevin Guy – No comment.

Cllr Sarah Warren – No comment.

#### **Bathavon South:**

Cllr Fiona Gourley – No comment.

Cllr Matthew McCabe – No comment.

#### **Chew Valley:**

Cllr Anna Box – No comment.

Cllr David Harding – I can confirm that for the Chew Valley Ward, the item Plan 1, Walley Court Road and Lane appears appropriate.

#### **Clutton & Farmborough:**

Cllr Sam Ross – No comment.

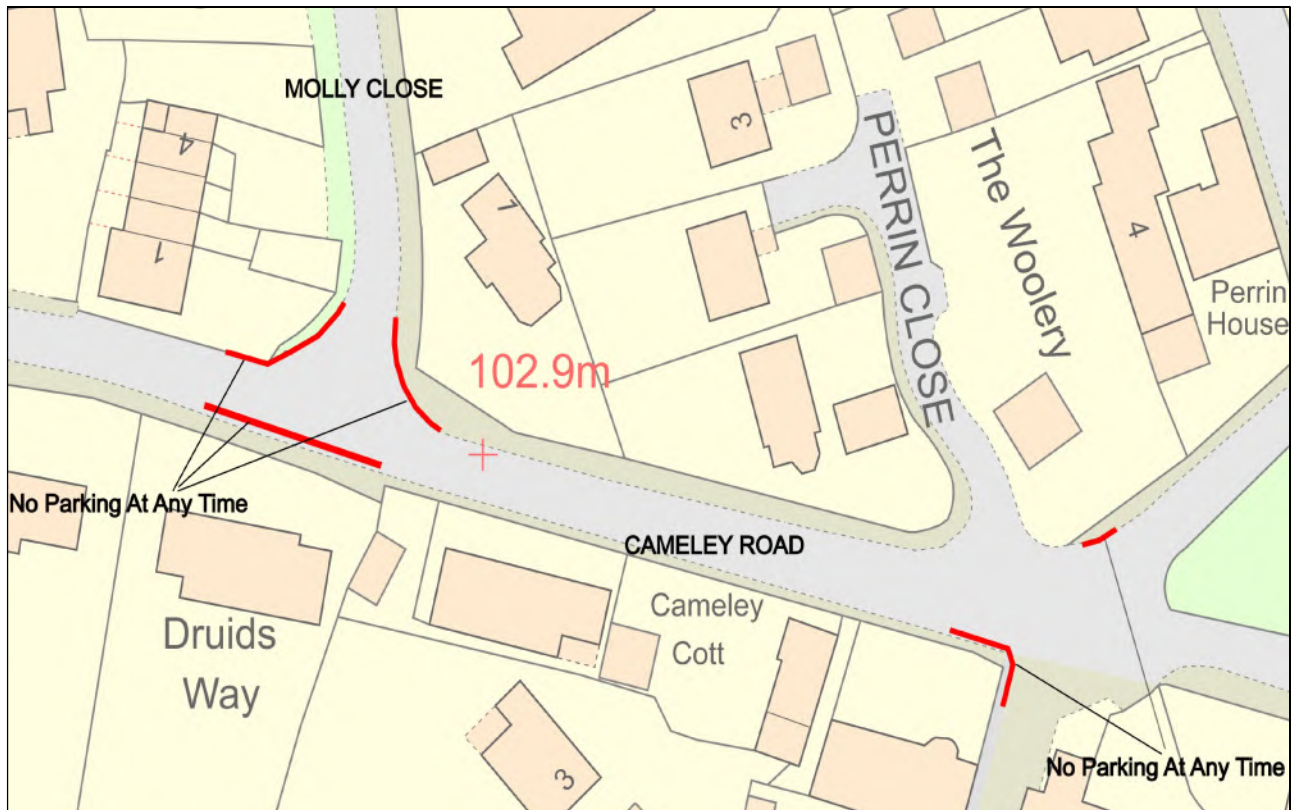
#### **High Littleton:**

Cllr Ann Morgan – No comment.

#### **Mendip:**

Cllr David Wood – - It looks like the DYLS on the junctions of Cameley Road and Cameley Close (and possibly Perrin Close) are already installed. The parish council is objecting to additional DYLS near the doctor's surgery (so on this road) My assessment is that regularising the planned ones that already seem to be in place is still a good idea. No-one has complained about these on the street. I tried to knock on the door of Druid's Way to seek their opinion on the large, proposed stretch outside their house, but have not found them at home yet. The DYLS at the mouth of Molly Close, between the junction and the first driveways needs to be included. Is it possible to see a revised plan with these on so I can check length?

*Response: Amended proposal plan below:*



The Molly Close ones look correct, so long as not past the first driveways. I've sent you a picture of Cameley Close / Rd so best align the drawing with what's there already. On the long stretch opposite Molly Close keep it in for now but I'll keep consulting.

**Midsomer Norton North:**

Cllr Michael Auton – No comment.

Cllr Shaun Hughes – No comment.

**Midsomer Norton Redfield:**

Cllr Sarah Evans – No comment.

Cllr Tim Warren – No comment.

**Peasedown St John:**

Cllr Karen Walker – No comment.

Cllr Gavin Heathcote – No comment.

**Publow & Whitchurch:**

Cllr Paul May – No comment.

### **Radstock:**

Cllr Christopher Dando – Happy with the Waterloo Road proposals.

Cllr Lesley Mansell – No comment.

### **Timsbury:**

Cllr Shaun Stephenson-McGall – I am supportive of the two proposed changes in the Parish and Ward of Timsbury, firstly Plan 10 outside Greenhill House, South Road and Plan 18 on Lansdown Crescent. However, Plan 10 may contribute to an increase in the amount of traffic breaking the speed limit on Loves Hill and South Road, so other physical measures need to be investigated to mitigate this in the very near future. I have copied in the Chair and Clerk of Timsbury Parish Council for reference.

### **Westfield:**

Cllr Eleanor Jackson – Cllr Jackson was informed on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023 that after further review and consideration by the area Senior Traffic Management Engineer of proposal plan 15 to extend the Limited Waiting Bay and shorten the No Parking Between Times restriction along Fortescue Road, that the decision has been taken not to progress with this proposal at this stage due to safety and obstruction concerns. This proposal plan will therefore be removed from this area TRO review.

As someone who has lived in Radstock for nearly twenty years, and who regularly waters a floral tub by the Methodist Church, I have to disagree with the proposals on Waterloo Road. I have never known an accident, and now the church is closed, the buses go round the Frome Road or the Street and the post office vans to everyone's fury constantly park in the Library car park and not on site in accordance with planning consent I have to disagree. We currently have deliveries being made from the middle of the road, the problem is so acute.

However, to continue with the problems of traders, I am vehemently opposed to the plan to put double yellow lines along the A367 between Cobblers Way and the turn to the Waterside. I talked to a number of residents about this, and we are all agreed that speeding is a major problem on this stretch of the A367 (we have the figures for the stretch up to the Methodist Chapel, and the other side of the lights at Cobblers Way to Longfellow Road, and we have always been led to believe by Highways that parked cars slow traffic. Your colleagues told me that about Haydon Hill and Kilmersdon Road repeatedly since 2007. But double yellows being removed on this stretch will make the problem worse.

It should also be noted that access to the rear of some of the houses in Elm Terrace has disappeared, but we do not think many residents park on the road, only their visitors.

We have opposed back garden developments, and the Planning Inspector has upheld the parish council and Bath & North East Somerset Council in several cases. This is because the exits are difficult, though other reasons were given for refusal/dismissal.

Finally, the traders will struggle. Please withdraw this TRO for double yellow lines on the A367 in front of Elm terrace.

*Response: The Radstock Town Council have approved the Waterloo Road proposals to proceed onto public consultation and the Westfield Parish Council have given their approval for the proposed restrictions on the A367 to proceed onto the public consultation stage. As both proposals have been designed on safety grounds, they will proceed onto the next stage and be presented to the public.*

Cllr Robin Moss – No comment.

**Parish and Town Councils:**

Bathampton Parish Council – No comment.

Bathford Parish Council – No comment.

Chew Magna Parish Council – No comment.

Chew Stoke Parish Council - Thank you for your email and information about the proposed plans in Chew Stoke on Walley Court Road. I confirm that Chew Stoke Parish Council supports this proposal to prevent parking on the dam.

Corston Parish Council – No comment.

High Littleton Parish Council – No comment.

Midsomer Norton Town Council – No comment.

Paulton Parish Council – No comment.

Peasedown St John Parish Council – No comment.

Publow and Pensford Parish Council - The Parish Councillors in Publow with Pensford PC are concerned about the blanket application of double yellow lines throughout Publow Lane (plans 4 & 11). This is a problem area because there is not enough suitable parking for Village Hall events when there is something on, or on a sunny day when people are out enjoying the countryside and the river in Publow. This results on inconsiderate parking throughout this lane and causing blockages when people meeting each other. Removing the ability to park on any of Publow Lane will create a bigger problem elsewhere as the people will still come and need somewhere to park. We believe there needs to be sections of the lane which parking is allowed, but sections of double yellow that create passing places when cars meet in opposite directions. This blanket approach is likely to mean that the double yellows are ignored, or other areas of the Parish will become worse.

The Parish Council request that you meet with a couple of representatives and Paul our Ward Councillor so that you can walk the lane and identify the points that require double yellow to prevent the gridlock that occurs regularly. It was also requested that there is an area of the lane between the village hall and Pensford Village as residents regularly need to park there on a daily basis as the area around the village green is so tight for parking near residents homes.

*Response: The proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions along Publow Lane on plans 4 and 11 were requested by the local Ward Member Cllr Paul May and put forward by our Senior*

*Area Traffic Management Engineer after a site visit was carried out. Proposed restrictions can always be reduced but not extended once the public consultation process has begun. It is therefore our recommendation that these proposed restrictions are publicly advertised at their current length and then an assessment made after the consultation process, based on the public feedback we receive. We can then make an informed decision on how far and to what extent the length of these markings could be reduced.*

Radstock Town Council – No comment.

Shoscombe Parish Council – No comment.

Stowey Sutton Parish Council – No comment.

Cameley Parish Council - The parish council have asked me to see if we could consider adding a yellow box junction 'do not enter unless exit is clear' on the A37 main road in front of the Cameley Road junction opposite the Dr Surgery. The problem experienced has been that traffic joining the main road is not able to turn right where the exit is clear or even join the queue to turn left on the road due to the stationery queue of traffic that does not allow cars to filter onto the road going North blocking the exit by waiting drivers where the A37 narrows and causes a queue around the bus stop.

*Response: This request sits outside the scope and remit of this Area TRO Review, which has a limited capital budget and would need to be considered as a separate scheme and added to the next available Transport Improvement Program (TIP) for scoring and possible future funding.*

Temple Cloud Parish Council – Re Plan 20, Goldney Way - Temple Cloud with Cameley Parish Council has no objection to the proposed double yellow lines

Re Plan 22, Cameley Road: Temple Cloud with Cameley Parish Council object to the proposals due to the potential impact to both residents and the doctor's surgery from the loss of parking for visitors to the doctor's surgery.

*Response: Please see Cllr David Wood's comments and response above regarding proposal Plan 22.*

Timsbury Parish Council – No comment.

West Harptree Parish Council - Plan 5 - Ridge Crescent, West Harptree: West Harptree Parish Council have requested that the proposed double yellow lines be adjusted to extend further into Ridge Lane and less into Ridge Crescent by a small amount.

*Response: Plan 5 amended below as requested by the Parish Council:*



Westfield Parish Council - The Parish Council has no comments on the proposed parking restrictions at St Peters Road. In relation to the suggested restrictions on the A367, we welcome some restrictions and stress the importance of working with Mitchard's Butchers to avoid adverse impact on their business. Thank you for consulting the Parish Council and best wishes

Whitchurch Village Council – No comment.

