

OFFICER DECISION REPORT - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

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OUTCOME OF TRO PROCESS

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

TITLE OF REPORT:	Keynsham & Saltford Area TRO Review
PROPOSAL:	Parking Restrictions
SCHEME REF No:	23-005
REPORT AUTHOR:	Kris Gardom

1. DELEGATION

The delegation to be exercised in this report is contained within **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 Keynsham and Saltford area.

4. **BACKGROUND**

A number of proposals for: No Parking At Any Time restrictions, School Keep Clear markings, No Waiting / No Loading At Any Time, and Limited Waiting at various locations around the Keynsham and Saltford 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.

5. **SOURCE OF FINANCE**

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

6. **INFORMAL CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT**

Informal consultation was carried out with the Chief Constable, Ward Members, and the Cabinet Member for Transport.

The responses to the informal consultation can be found in TRO report number 3.

7. **OBJECTIONS / COMMENTS RECEIVED (following the public advertisement of the proposal(s))**

The objection / comments received have been summarised below with the technical responses in italics underneath each one. **Appendix 1** attached to this report includes the full responses received during the 21-day public consultation.

Plan 3 – Maple Walk, Keynsham (No Parking At Any Time)

Objections – 9 (including a petition with 32 names), Support – 0, Support in part - 0

Objection main points raised:

- 1) Loss of on-street parking for local residents.
- 2) Residents having to park on the busy main road.

- 3) No spaces for elderly residents or visitors.
- 4) Residents with young children having to load kids on busy main road.
- 5) Residents parking on the main road means they cannot keep an eye on their vehicles.
- 6) There is no evidence of poor visibility or vehicles approaching at high speed.
- 7) There have been no accidents, or damage only accidents recorded on Maple Walk.
- 8) The costs involved do not warrant any benefit.

Response: Due to the objections raised above by local residents and the comments received below from the local Ward Member Cllr Alan Hale in support of these objections, it is the recommendation of this report that the proposed restrictions on Maple Walk, Keynsham are removed from this Order and not implemented on-site.

Plan 7 – Temple Street, Keynsham (No Parking At Any Time / No Loading At Any Time / Limited Waiting)

Objections – 1, Support – 0, Support in part - 0

Objection:

I am a resident of South Block Riverside on Temple Street Keynsham. I just parked my car opposite the building in Carpenters Road and noticed a sign attached to the lamp post. It stated notice given to make Temple Street a no parking area. I wholeheartedly reject this proposal. I would never have bought my flat if I had known this was likely to happen. Having parking directly outside the building is handy for loading/unloading shopping etc and my parents are not extremely mobile so having the opportunity for them to park close to the building when visiting is helpful. Moving into the building would've been a nightmare had I not been able to park outside. Temple Street is not just a place of business, people live here and pay council tax so please think about our needs rather than just the needs of visitors you want to attract.

Response: The proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions only cover two small sections of Temple Street removing 4 cars length of parking, with the majority of the current on-street parking being retained for local residents and visitors to the high street. Therefore, as only one objection was received to this proposal it is the recommendation of this report that the proposed restrictions are sealed within this Order as advertised and implemented on-site.

No Objections received to:

Plan 1 – Warwick Road / Farleigh Road, Keynsham

Plan 2 – Fairfield Way, Keynsham

Plan 4 – Manor Road, Saltford

Plan 5 – Sunnymead / Wellsway, Keynsham

Plan 6 – The Park, Keynsham

Response:

As there were no objections received to these proposals it is recommended that these restrictions be approved and sealed within the Order.

Chief Constable

No comment.

Parking Services

No comment.

Ward Members

Cllr Hal MacFie – No comment.

Cllr Victor Clarke – No comment.

Cllr Brain Simmons – No comment.

Cllr Alastair Singleton – No comment.

Cllr Lisa O'Brien – No comment.

Cllr Alan Hale - I wish to make it clear that I fully support the objections raised re the proposed lines for the garage entrance in the hammer head of the cul de sac of Maple Walk.

Cllr Duncan Hounsell - I fully support the above proposal to both extend and introduce keep clear markings in Manor Road at the top entrance to the school, playing fields, and nursery, in the interests of children's safety.

Cllr Andy Wait – No comment.

Keynsham Town Council Clerk – No comment.

Saltford Parish Council Clerk - Thank you for the TRO consultation following Saltford PC's request made in July 2022 for additional and extended school 'Keep Clear' lines on Manor Road, Saltford. This is to let you know that Saltford Parish Council fully supports '2. Introduce School Keep Clear Markings in lengths of Manor Road, Saltford', on the grounds of safety.

Cabinet Member for Transport

Cllr Manda Rigby – No comment.

8. **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Traffic Regulation Order is adjusted as described below and sealed.



Paul Garrod
Traffic Management & Network Manager

Date: 3rd April 2023

9. **DECISION**

As the Officer holding the above delegation, I have decided that the objections / comments be acceded to in part and the following adjustments, being of minor significance; be included in the Order to be sealed.

specify minor amendment to Order here:

Plan 3 – Maple Walk, Keynsham – Proposed restrictions removed from the Order at the request of local residents and Cllr Alan Hale.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Major', located above the printed name.

Chris Major
Date: 31/05/23
Director for Place Management