

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 West Outer Bath Area TRO Review

PROPOSAL: Parking Restrictions

SCHEME REF No: 23 – 004

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 North West Outer Bath area.

4. **BACKGROUND**

A number of proposals for: No Parking At Any Time restrictions, the removal of existing No Parking At Any Time restrictions, 2 Hour Limited Waiting, Mon – Sat, 8am – 6pm, and the removal of existing No Parking Between Mon – Sat 8am – 4pm restrictions at various locations around the North West Outer Bath area were submitted to the Council by local residents, Ward Members and the Bath & North East Somerset Council’s 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.

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:

No comment.

Parking Services

Andrew Dunn – Parking Manager - I broadly support the implementation of the restrictions; however, 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 and this impact can vary significantly based on the officer resource available.

Ward Members:

Kingsmead:

Cllr Sue Craig – No comment.

Cllr Andrew Furse - Pleased to see restrictions to allow for turning in Audley Grove.
No further comment.

Lansdown:

Cllr Lucy Hodge – Please shorten the proposed extension of the new Double Yellow Lines in front of properties number 2 and 4 Sion Road so that they stop at the western dropped kerb stone of property number 4 and don't run in front of the joint driveway access. Also can a section of 3 to 4 cars length of existing Double Yellow Lines opposite number 10 be removed to provide additional on-street parking for local residents.

Response: Amendments made as requested by Councillor Lucy Hodge and shown in the proposal plans below.

Cllr Mark Elliott – No comment.

Newbridge:

Cllr Michelle O'Doherty – I am happy with all of the Newbridge proposals.

Cllr Mark Roper - Good to see the Newbridge ones in there.

Weston:

Cllr Ruth Malloy - In my opinion, the Double Yellow Lines on Purlewent Drive should extend beyond the current single white line to the first driveway entrance. This would then prevent anyone from parking their car so close to the corner, which is apparently what happens on a regular basis at the moment. Another idea would be to have DYs on the north side of the road (where the red car is parked in the photo) but would this mean also having to move the disabled parking space outside no. 88 Purlewent Drive. During the week there are habitually cars parked all along on both sides of this part of Purlewent Drive, but the resident I spoke to said it's the corner / junction that causes the most problems.

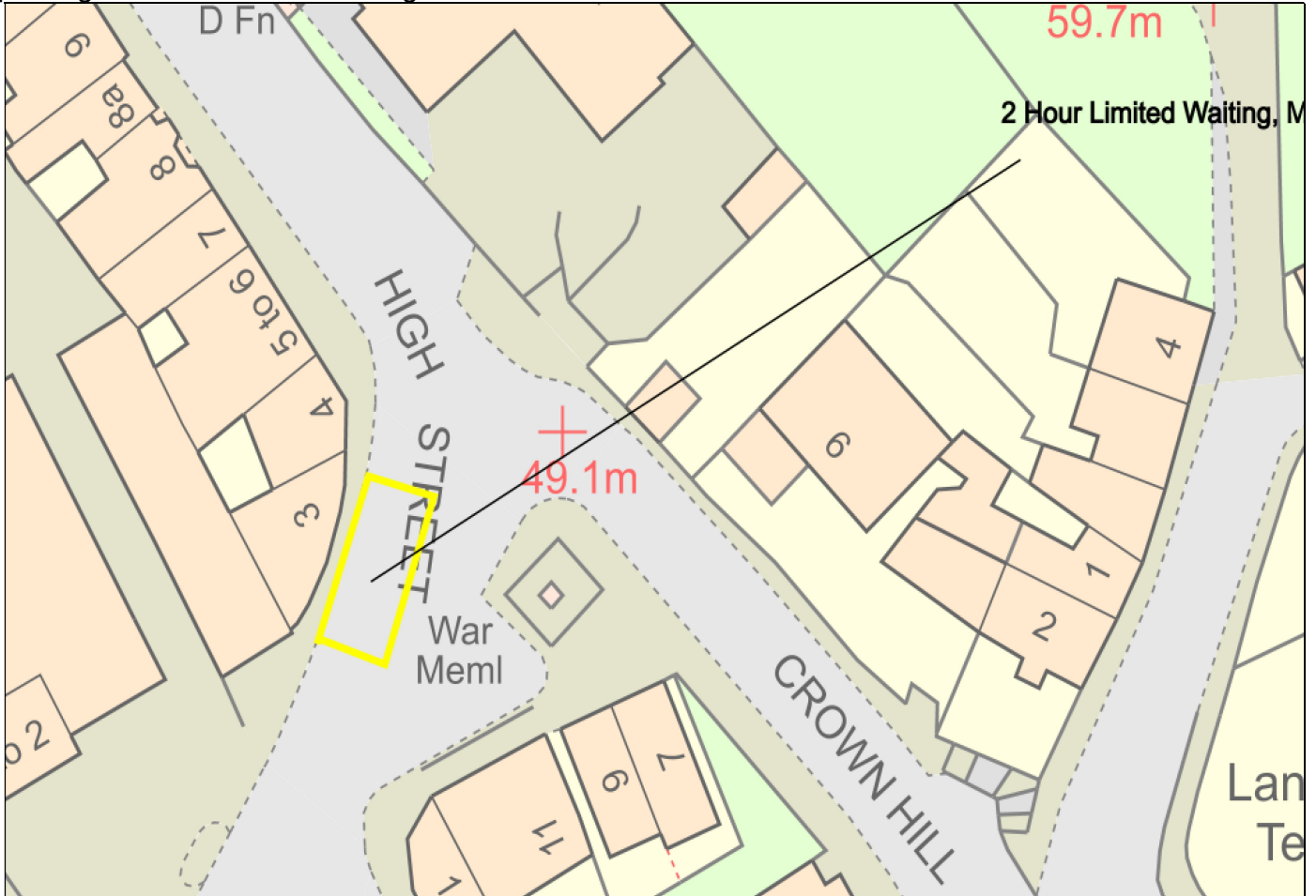
Cllr Shelley Bromley – To create more parking for residents on Church Street, the residents asked us if all the double-yellow lines at the bottom of Lucklands Road near the junction with Crown Hill are necessary. Cllr Ruth Malloy and I looked into this and think that they could be removed from just above the necessary ones round the corner at the junction up to Nethern (whose driveway can be seen in the photos) and possibly the other side of the driveway too for one space. That would create 4 parking spaces. It would be a very popular move locally to remove a length of these Double Yellow Lines as there are already Double Yellow Lines on the other side of Lucklands Road and Ruth and I can't see why they are needed. Can the two disabled bays outside Hare's Cycle shop on Weston High Street be converted into 2-hour restricted general parking bays.

Response: Amendments made as requested by the Weston Ward Members and shown in the proposal plans below.