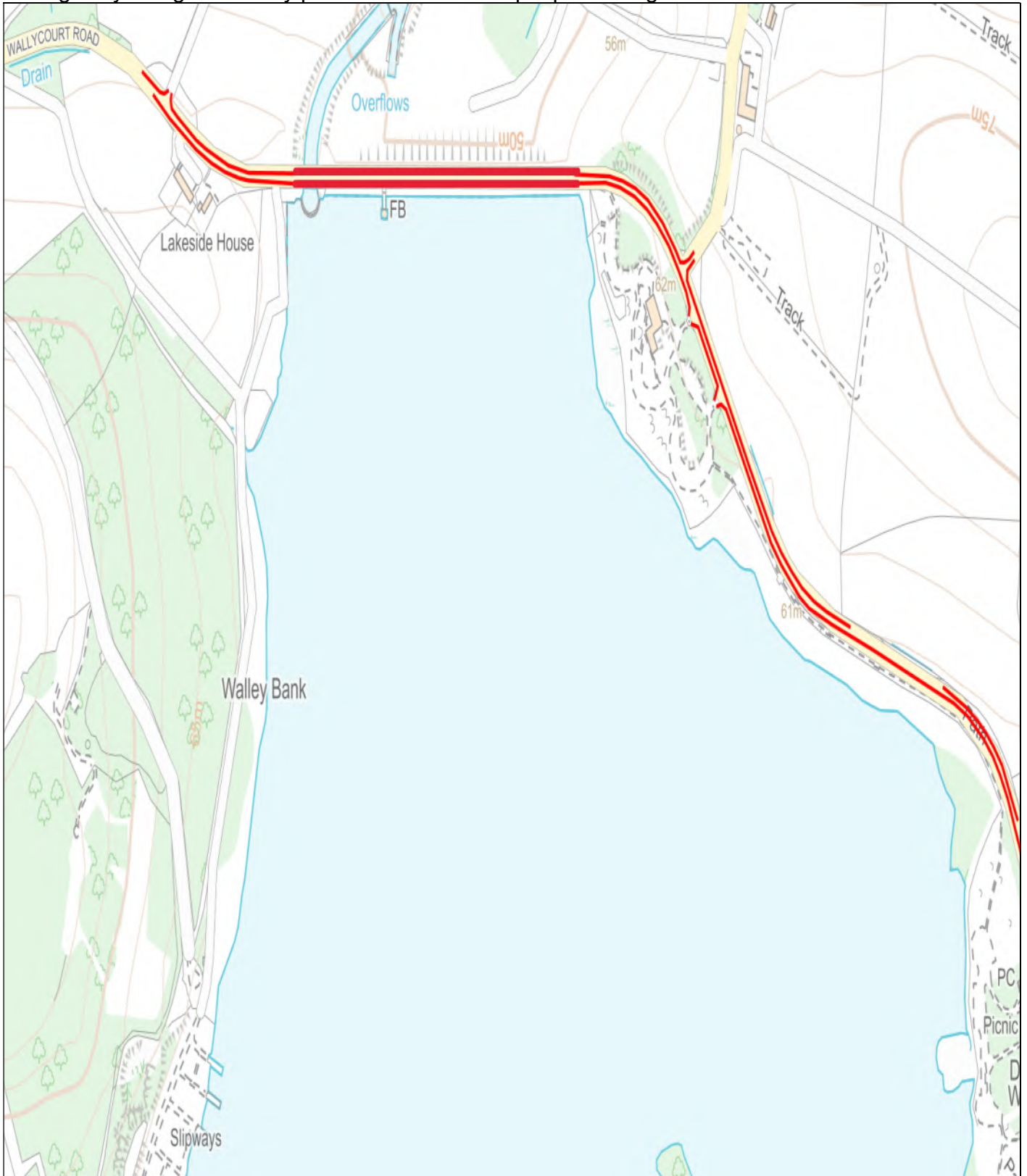
Swainswick Parish Council – No comment.

**Cabinet Member:**

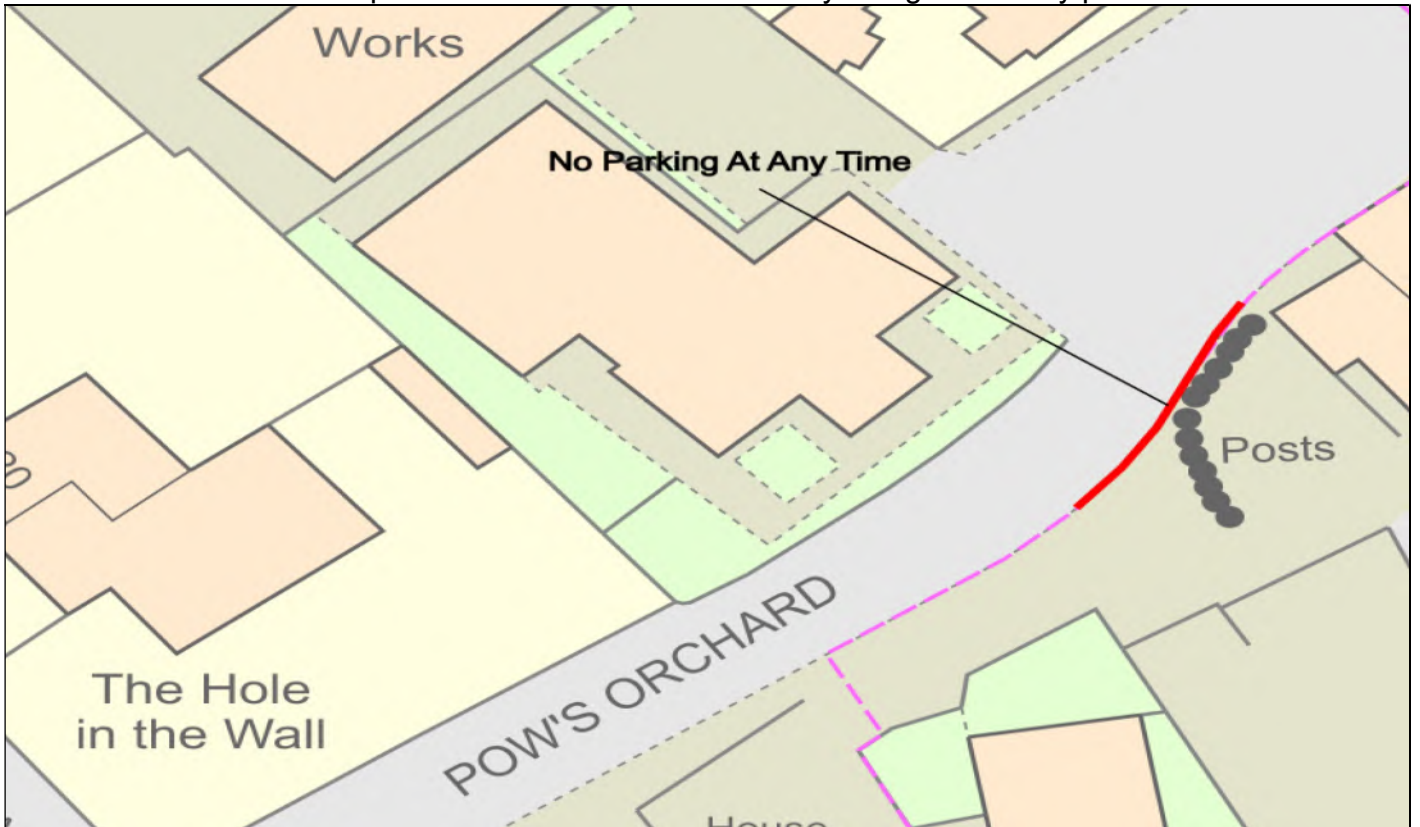
Cllr Manda Rigby – No comment.



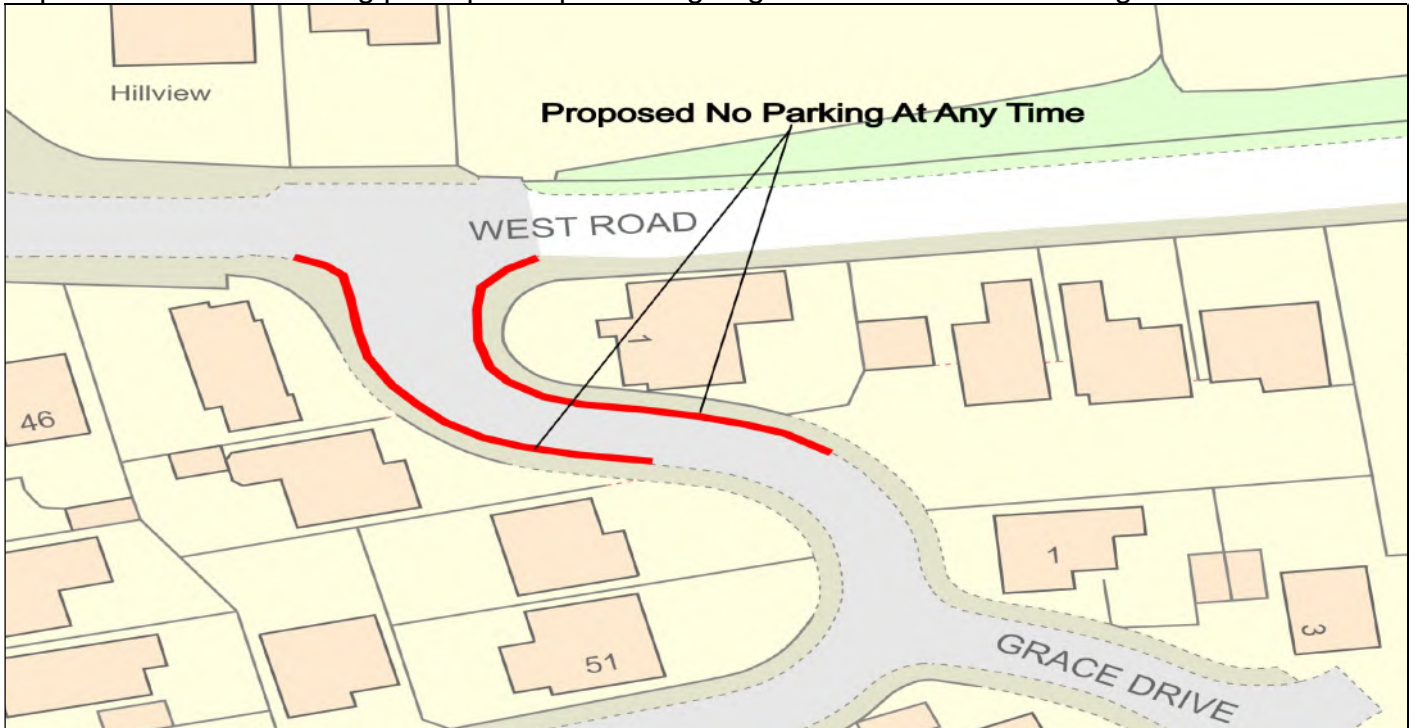
**Plan 1 – Walley Lane and Wallycourt Road, Chew Valley** – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Ward Members and Parish Council to prevent obstruction of the highway being caused by parked vehicles from people visiting the lake.



**Plan 2 – Pow’s Orchard, MSN** – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Ward Member to prevent obstruction of the footway being caused by parked vehicles.



**Plan 3 – Beaufort Avenue, Welton, MSN** – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the area Senior Traffic Management Engineer to prevent obstruction of the highway due to parked vehicles creating pinch points preventing larger vehicles from accessing the road.



