

OFFICER DECISION REPORT - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

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TITLE OF REPORT: **Bus Lanes / Bus Gates, Bath**

PROPOSAL: **Consolidation of all Bus Lane / Bus Gate Orders**

SCHEME REF No: **25-041**

REPORT AUTHOR: **Traffic Management Team - KG**

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:

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| 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 and the Head of Highways Delivery holds the delegated power to make, amend or revoke any Orders.

2. LEGAL AUTHORITY

The existing Bus Lane / Bus Gates being consolidated within this Order were introduced in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which under Section 1 provides, generally, for Orders to be made for the following reasons (fully or in part), and in the case of this Order specifically for the reason(s) shown and marked below:

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| (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 | |

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| (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, | X |
| (e) | (without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (d) above) for preserving the character of the road in a case where it is especially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot, or | X |
| (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) | X |

3. PROPOSAL

To consolidate the numerous Bus Lane / Bus Gate Orders around Bath and North East Somerset. The purpose of this consolidation is to combine these Orders, and any subsequent variations, into one coherent new parent Order. This consolidated Order will then be added onto our digital TRO platform, AppyWay, and members of the public etc. will be able to view these restrictions via the Streets online portal.

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 a Consolidation of all existing Moving Restriction Orders that relate to Bus Lane Orders and Bus Gate Orders. It has balanced the various considerations and concluded that it is appropriate to promote a Consolidation Order. 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 Consolidation 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 to this Consolidation Order 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

As all of the speed limits are existing, the proposal is considered to have no impact on human rights (such as the right to respect for private and family life and the right to peaceful enjoyment of property), so the proposal within this report is considered to be in accordance with the law, necessary, in pursuit of a legitimate aim and proportionate.

7. SOURCE OF FINANCE

This proposal is being funded by the capital Parking budget, project code TCJ0009S.

8. CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT

This consolidation does not require informal consultation as no changes will be made to any restrictions on-site as part of this process.

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

No objections or comments have been received as no advertisement of the consolidation Order has taken place.

10. RECOMMENDATION

That the Consolidated Traffic Regulation Order is sealed.



Neil Terry
Traffic Management & Network Manager

Date: 08/07/2025

11. DECISION

As the Officer holding the above delegation, I have decided that the Consolidated Traffic Regulation Order should be sealed.



Chris Major
Director for Place Management

Date: 22/07/2025