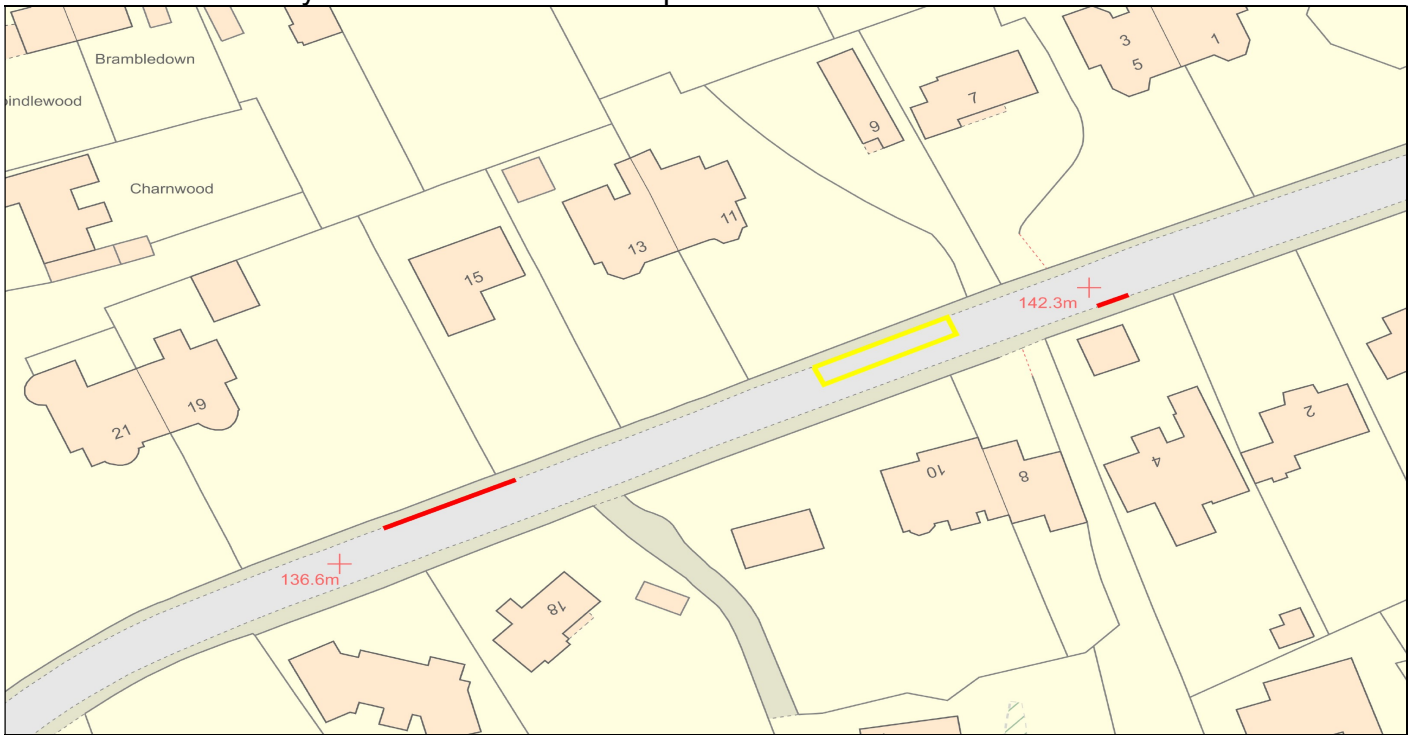
Cabinet Member:

Cllr Manda Rigby – No comment.

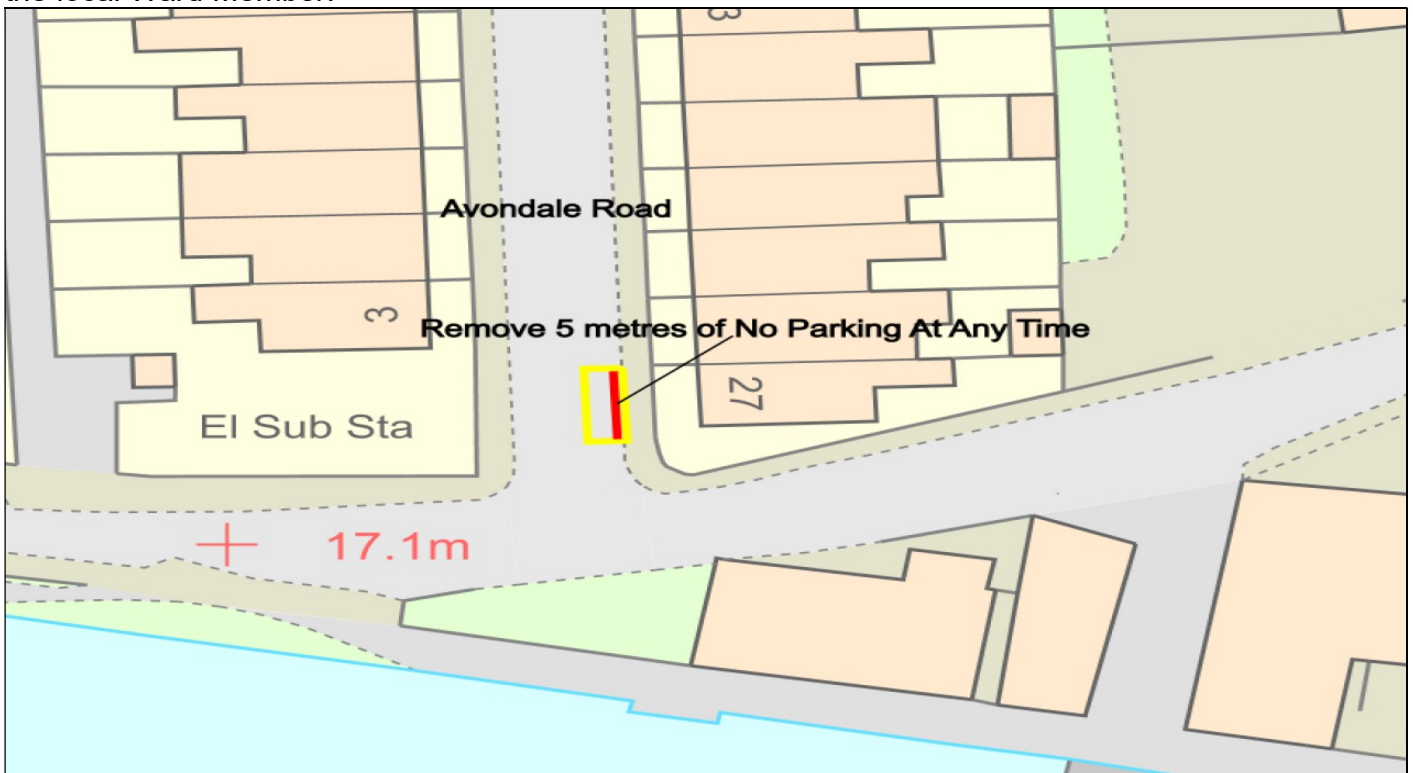
Plan 1 – High Street, Upper Weston, Bath – 2 Hour Limited Waiting bay operating Monday – Saturday, 8am – 6pm requested by the local Ward Member to provide additional short term on-street parking near the commercial High Street.



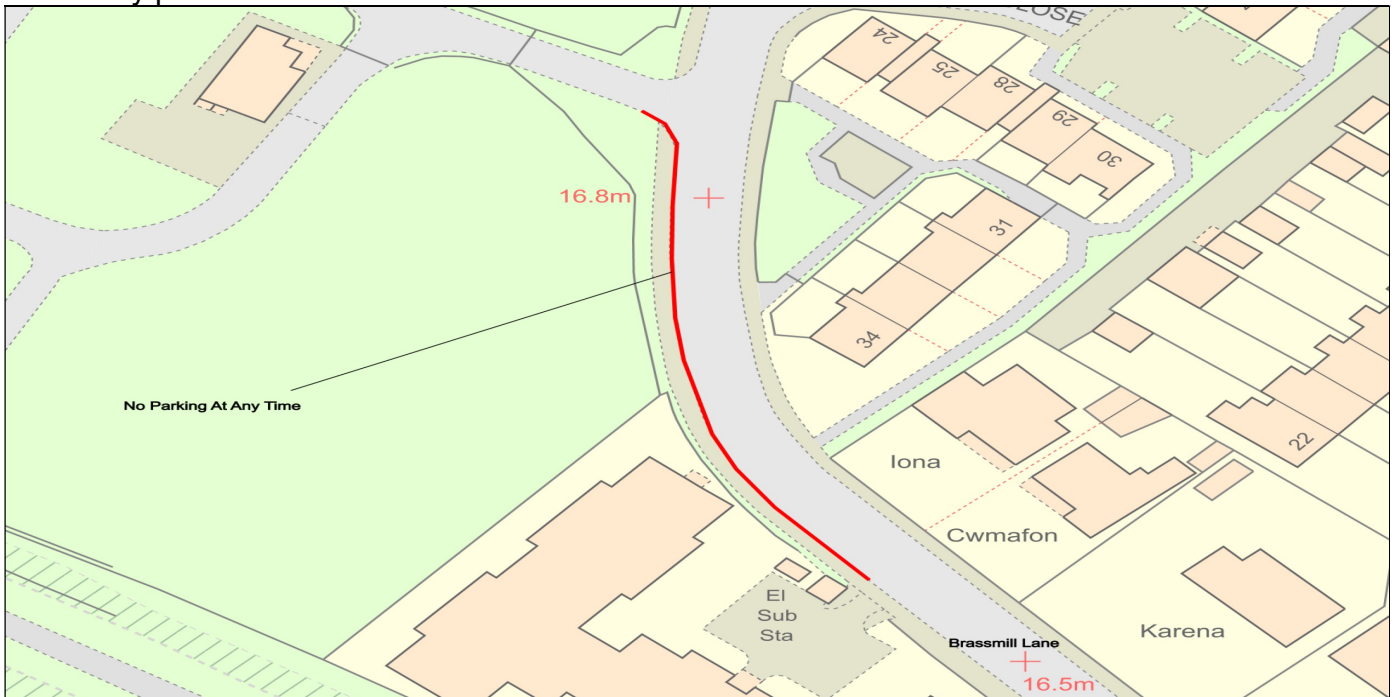
Plan 2 – Sion Road, Lansdown, Bath – The extension and the removal of 3 to 4 cars length of existing No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Ward Member to provide better access to local properties and additional on-street parking. The red shows the extended Double Yellow Lines and the yellow the removal on the plan below.