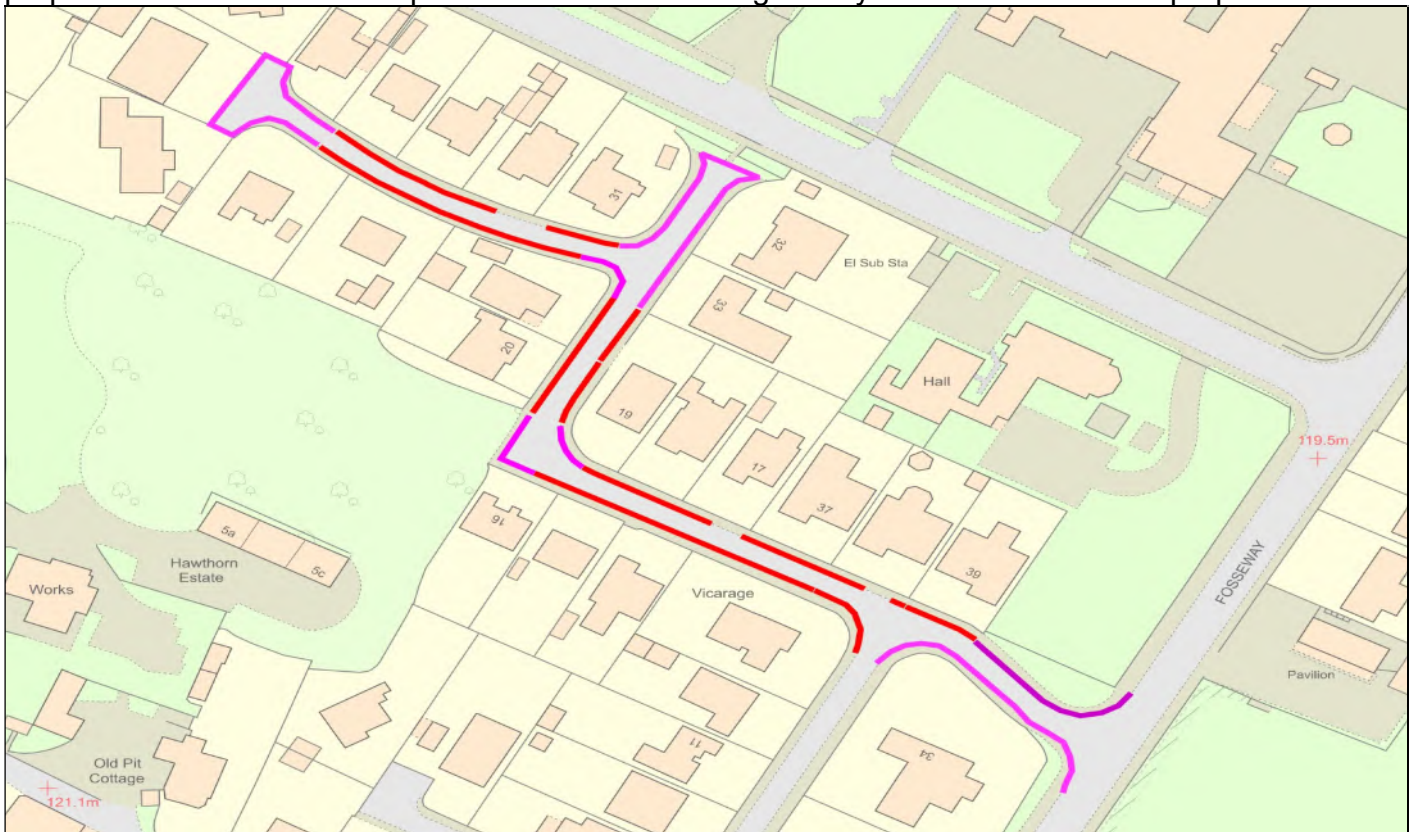
**Plan 4 – Publow Lane, Pensford** – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the area Senior Traffic Management Engineer to prevent obstruction of the highway due to parked vehicles creating pinch points preventing larger vehicles from accessing the road.



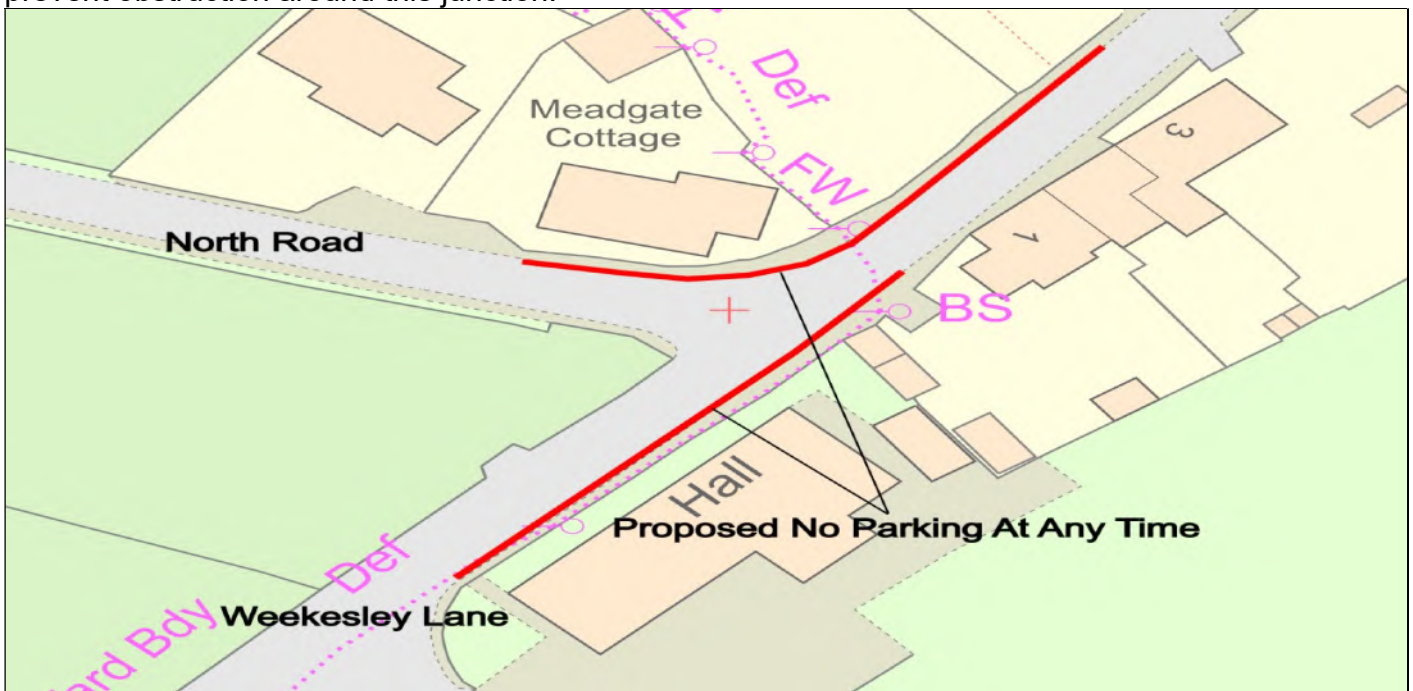
**Plan 5 – Ridge Crescent, West Harptree** – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the area Senior Traffic Management Engineer to prevent obstruction of the highway for larger vehicles when entering the road.



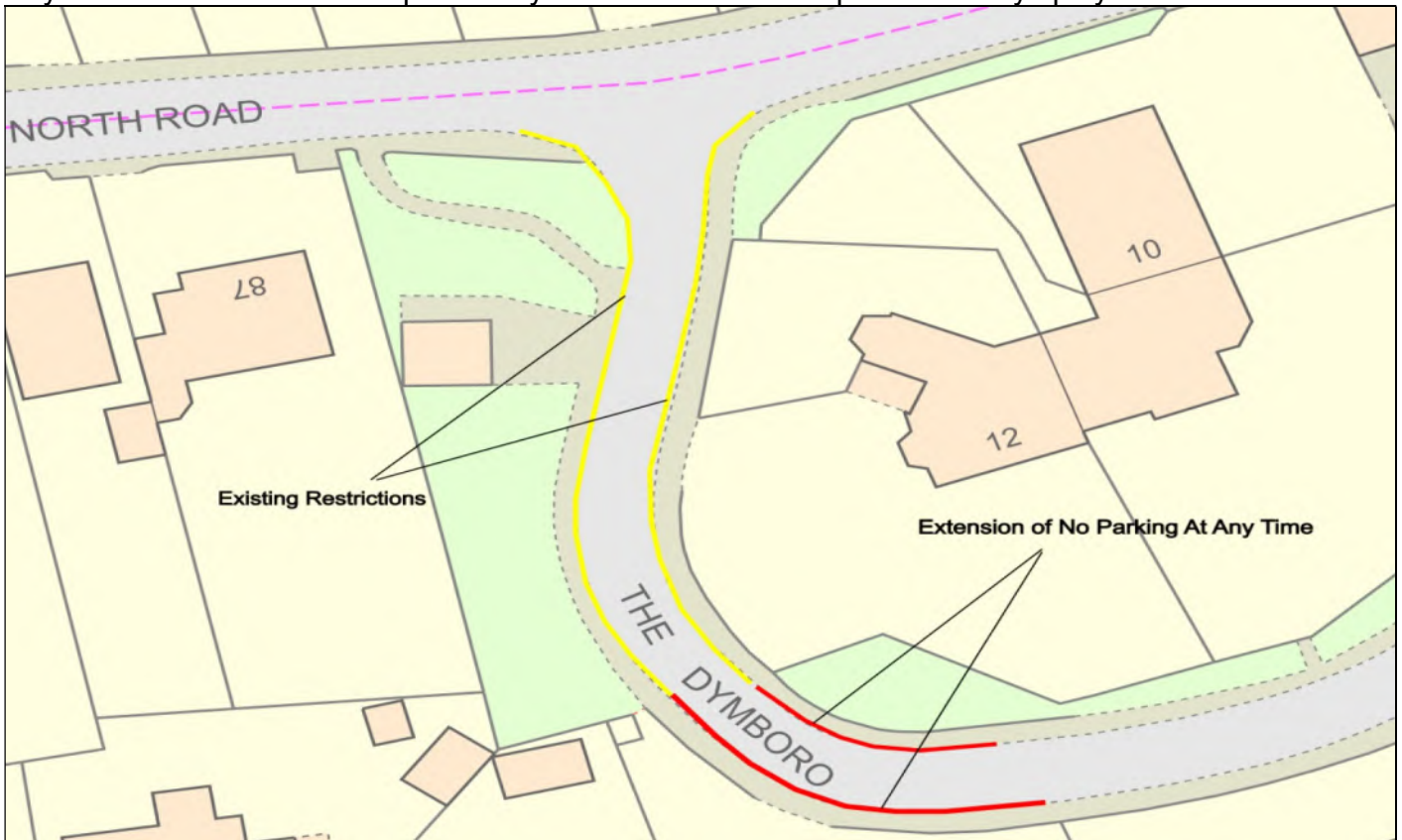
**Plan 6 – St Peter’s Road, Westfield** – Proposed No Parking At Any Time and No Loading At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Ward Member on behalf of the residents of St Peter’s Road. The purple lines represent where No Parking / No Loading At Any Time restrictions are proposed and the red lines represent where No Parking At Any Time restrictions are proposed.



**Plan 7 – Weekesley Lane / North Road, Camerton** – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the area Senior Traffic Management Engineer to improve visibility splays and prevent obstruction around this junction.



