

# 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

<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>Bloomfield Road, Bath</b>
<b>PROPOSAL:</b>	<b>Amendments to waiting restrictions and associated relocation of parking bays and the southbound bus stop clearway on Bloomfield Road</b>
<b>SCHEME REF No:</b>	<b>26-006</b>
<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Thomas Slane</b>

### 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 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
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(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)	

This proposal is made in accordance with Section 90G of the Highways Act 1980, which empowers the Highway Authority to construct traffic-calming works for the purpose of reducing vehicle speeds. The measures proposed in this report are therefore brought forward under this provision.

### 3. **PROPOSAL**

Introduction of two uncontrolled pedestrian crossing points, including associated footway buildouts and a priority road-narrowing feature, along Bloomfield Road in Bath near the Bloomfield Green public open space. The proposals require the relocation of existing restricted parking bays on both the western and eastern sides of Bloomfield Road, along with the introduction of new double yellow line waiting restrictions at the proposed crossing points.

As part of the works, the parking bays that are to be removed will be repositioned to the south of the Bloomfield Green access on the western side of Bloomfield Road. The existing disabled parking bay on the western side, located just north of the Bloomfield Green access, will be relocated approximately seven metres further north. In addition, the Elm Place southbound bus stop clearway will be moved slightly south of its current position to accommodate the revised layout.

### 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 imposing revised waiting restrictions and the relocation of parking bays to facilitate the installation of two uncontrolled pedestrian crossing points with associated footway buildouts and a priority road-narrowing feature.

It has balanced the various considerations and concluded that it is appropriate to promote the introduction of new and amended waiting restrictions, together with the relocation of existing parking bays, in order to support the delivery of the proposed pedestrian crossing facilities and associated highway layout changes.

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 revised waiting restrictions and parking bay relocations are consistent with that duty, having regard to its other policies and objectives, including the need to improve pedestrian safety, maintain efficient traffic flow, and support safe access to public transport.

## **5. IMPACT ON EQUALITIES**

An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken in relation to the introduction of uncontrolled pedestrian crossing points and associated amendments to waiting restrictions and parking bay locations along Bloomfield Road 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 included in the 2025/26 Local Active Travel and Safety Programme.

## **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**

Enforcement of waiting restrictions within the Bath and North East Somerset Council area rests with Bath and North East Somerset Council Parking Services.

Consideration regarding the potential displacement of existing parking, and the enforcement needs of these restrictions should be of importance.

The proposals should meet the aspirations behind their introduction.

It is noted that the proposals include the introduction of footway buildouts and double yellow lines to prohibit waiting at these locations. Are there to be physical measures, bollards etc introduced to prevent parking on the footway buildout or will parking of cycles in these locations be encouraged?

Will the “introduction of informal pedestrian crossings on road narrowing’s” also include the introduction of tactile paving at these locations?

*Officer Comments: Bollards will be included within the build out areas to deter footway parking, no cycle parking stands are proposed as part of the scheme and tactile paving will be included at the uncontrolled crossing points.*

**Emergency Services**

No comment

**Road Haulage Association**

No comment

**Freight Transport Association**

No comment

**Parking Services**

No comment

**Waste Services**

No comment

**Ward Members**

Councillor Alison Born:

The school run contributes hugely to congestion in Bath and the provision of road crossings enables more families to walk or cycle safely to school and other activities.

This is the third proposal for crossings on this section of Bloomfield Road and Highways Officers have worked hard to ensure that the crossings are in the right place (i.e. they follow desire lines) and that parking disruption is minimised. I believe that these will help to further improve safety and reduce congestion while also safeguarding necessary parking in the area.

Councillor Stewart Bridge:

No comment

Councillor Joel Hirst:

Pleased to support these proposed changes – this is part of the ongoing work linked to the Bloomfield Rd corridor work – keen to support safety measures to help make pedestrians experience better. I note that the officers have done amazing work engaging key stakeholders and think they are coming forward with a good proposal.

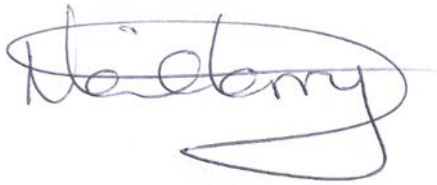
Councillor Jess David:

No further comments from me. I am happy to support the ward councillor's assessment.

Councillor Steve Hedges:

No comment.

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: 18/03/2026