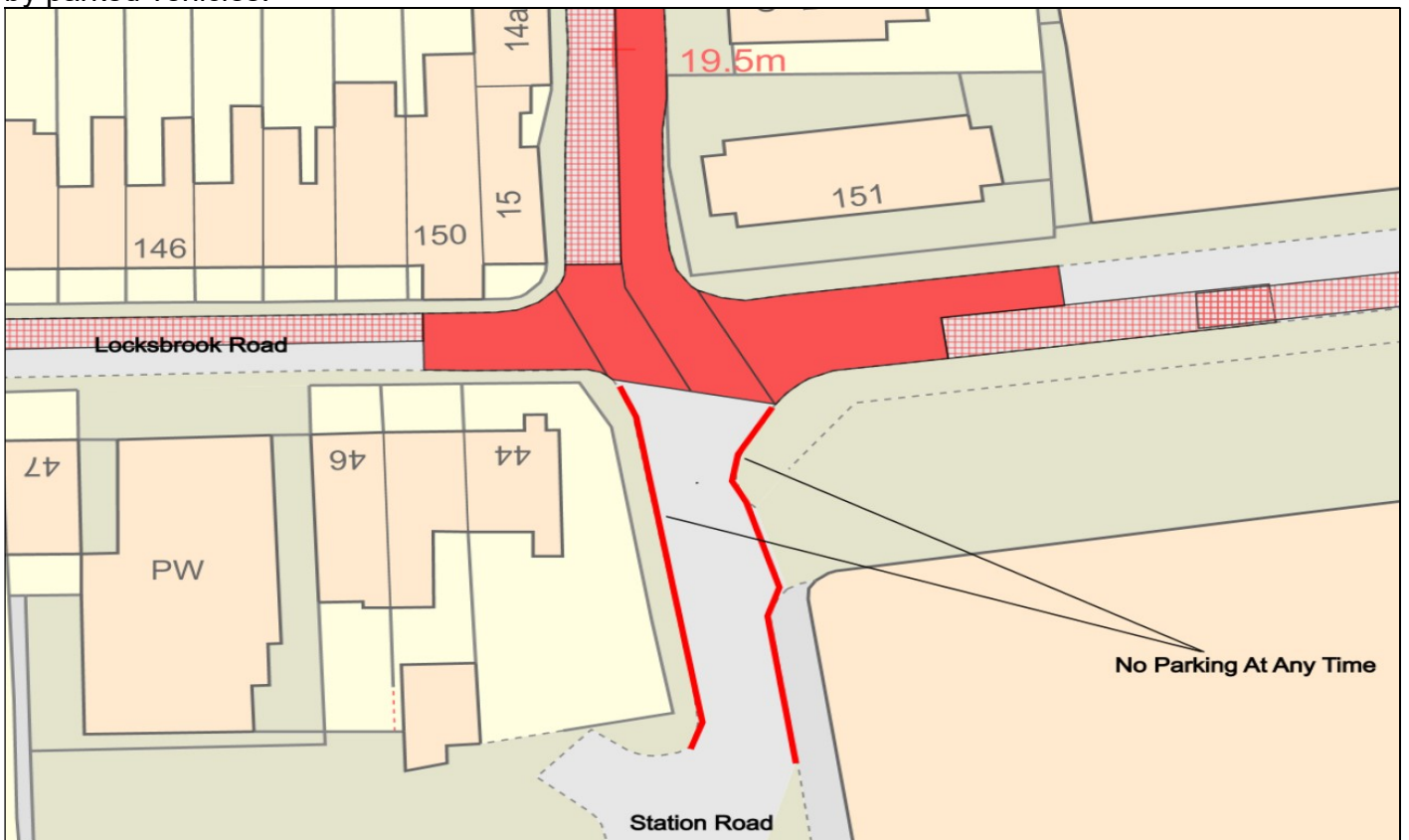
Plan 3 – Avondale Road, Newbridge, Bath – The removal of 5 metres (1 cars length) of No Parking At Any Time restrictions to provide additional on-street parking for local residents was requested by the local Ward Member.



Plan 4 – Brassmill Lane, Newbridge, Bath – No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Ward Member to prevent obstruction of larger vehicles traveling along Brassmill Lane caused by parked vehicles.



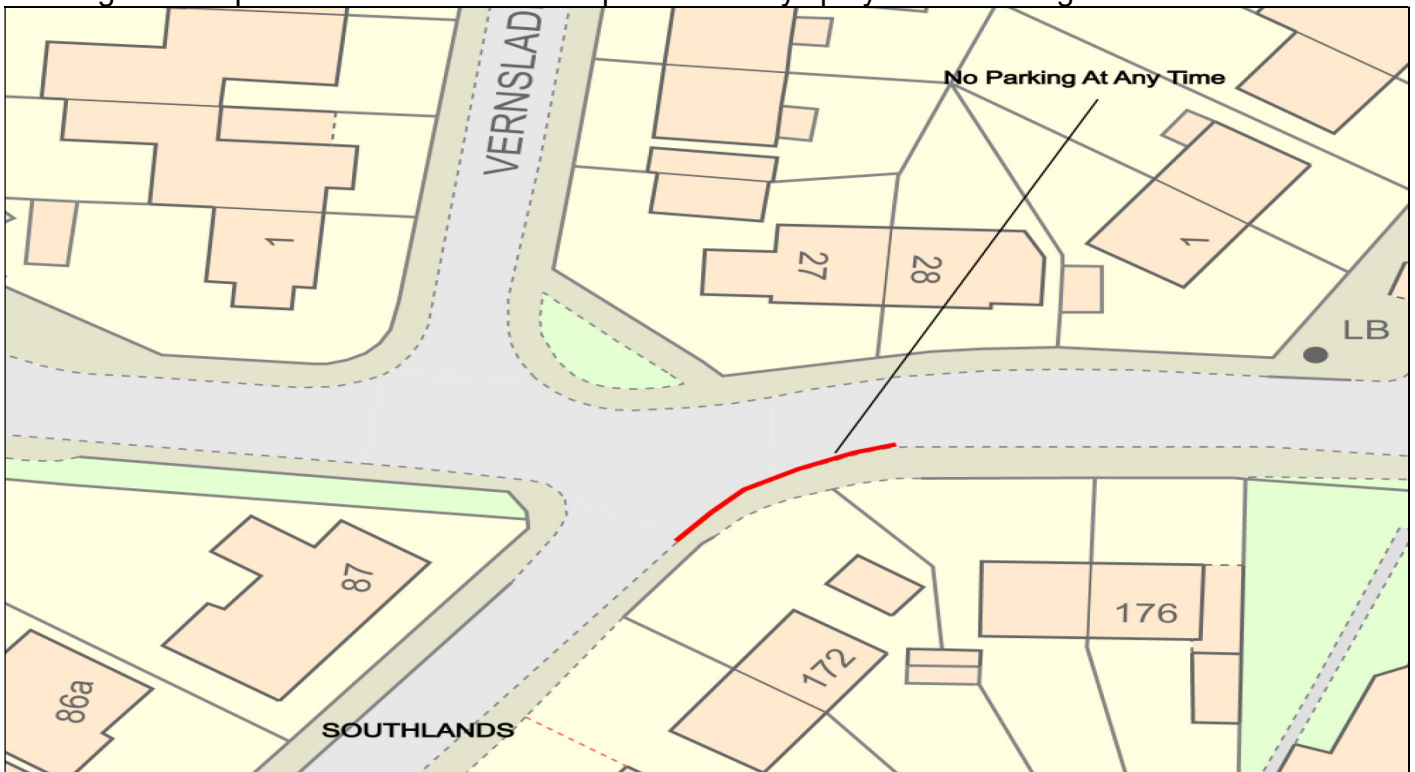
Plan 5 – Station Road, Newbridge, Bath – No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Ward Member to prevent obstruction of larger vehicles traveling along Station Road caused by parked vehicles.