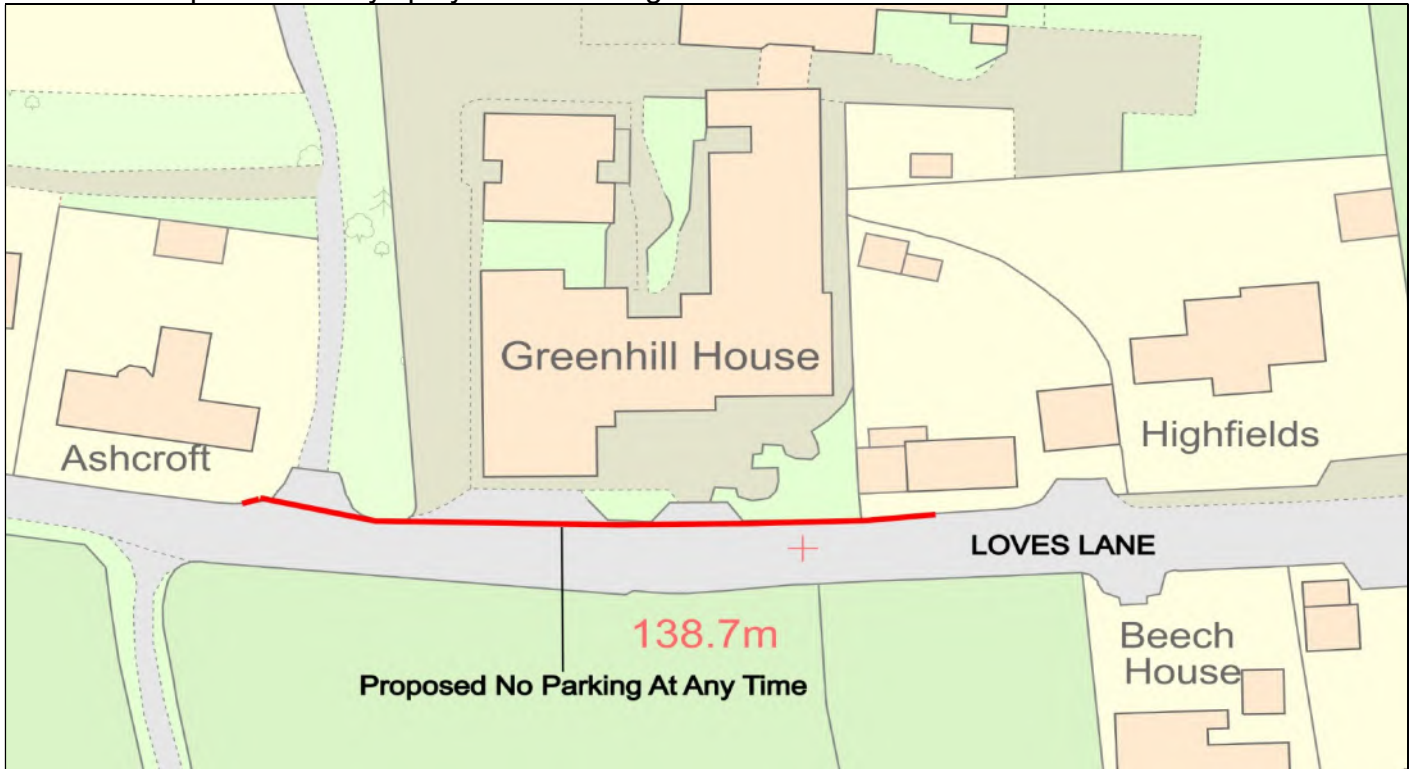
**Plan 8 – The Dymboro, Midsomer Norton** – A proposed extension of the existing No Parking At Any Time restrictions was requested by a local resident to improve visibility splays around the bend.



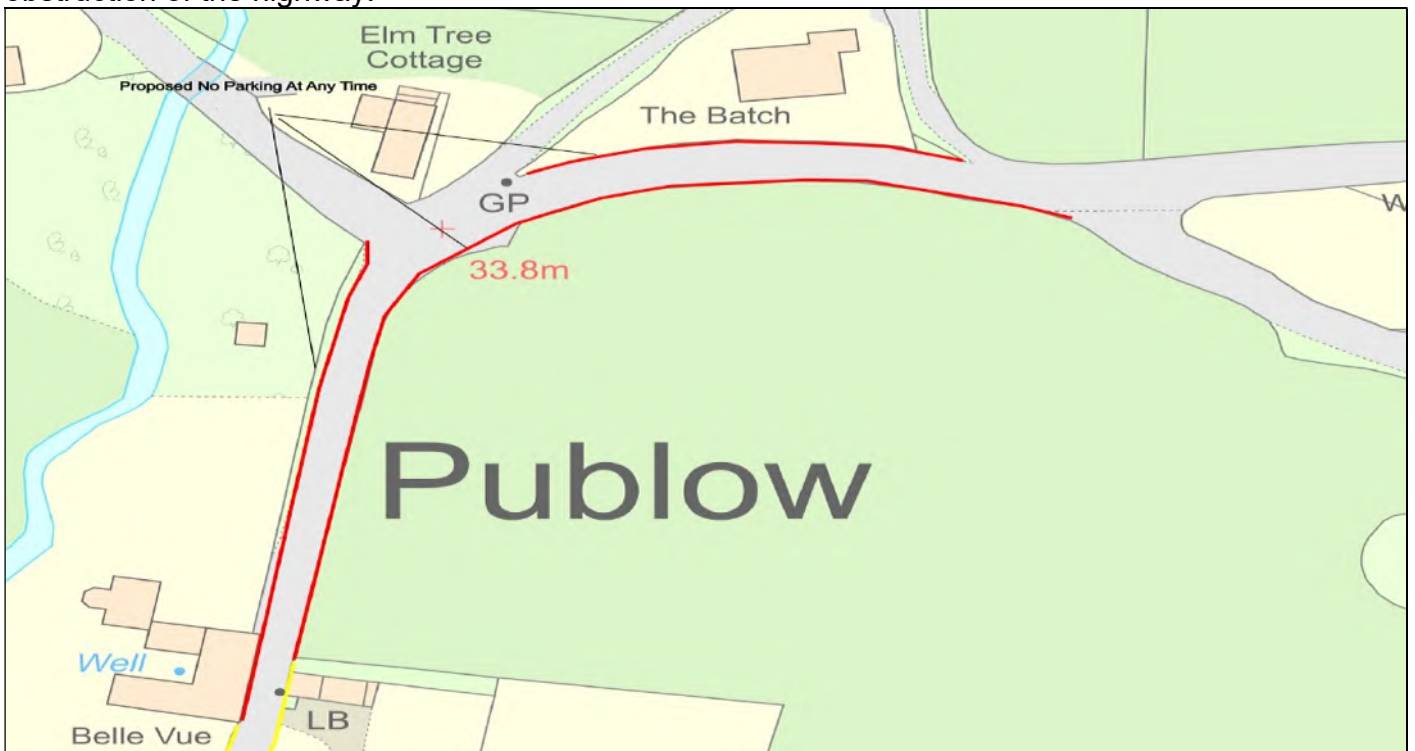
**Plan 9 – Avon Court, Batheaston** – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the Traffic Management Team on behalf of the Recycling Team to prevent obstruction of their vehicles and to allow them sufficient space to turn around at the end of Avon Court.



**Plan 10 – Loves Lane, Timsbury** – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the area Senior Traffic Management Engineer to prevent obstruction at the entrances to Greenhill House and improve visibility splays when exiting onto Loves Lane.



**Plan 11 – Publow Lane, Pensford** – Proposed extension of the existing No Parking At Any Time restrictions was requested by the local Ward Member on behalf of local residents to prevent obstruction of the highway.



**Plan 12 – Bailbrook Lane, Batheaston** – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by a local resident to prevent obstruction.



**Plan 13 – Wells Road, Westfield, MSN** – Proposed No Parking between Mon – Fri, 8am – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 4pm restrictions were requested by Highways & Transport and the Traffic Management Team on behalf of the Westfield Parish Council to prevent obstruction of the highway.





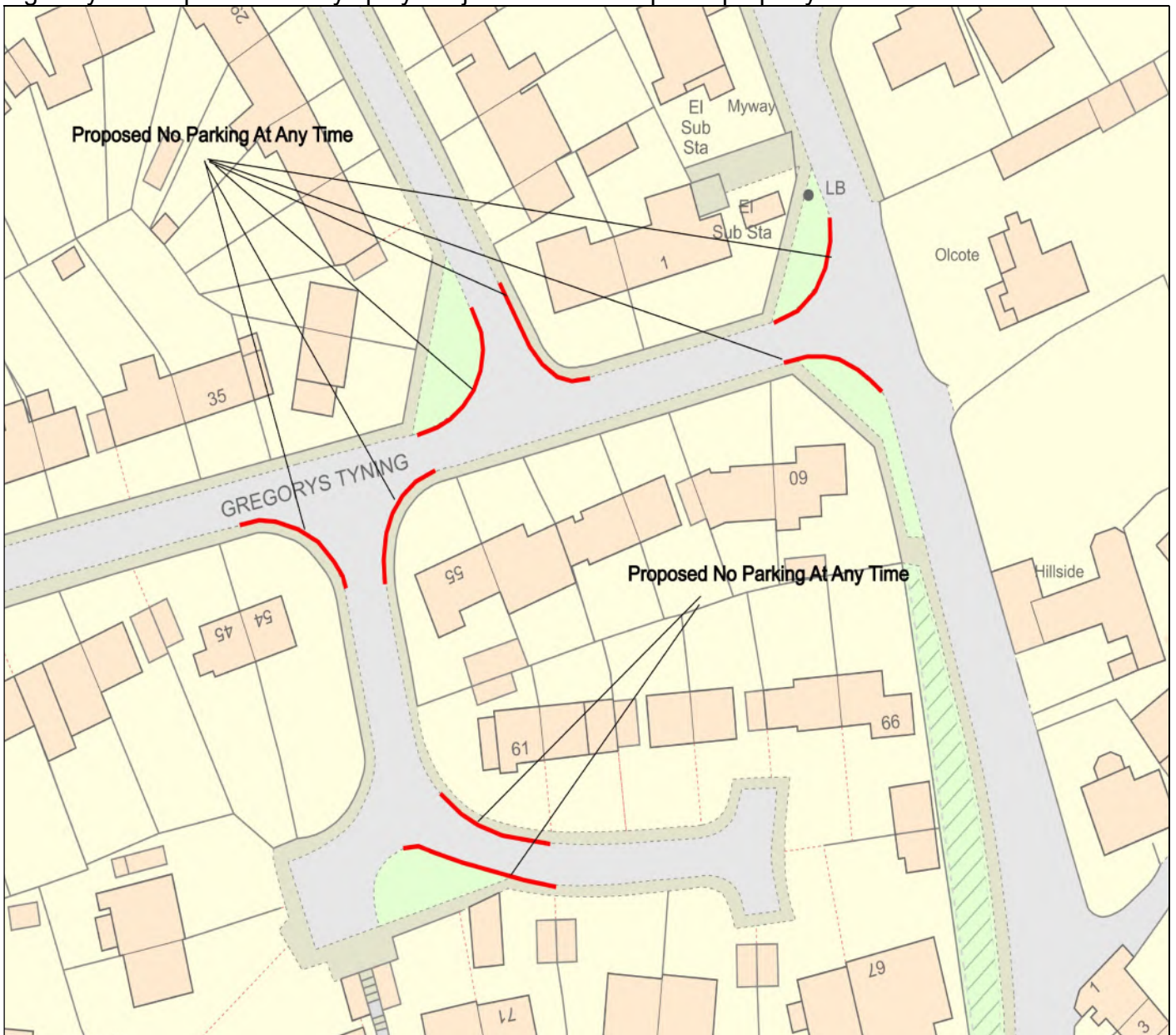
**Plan 14 – Goold Close / Corston Lane, Corston** – Councillor Duncan Hounsell - I would advise NOT going to public consultation on this proposal. It would likely trigger other issues. I would leave it out and I can then have a conversation with the Parish Council over a longer period of time.

