

OFFICER DECISION REPORT – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

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PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION (Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport Delivery)

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

TITLE OF REPORT:	Arlington Road, Bath
PROPOSAL:	Revocation of Prescribed Turn (Right Turn Only)
SCHEME REF No:	26-039
REPORT AUTHOR:	Sadie Cox-Alcuaz

1. DELEGATION

The delegation to be exercised in this report is contained within **Part 2 Section 2.35** of the Constitution under the **Delegations of Functions to Officers**, as follows:

Section A	The Chief Executive, Executive Director - Chief Operating Officer, 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 their area of responsibility.
Section D	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 and the Head of Highways Delivery hold 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 revoke the prescribed right turn only for vehicles exiting the carpark located on Arlington Road (approximately 35m south of the junction with Livingston Road) which currently directs traffic towards Shaftsbury Road.

The proposal is shown in Appendix 1 to this report.

4. **REASON**

Please refer to the Statement of Reasons.

The Council has had in mind and discharged the duty (as set out in section 122(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984) to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) so far as practicable. It has also had regard to the factors which point in favour of the removal of the right turn only. This has balanced the various considerations and concluded that it is appropriate to promote the order revocation. The Council has also considered and discharged its network management duty under section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004. It has concluded that the proposed revocation of the order is consistent with that duty, having regard to its other policies and objectives.

5. **IMPACT ON EQUALITIES**

An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken in relation traffic management schemes, which is available upon request. The Council has had due regard to the needs set out in section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010. It considers that the proposed Order is consistent with the section 149 public sector equality duty, which it has discharged.

6. **IMPACT ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

The proposals are considered to have a minimal impact on human rights (such as the right to respect for private and family life and the right to peaceful enjoyment of property). However, the Council is entitled to affect these rights where it is in accordance with the law, necessary (in the interests of public safety or economic well-being, to prevent disorder and crime, to protect health, or to protect the rights and freedoms of others), in pursuit of a legitimate aim and proportionate to do so. The proposal(s) within this report are considered to be in accordance with the law, necessary, in pursuit of a legitimate aim and proportionate.

7. **SOURCE OF FINANCE**

The scheme is a Developer funded TRO.

8. **CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT**

The proposal requires consultation with the Chief Constable, Emergency Services, Road Haulage Association, Freight Transport Association (Logistics UK), Parking Services, Waste Services, Ward Members and the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport Delivery.

9. **COMMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE**

Chief Constable -

Regarding the proposals to revoke the right turn only manoeuvre for vehicles exiting the carpark on Arlington Road (approximately 35m south of the junction with Livingston Road) which currently directs traffic towards Shaftsbury Road. as shown on the attached plan –

It is understood from the Statement of Reasons that *“The removal of this prescribed right-turn-only restriction for vehicles exiting the car park would permit vehicular movement towards Livingston Road, thus removing the existing requirement for all vehicles to head towards Shaftsbury Road when leaving the car park.”*

It is noted that this would make the short section of Arlington Road between the carpark and Livingston Road into a two way section, as there is a No Entry restriction from Shaftsbury Road onto Arlington Road. Please could you clarify how this two way section will be signed, given the historic nature of the right turn only manoeuvre? (I believe this dates back to when the car park served the “Scala” premises.) Will the section of Arlington Road be given centre line and Give Way markings?

Will there be signage introduced on Livingston Road to advise motorists that the long standing “one way” movement on Arlington Road has been revoked and the junction made into a two way access/egress?

(If you would like a Teams chat to discuss the above queries, please give me a call)

Officer Response - A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was previously made under reference 23-001 to revoke a section of the existing one-way order. Associated lining and signing works, in accordance with drawing SCA-1SS-XX-XXDR-C-3650 P03 – TRO Plan, were undertaken at that time to reflect those changes on site. The restriction to revoke the *right-turn-only* movement was not applied for as part of the original development and therefore was not included within TRO 23-001. The purpose of the current TRO is to address this omission and to bring the road markings and signage fully into alignment with the relevant Traffic Regulation Orders now in force.

Emergency Services – No Comment

Road Haulage Association – No Comment

Freight Transport Association – No Comment

Parking Services – No Comment

Waste Services – No Comment

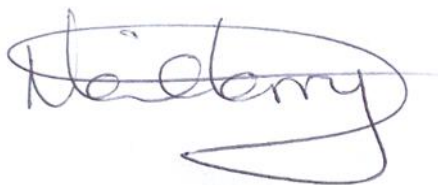
Ward Member

Cllr Ian Halsall – Thank you for consulting me on this proposed TRO as ward member.

This proposal has been under consideration since the Scala site was developed.

I would have no concerns about removing the prescribed turn right only given that the remainder of Arlington Road will remain one-way but will hopefully lead to less traffic flow from vehicles exiting the Scala / Co-op site heading towards Shaftesbury Road giving drivers the option to turn left and onto Livingstone Road.

REPORT APPROVED FOR CIRCULATION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT DELIVERY.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Neil Terry', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Neil Terry
Traffic Management and Network Manager

Date: 14/05/2026