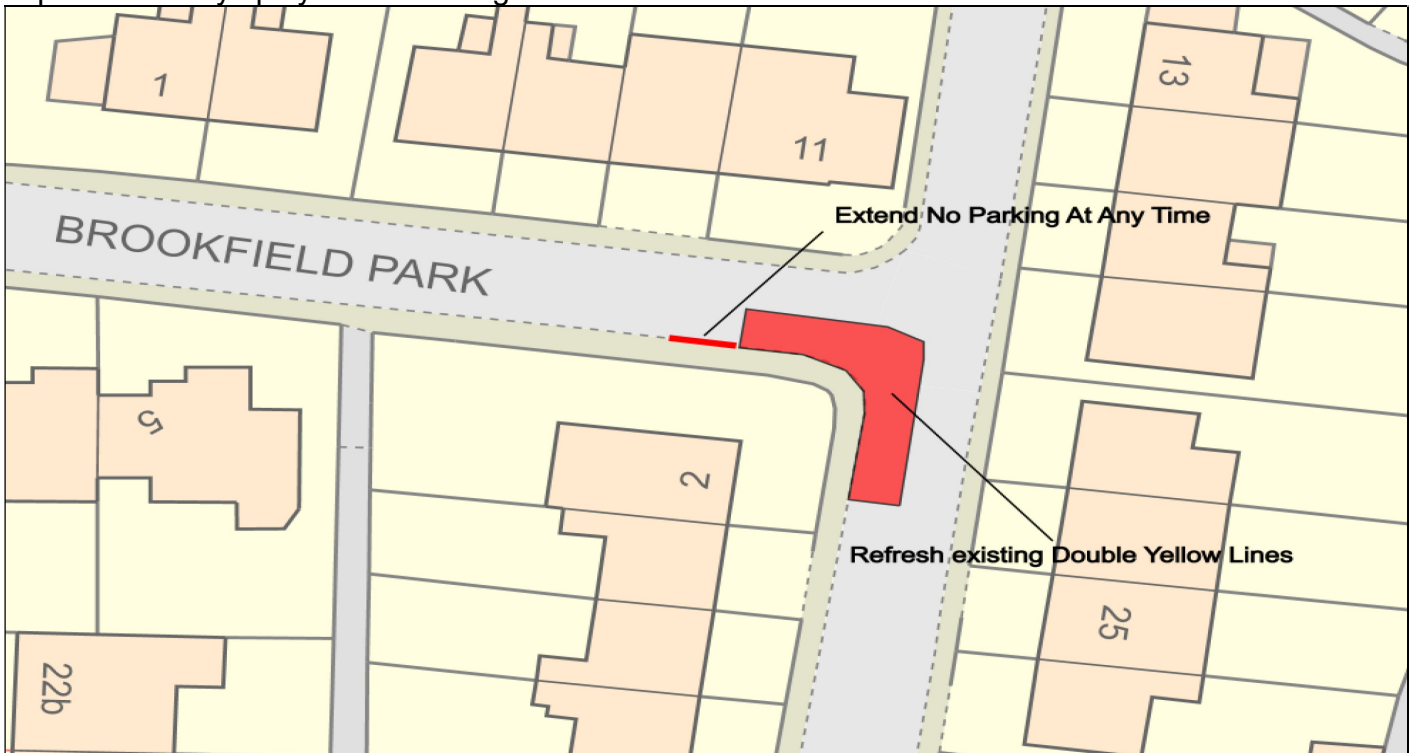
Plan 6 – Napier Road, Lansdown, Bath – No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested around the junction by the local Ward Member to prevent obstruction and improve visibility splays when exiting Napier Road onto the busy Lansdown Lane.



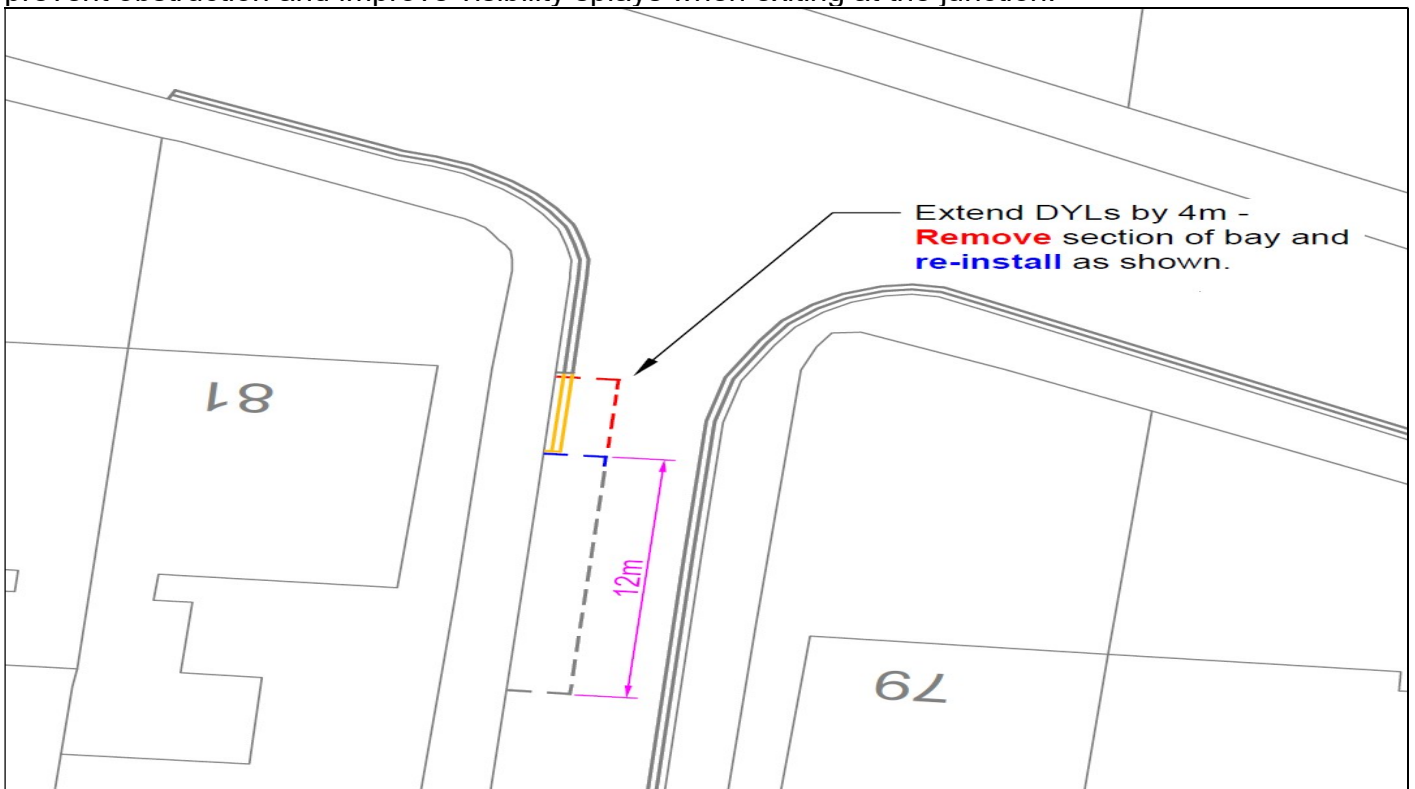
Plan 7 – Southlands, Upper Weston, Bath – No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by a local resident to be located on the junction to replace existing advisory White Keep Clear markings and to prevent obstruction and improve visibility splays when exiting.