*Response: Plan 14 removed from Order at Cllr Hounsell's request.*

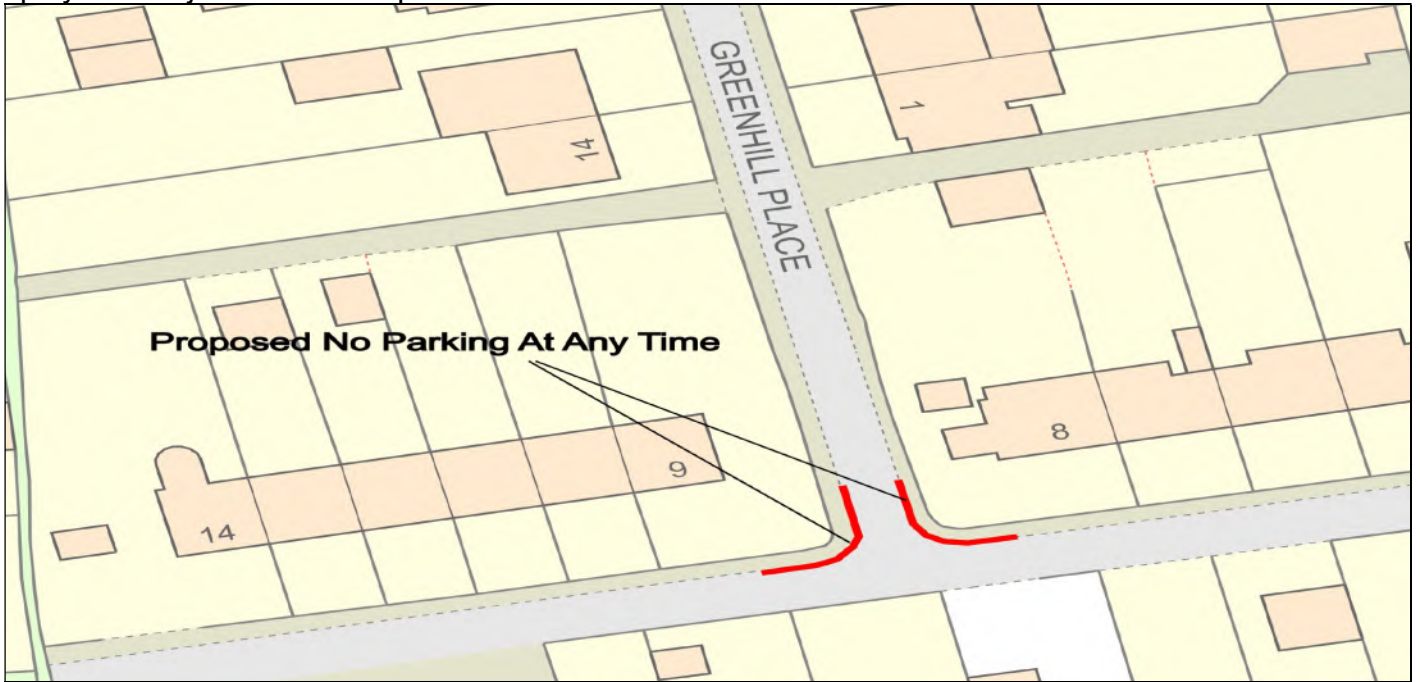
**Plan 15 – Fortescue Road, Radstock** – Extension of the Limited Waiting Bay and shortening of the No Parking Between Times restriction.

*Response: After further review and consideration by the area Senior Traffic Management Engineer of proposal plan 15 it was removed from this Order.*

**Plan 16 – Gregory's Tynning, Paulton** – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Ward Members on behalf of local residents to prevent obstruction of the highway and improve visibility splays at junctions and improve property access.



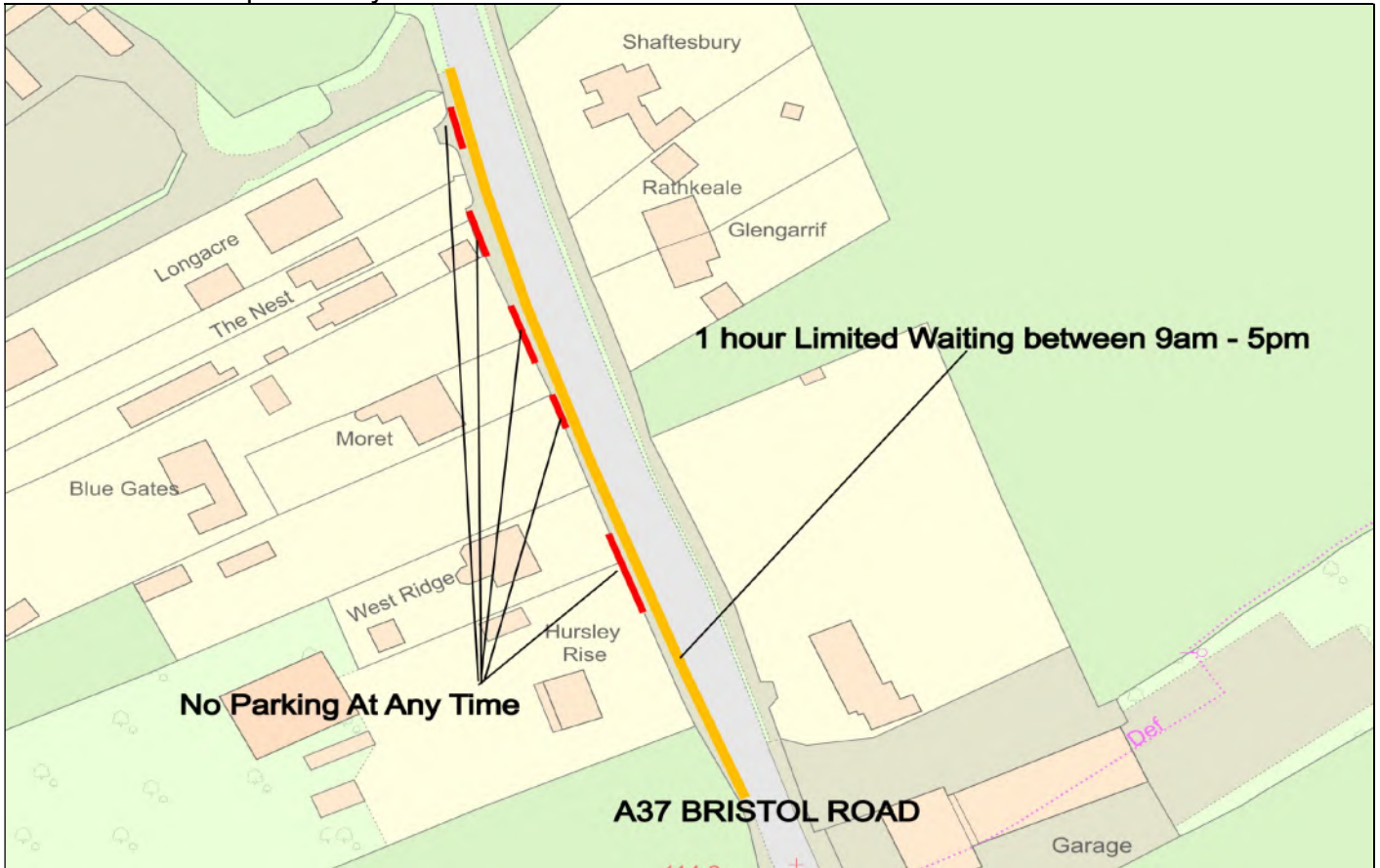
**Plan 17 – Greenhill Road / Greenhill Place, Welton, MSN** – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the area Senior Traffic Management Engineer to improve visibility splays at the junction and improve access.



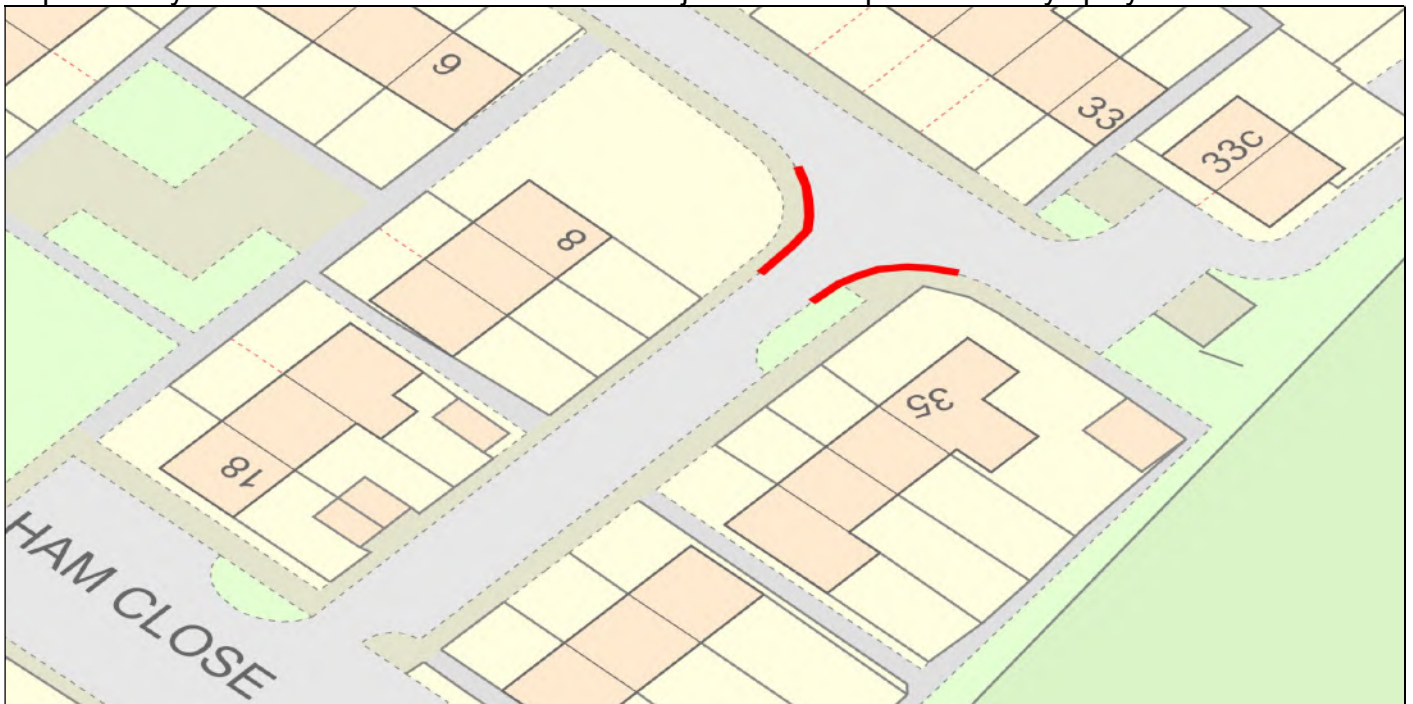
**Plan 18 – Lansdown Crescent, Timsbury** – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the Traffic Management Team on behalf of a local resident to improve access and prevent obstruction.