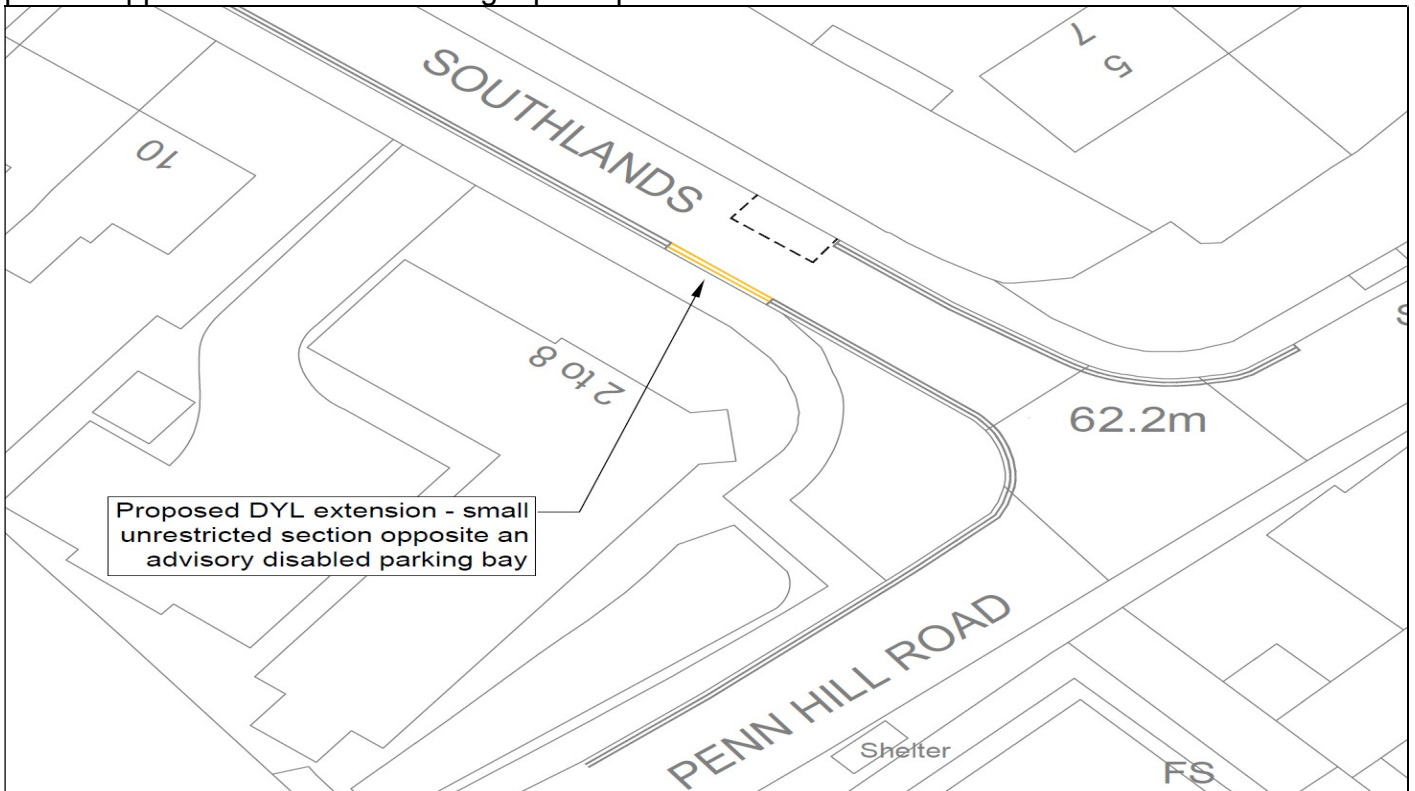
Plan 8 – Brookfield Park, Upper Weston, Bath – The re-freshment and extension of existing No Parking At Any Time restrictions was requested by a local resident to prevent obstruction and improve visibility splays when exiting.



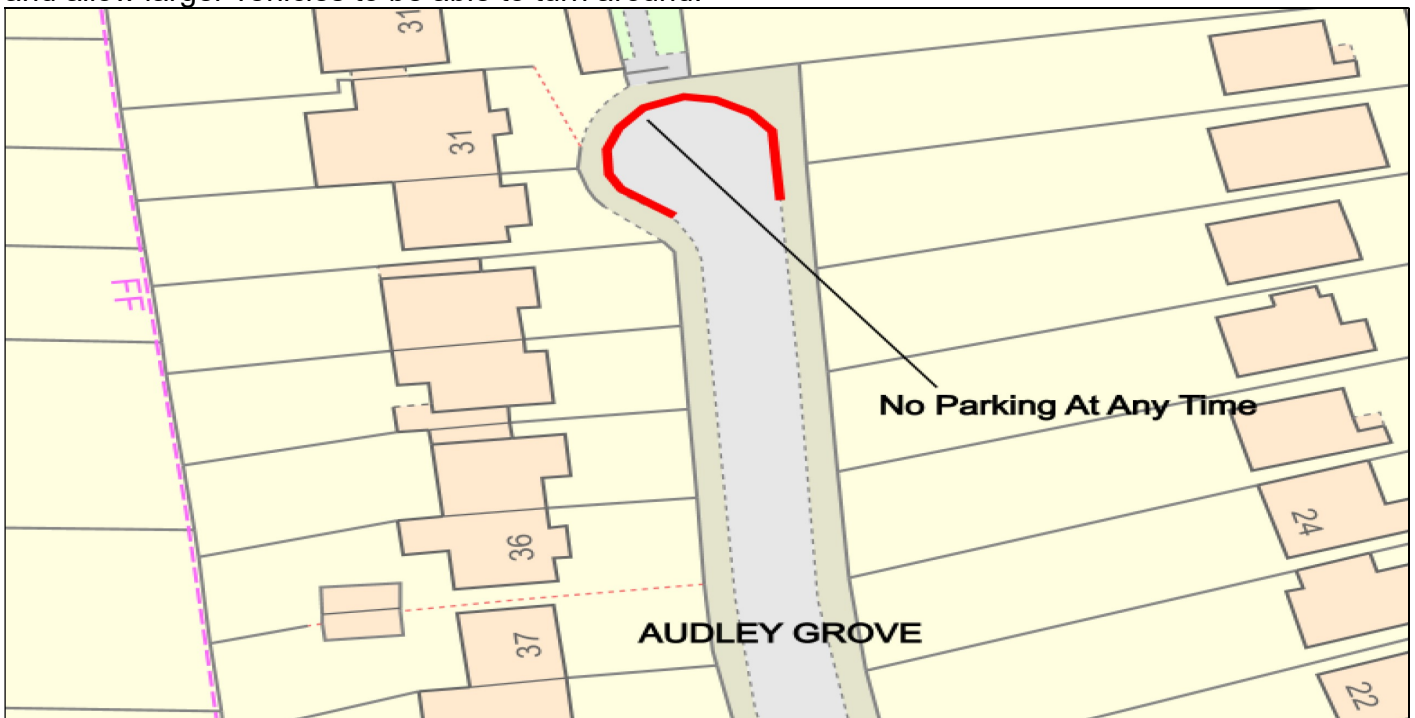
Plan 9 – Rosslyn Road, Newbridge, Bath – The extension of existing No Parking At Any Time restrictions and shortening of the advisory parking bay was requested by the local Ward Member to prevent obstruction and improve visibility splays when exiting at the junction.



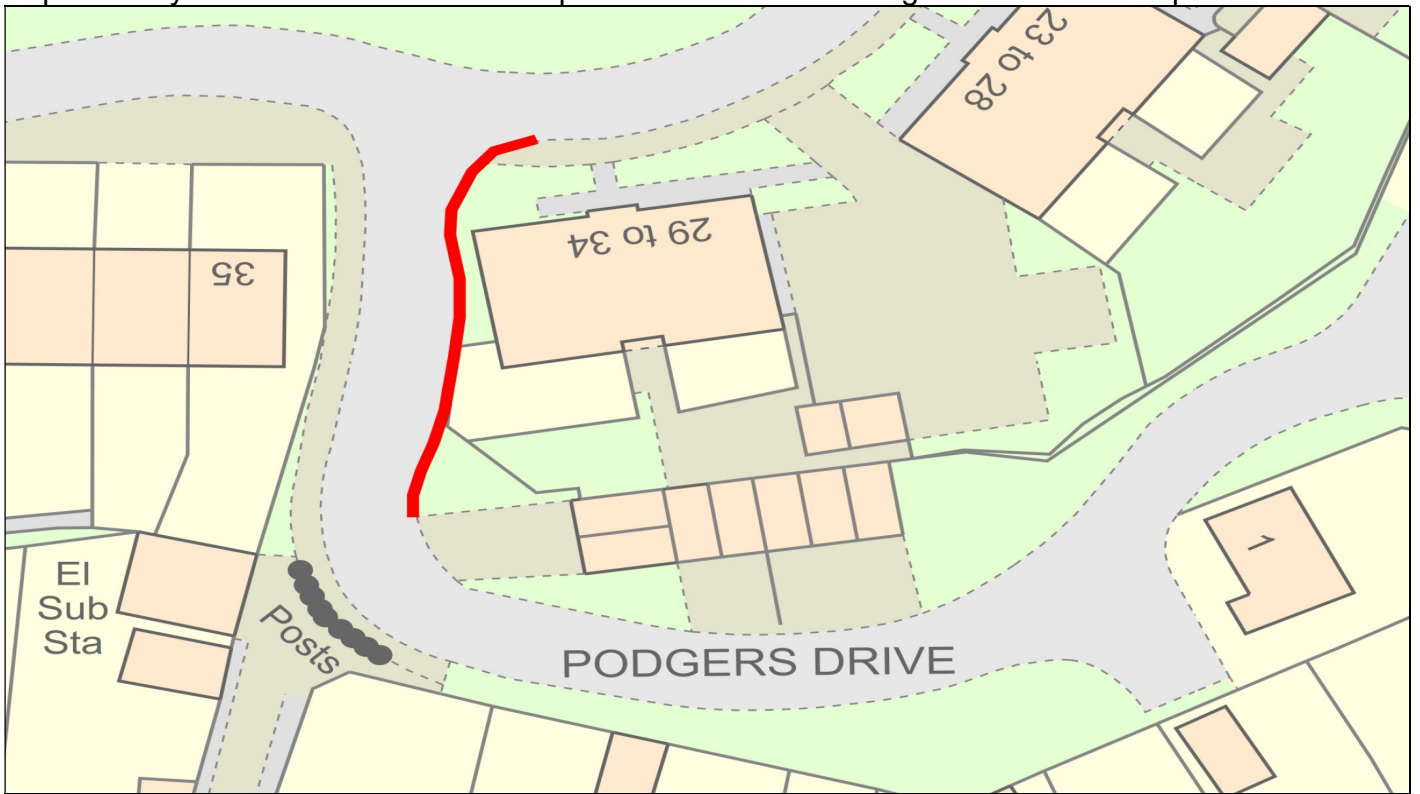
Plan 10 – Southlands, Weston, Bath – The extension of existing No Parking At Any Time restrictions was requested by a local resident to prevent obstruction to the highway when vehicles are parked opposite each other causing a pinch point.



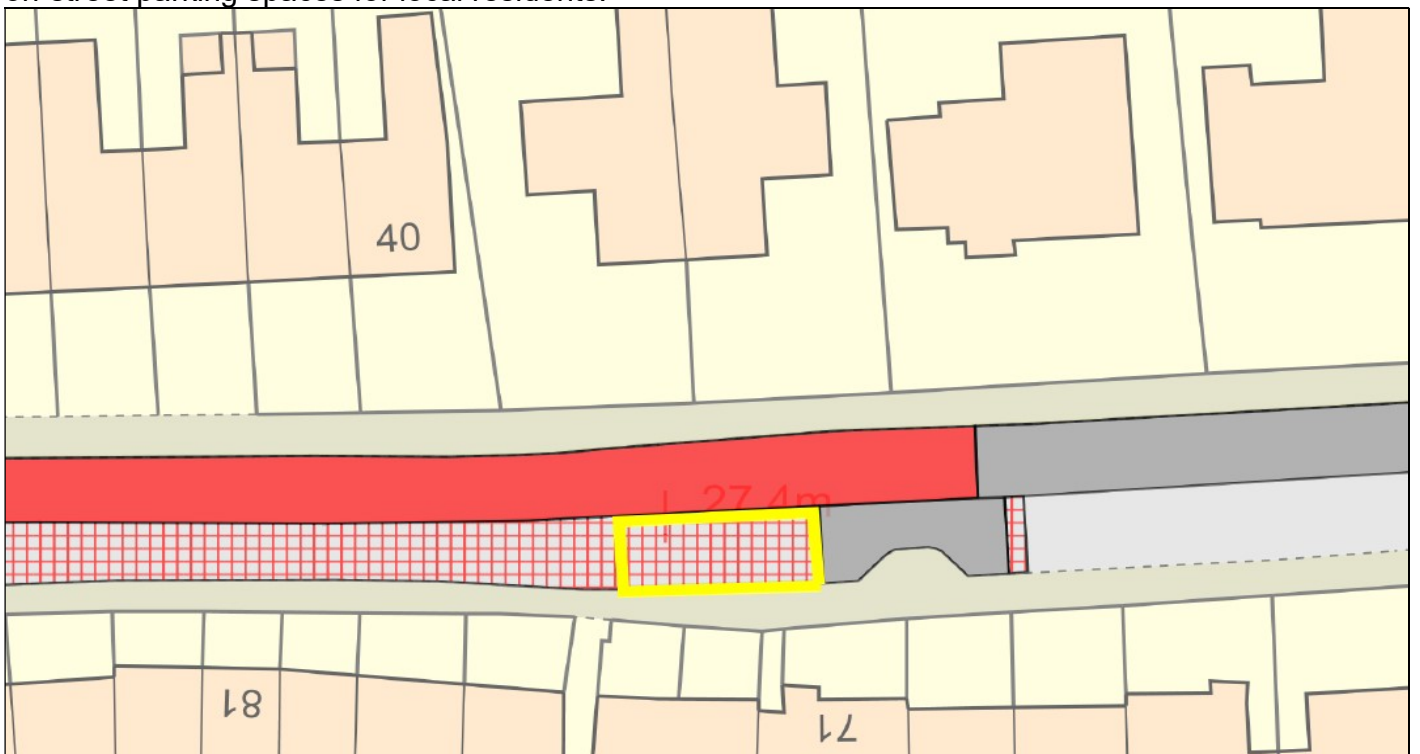
Plan 11 – Audley Grove, Lower Weston, Bath – No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Ward Member around the turning head on Audley Grove to prevent obstruction and allow larger vehicles to be able to turn around.