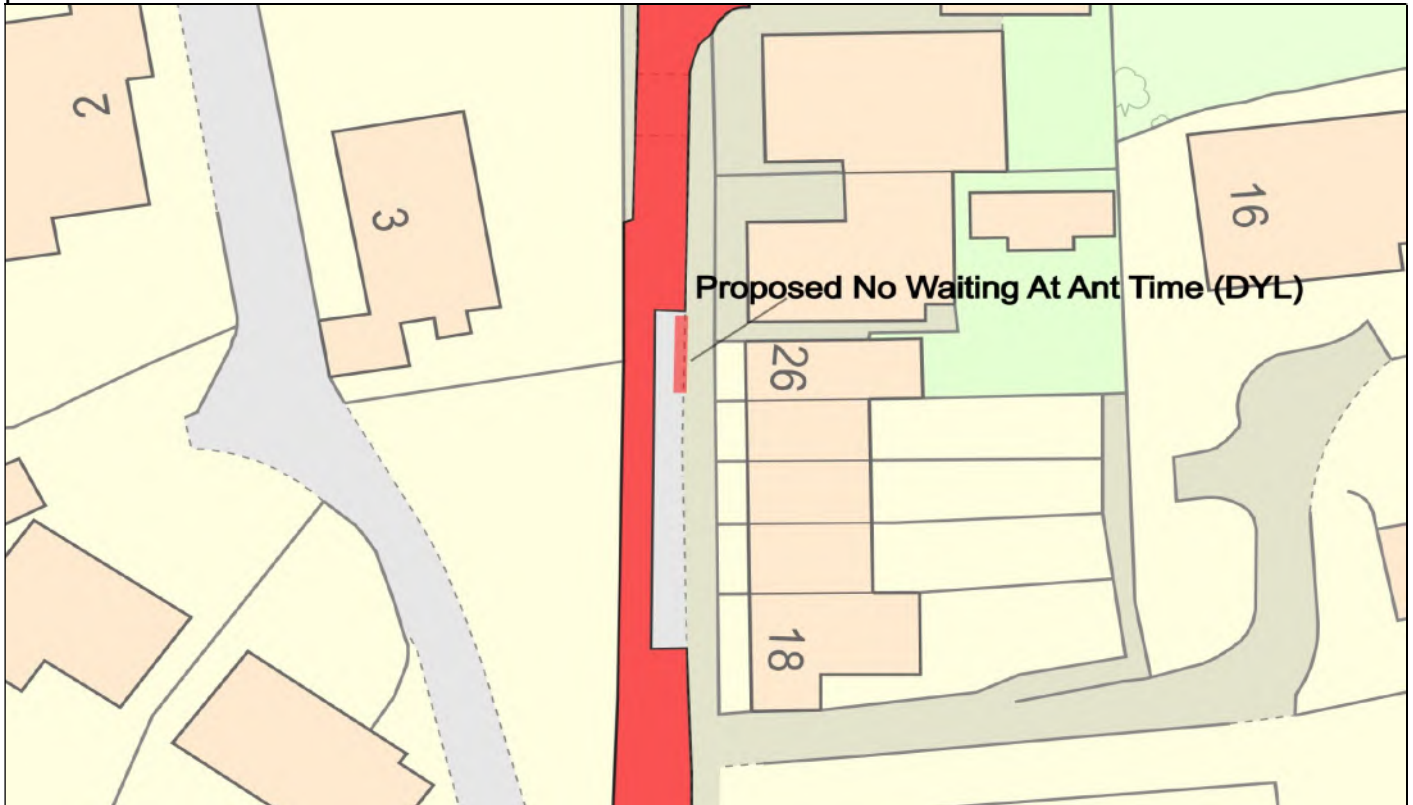
**Plan 19 – A37 Bristol Road, Whitchurch** – Proposed 1 Hour Limited Waiting, between 9am – 5pm within layby on the A37 Bristol Road and sections of No Parking At Any Time across driveway entrances was requested by the local Ward Member.



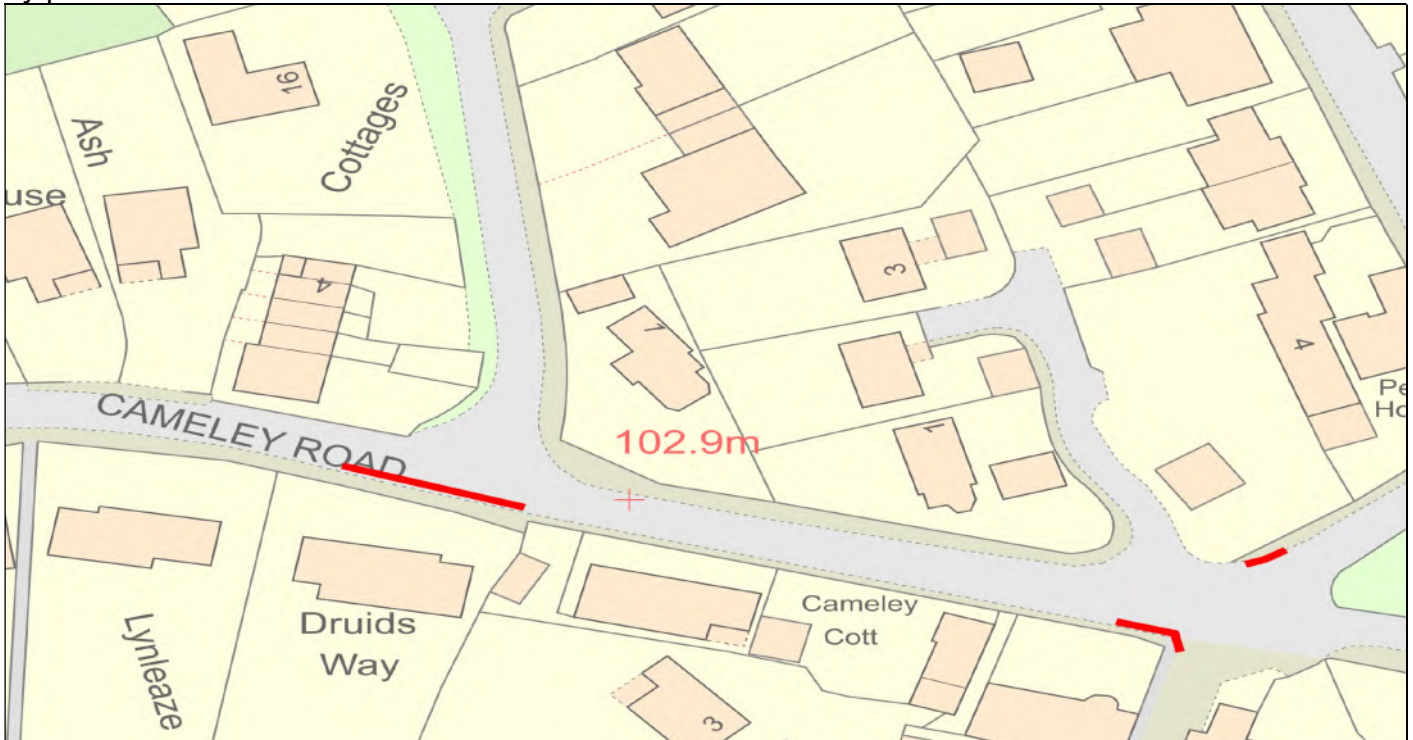
**Plan 20 – Goldney Way, Temple Cloud** – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Ward Member around the junction to improve visibility splays.



**Plan 21 – Northend, Batheaston** – Proposed extension of the existing No Parking At Any Time restrictions was requested by the local Ward Member to prevent obstruction to larger vehicles by parked cars.



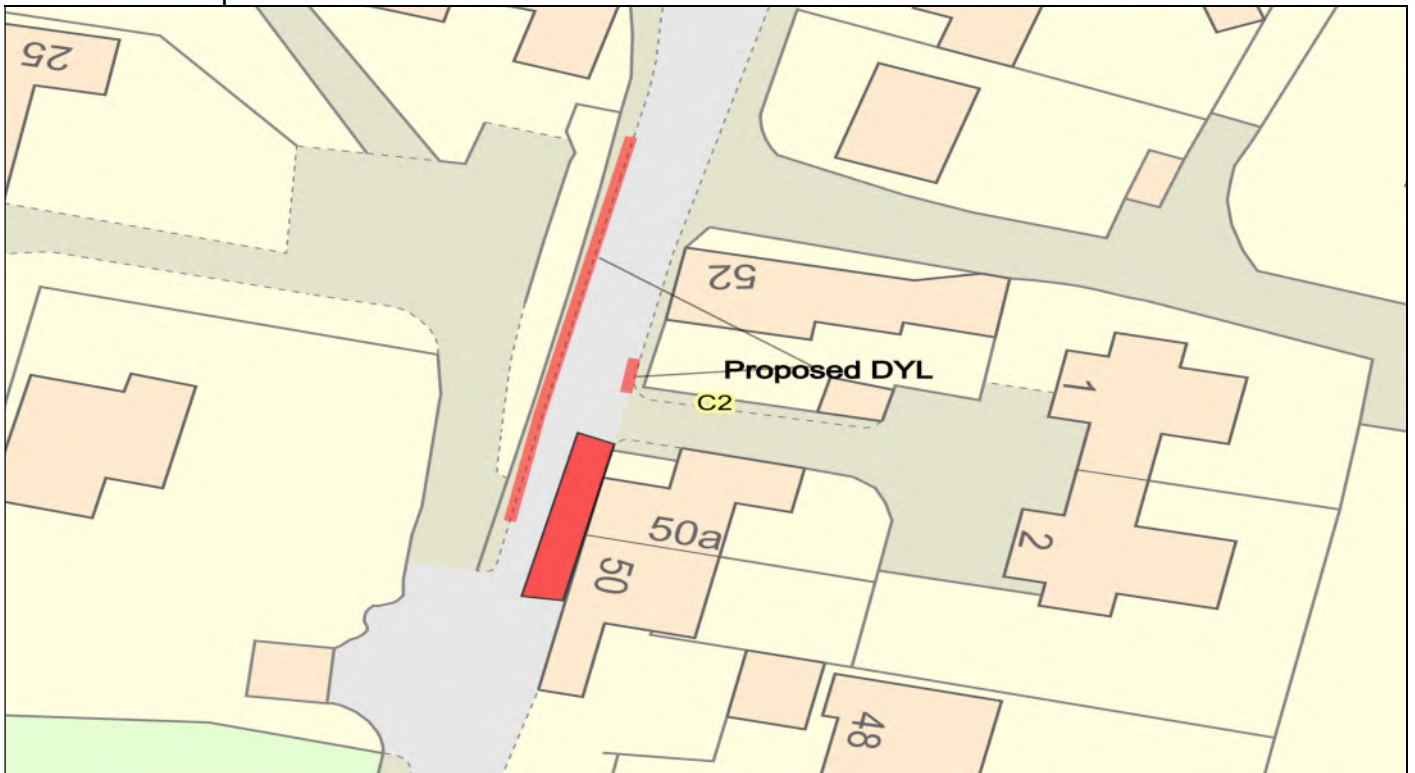
**Plan 22 – Cameley Road, Temple Cloud** – Proposed extension of the existing No Parking At Any Time restrictions was requested by the local Ward Member to prevent obstruction to larger vehicles by parked cars.



**Plan 23 – Cappards Road, Bishop Sutton** – Proposed extension of the existing No Parking At Any Time restrictions was requested by the local Parish Council to prevent obstruction to larger vehicles when entering the residential estate and to remove parked cars from near to the play area.



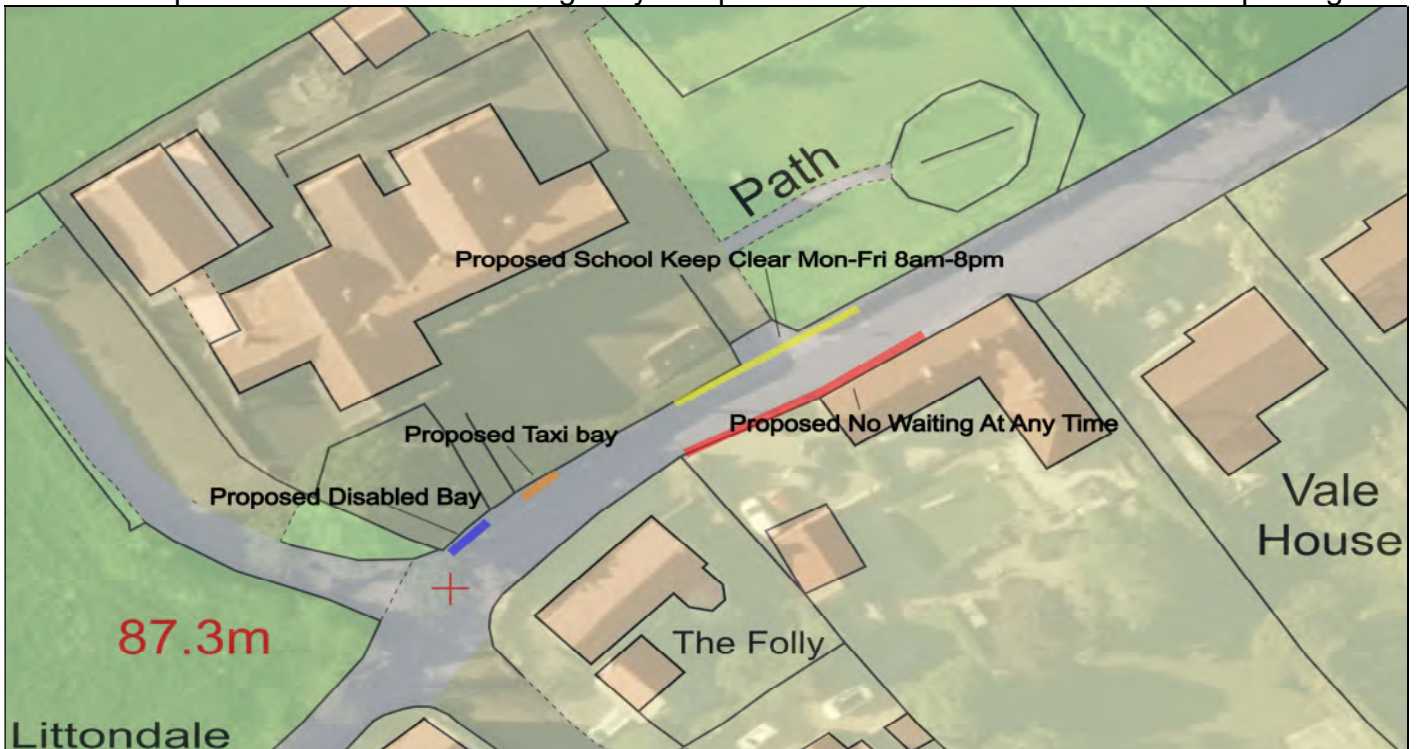
**Plan 24 – Northend, Batheaston** – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Ward Member on behalf of local residents to prevent obstruction of the highway to larger vehicles due to parked cars.



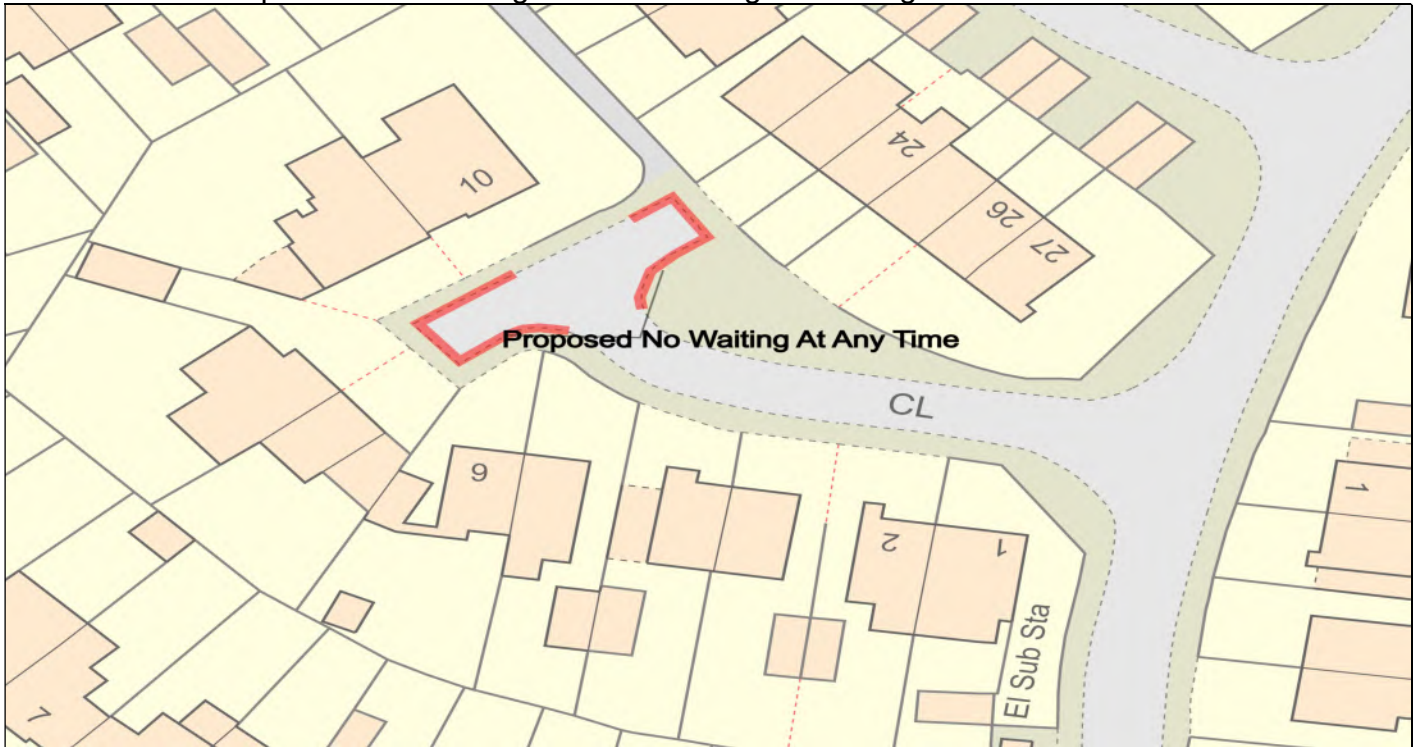
**Plan 25 – Rotcombe Lane, High Littleton** – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the area Senior Traffic Management Engineer on behalf of local residents to improve visibility splays and prevent obstruction due to parked cars.



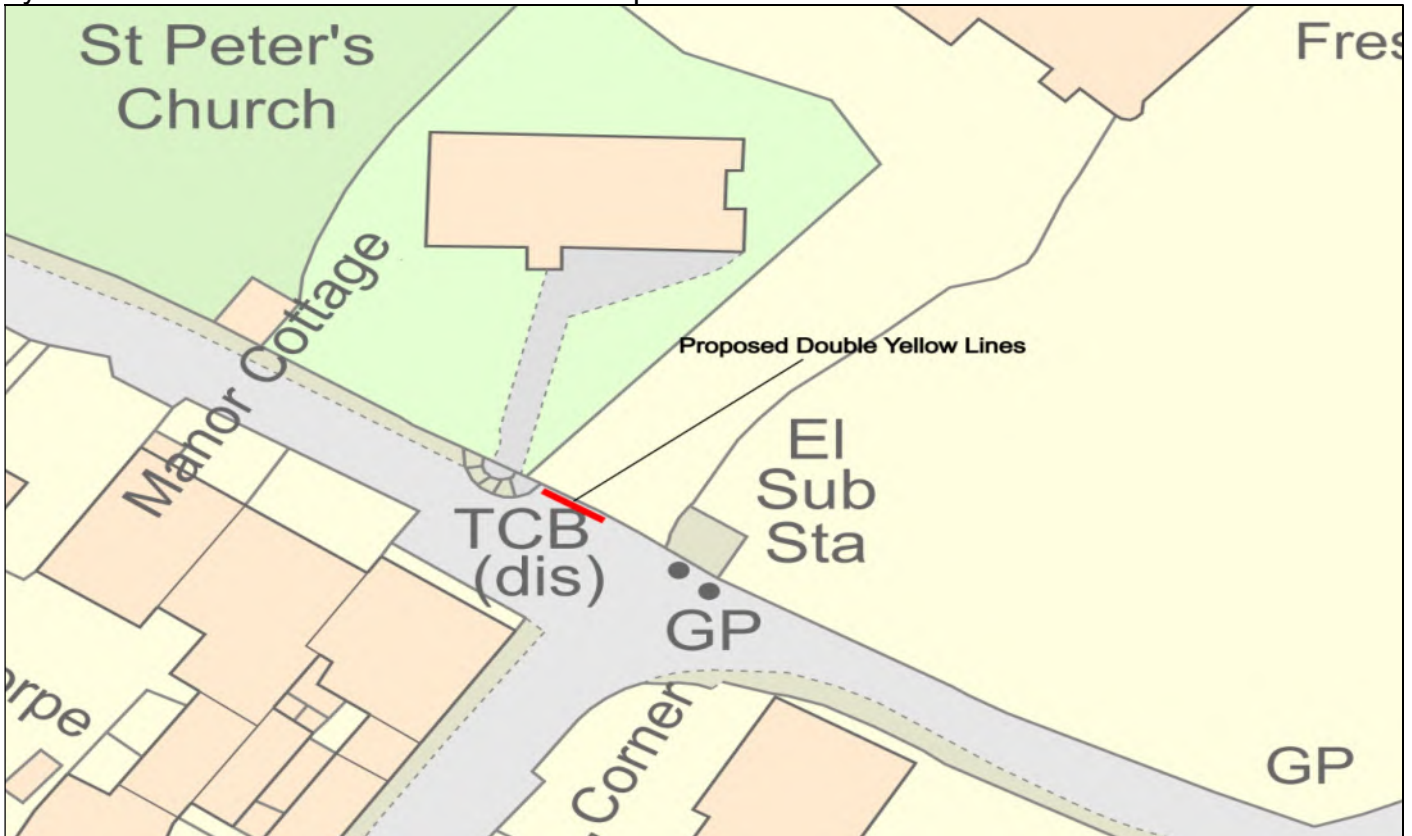
**Plan 26 – St Julian’s Road, Shoscombe** – Proposed No Parking At Any Time, No Stopping on School Keep Clear markings Mon – Fri 8am – 8pm, a Taxi parking bay and a Disabled parking bay restrictions were requested by the area Senior Traffic Management Engineer on behalf of local residents to prevent obstruction of the highway and provide available short term on-street parking.



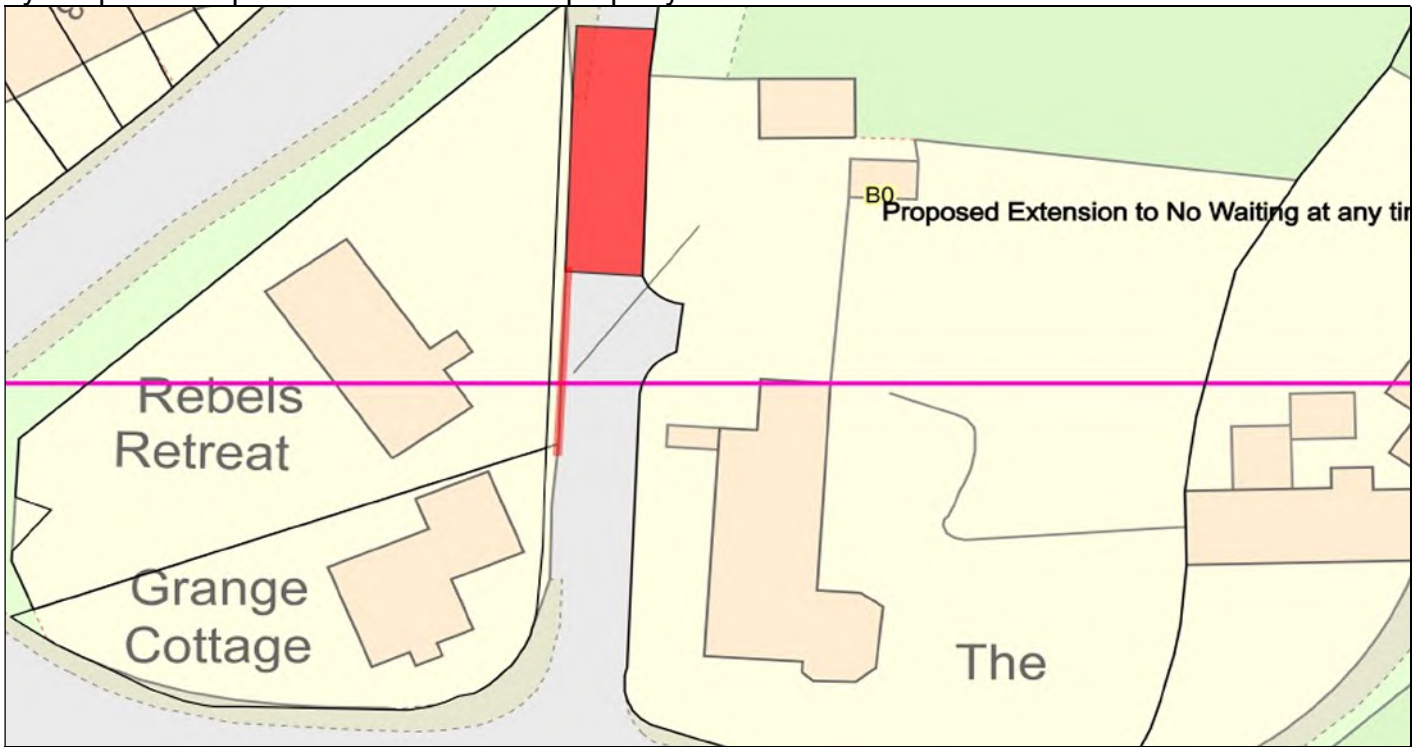
**Plan 27 – Springhill Close, Paulton** – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the area Senior Traffic Management Engineer on behalf of local residents to prevent obstruction due to parked cars for larger vehicles using the turning head.