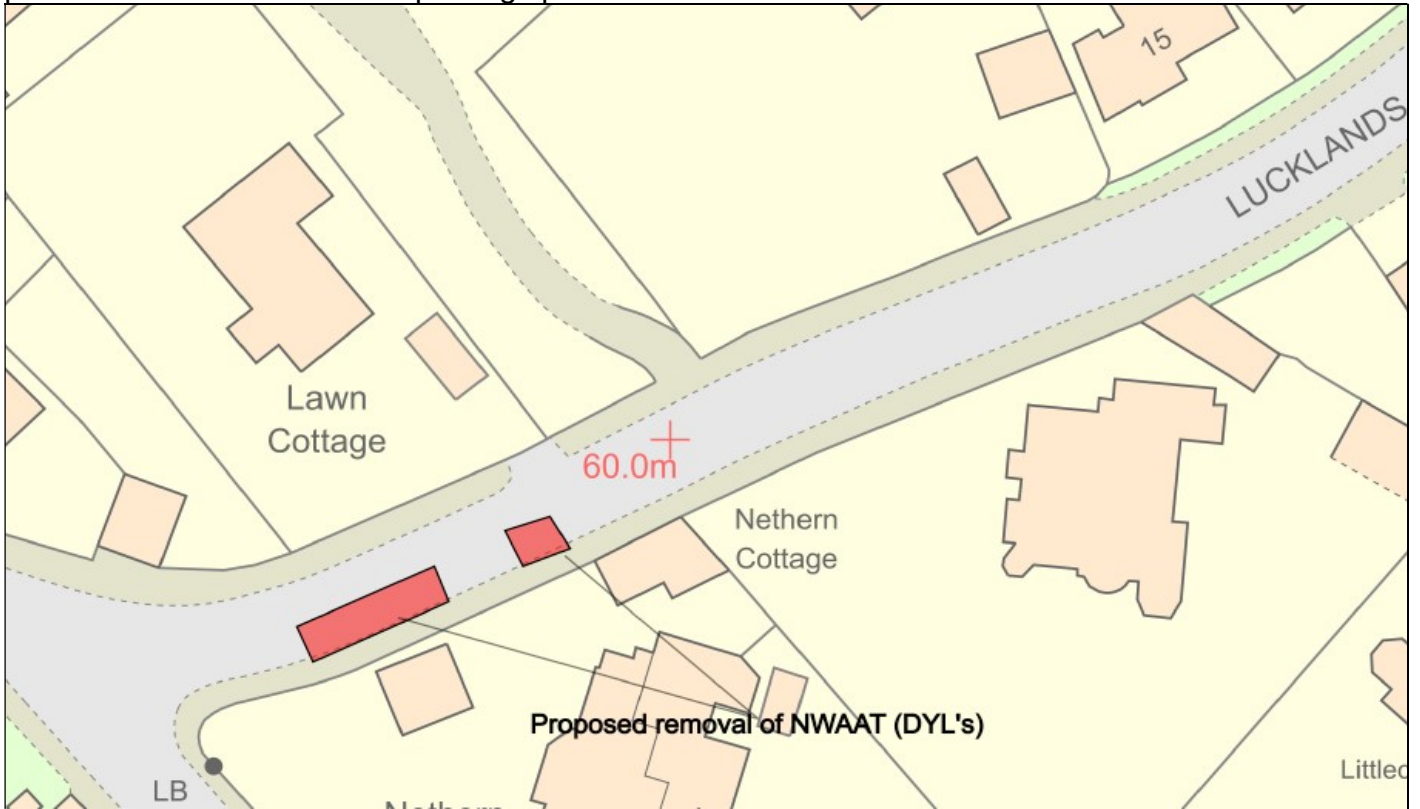
Plan 12 – Podgers Drive, Upper Weston, Bath – No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Ward Member to prevent obstruction of larger vehicles due to parked cars.



Plan 13 – Newbridge Road, Newbridge, Bath – The removal of a section of No Parking Between Mon – Sat, 8am – 4pm restriction was requested by the local Ward Member to provide 2 additional on-street parking spaces for local residents.



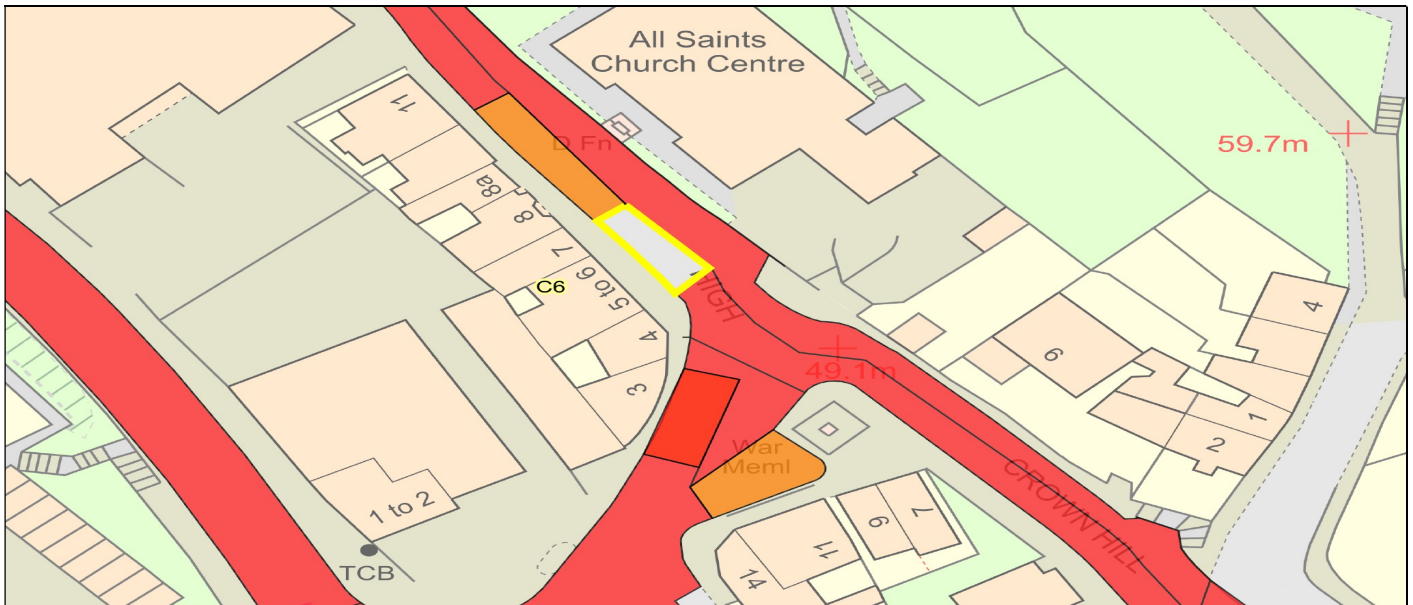
Plan 14 Lucklands Road, Upper Weston - Proposed removal of a section of the existing No Waiting At Any Time restriction as shown on the plan was requested by the local Ward Member to provide 4 additional on-street parking spaces for local residents.