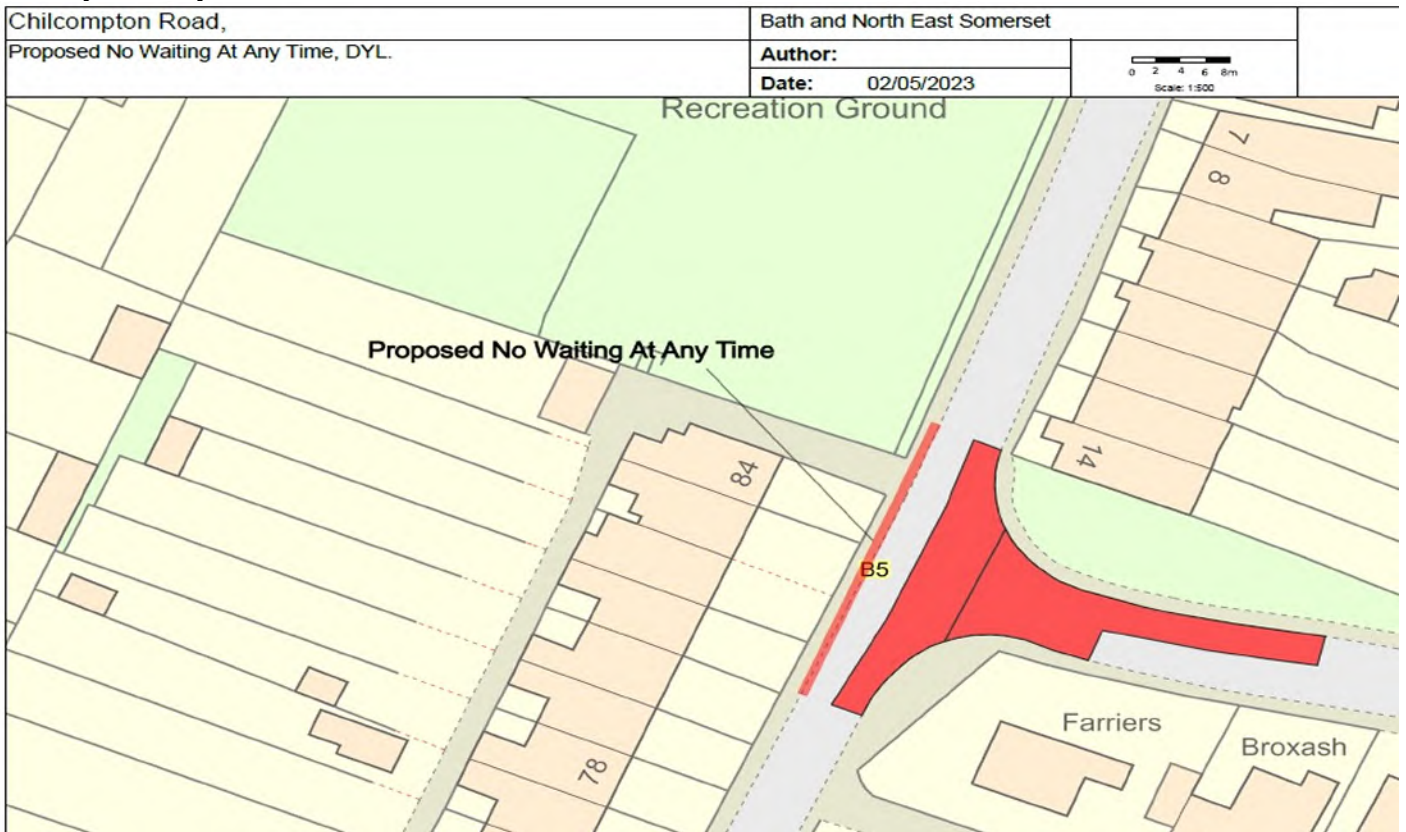
**Plan 28 – Church Hill, Freshford** – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the church warden of St Peter's Church to prevent obstruction of the new entrance.



**Plan 29 -Paulton Road, Hallatrow.** Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the police to prevent obstruction of a property entrance.

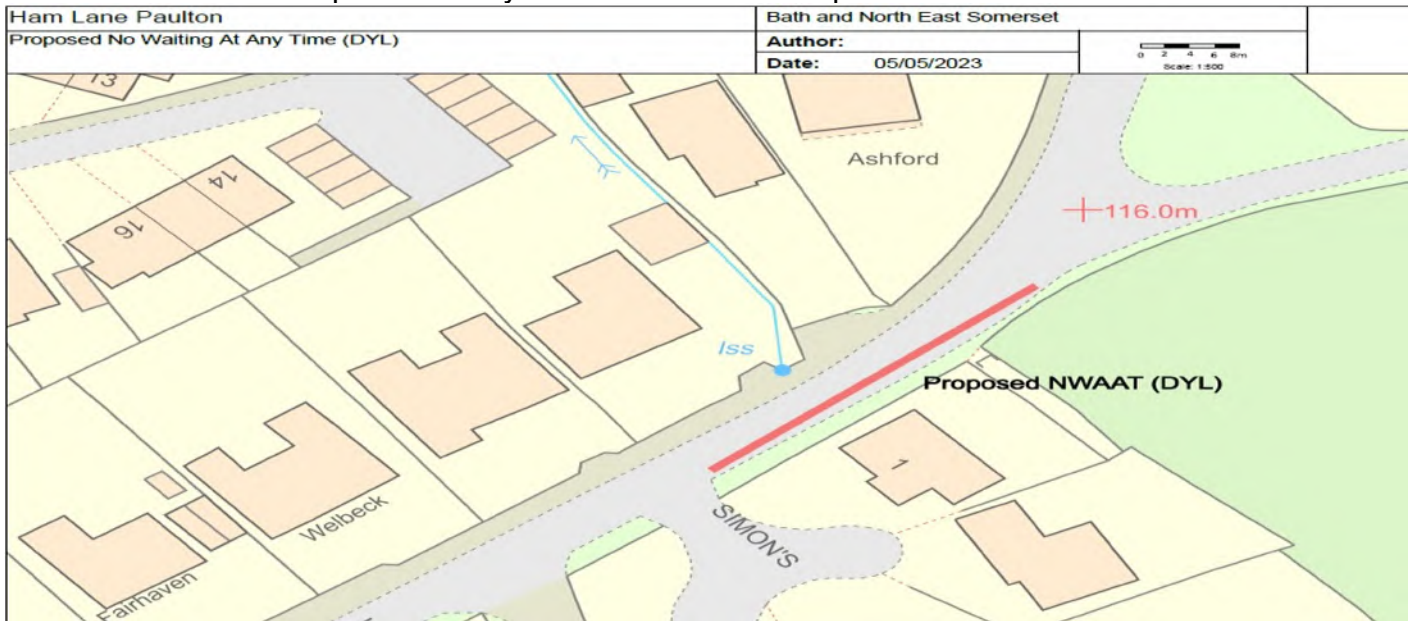


**Plan 30 - Chilcompton Road, Midsomer Norton.** Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the area Town Council to prevent obstruction of the road network and improve visibility at this junction.

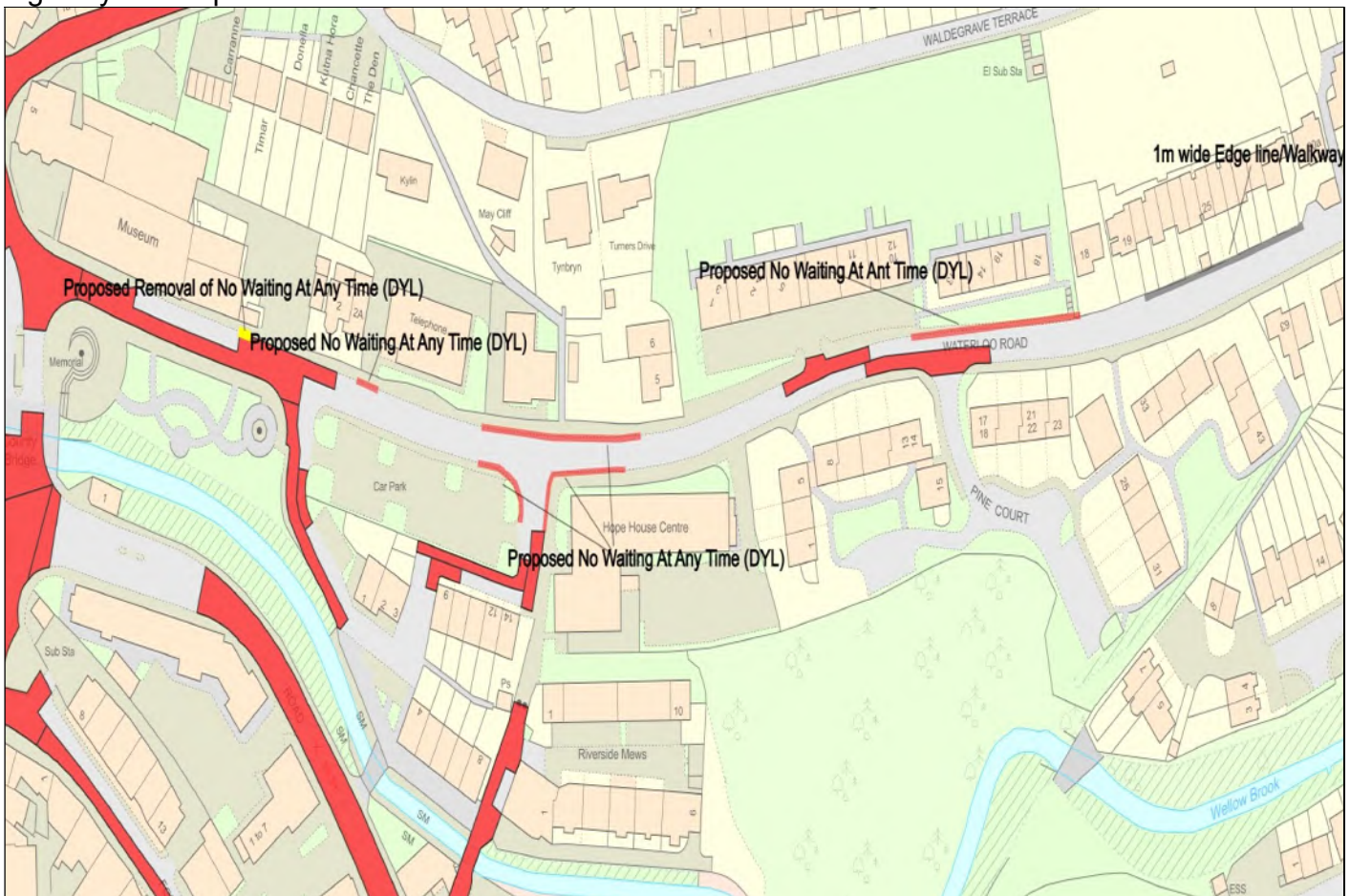




**Plan 31 – Ham Lane , Paulton** Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the war councilor to improve visibility and access to the footpath.



**Plan 32 – Waterloo Road, Radstock** - Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions and the removal of a small section of No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the area Senior Traffic Management Engineer after a site meeting with the Town Council to prevent obstruction of the highway due to parked vehicles.



**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: 30<sup>th</sup> June 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: 04/07/2023