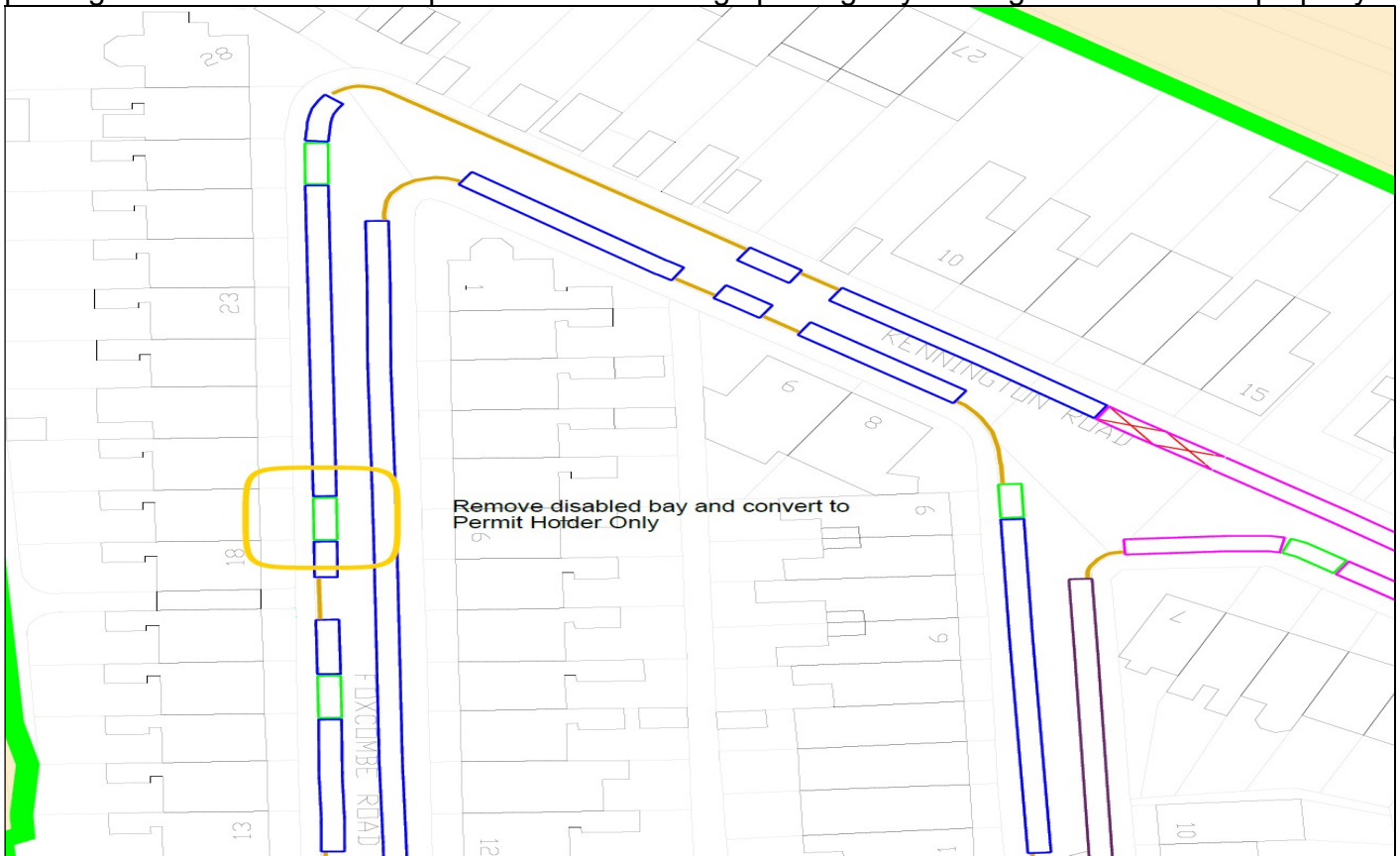
Plan 15 Purlewent Drive, Weston - No Parking At Any Time restriction were requested by the local Ward Members to prevent obstruction due to parked cars.



Plan 16 High Street, Weston – The removal of the existing Disabled Parking bays at the southern end of the High Street, Weston (show by the yellow box) and extension of the 2 Hour Limited Waiting bay to provide more short term parking for local businesses was requested by the local Ward Members.



Plan 17 – Additional Plan added at the request of the Director for Place Management for a Disabled Parking bay on Foxcombe Road, Newbridge to be removed and converted to Permit Holder Only parking as the resident who requested the Blue Badge parking bay no longer resides at the property.



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.

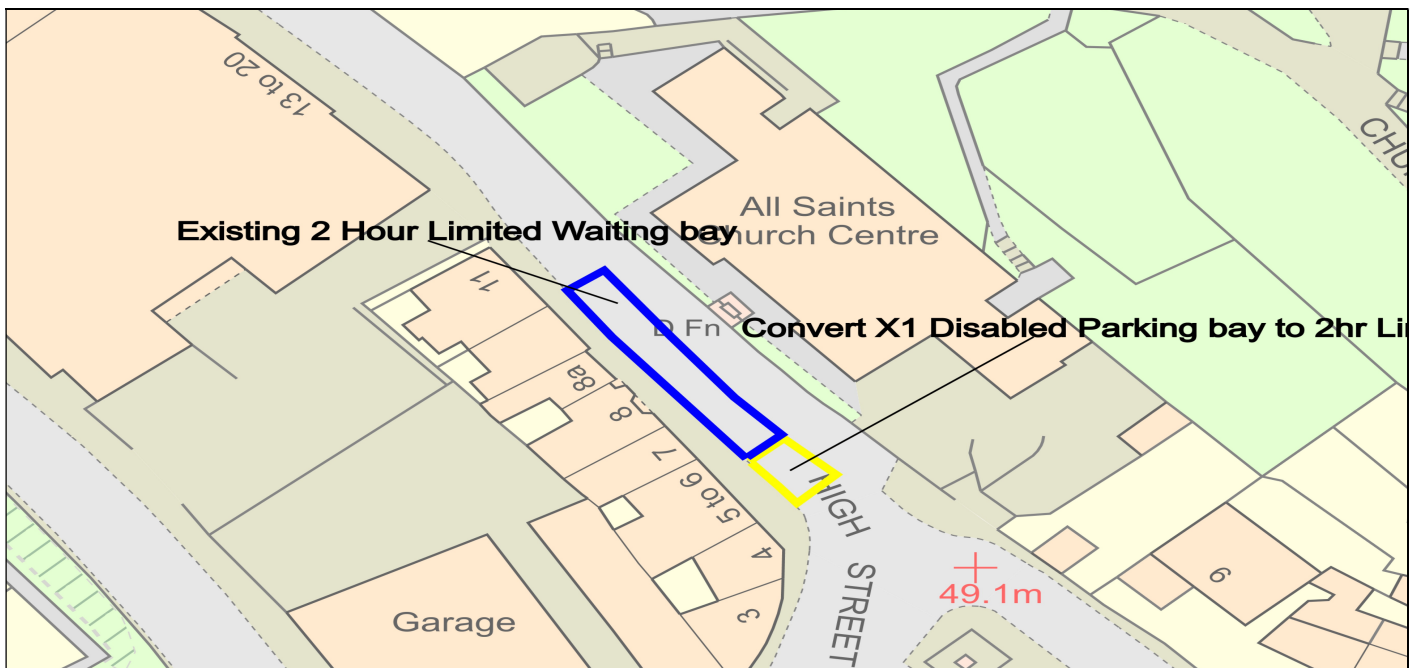
Gary Peacock
Head of Highways Delivery Parking Passenger Transport

Date: 13th Feb 2023

Amendments made to Order to address concerns raised regarding conflicting schemes:

Plan 7 and Plan 10 – Southlands, Weston - for No Parking At Any Time restrictions have been removed from this Order due to the current Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) taking place on this road and the resulting loss of on-street parking. These 2 proposals for additional No Parking At Any Time restrictions will be considered as part of the decision making process on whether to make the ETRO on Southlands permanent after the 6 month public consultation has concluded later this year. The Traffic Management Team will then have a better understanding of local residents wishes at that time and can use an evidence led approach.

Plan 16 – High Street, Weston – Conversion of 2 Disabled Parking Spaces into 2 Hour Limited Waiting. This proposal was requested by the local Ward Members to reflect the changing usage patterns after the implementation of additional dedicated Disabled Parking bays in the middle of the High Street. It has been agreed with both Ward Members approval that this proposal plan will be amended (as below) to convert only one Disabled Parking Bay into 2 Hour Limited Waiting at this time. The impact of this conversion can then be monitored to ensure the 3 remaining Disabled bays on the High Street are providing enough Blue Badge parking facilities for access to the local businesses.



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: 24/02/2023