

RPZ Consultation 2022 Amendment Report for Formal TRO Consultation Chelsea Road and Foxcombe Road Area

(Newbridge Ward, Bath)

An area which includes Chelsea Road, Kennington Road,
Warwick Road, Foxcombe Road, and Park Road

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of Report

Bath & North East Somerset Council has received requests to introduce a new Residents' Parking Zone (RPZ) within the area around Chelsea Road, Bath, which is being proposed with the support of local ward councillors.

The proposal aims to prioritise on-street parking for residents and provide adequate and accessible parking for residents and visitors to access social hubs within the area, such as shops, pubs, schools, parks, places of worship, and local charities.

RPZs aim to discourage parking by non-residents who may currently park in the area before heading into the city or nearby places of work. By limiting non-residential parking, commuters are instead encouraged to use public transport, including the city's park and ride facilities, or to walk or cycle their journey.

RPZs can also help to alleviate parking difficulties for residents where the parking in neighbouring residential areas may already be limited, restricted, or charged-for.

Additional benefits are more orderly parking and fewer vehicles driving around looking for parking, resulting in improved road safety, better air quality and less noise and congestion.

The initial proposal was produced as a draft to be shared with the public during an initial informal consultation. This took place between the 5th May to 2nd June (5pm).

A virtual online event on 13th May 2022 from 12pm to 1pm, and an in-person event on 17th May 2022 from 4pm to 8pm at Weston Methodist Church, were held to provide further information and enable consultees to talk to an advisor, view the proposal plans, ask questions, and submit a questionnaire.

After reviewing the feedback from the informal, initial exercise - and following discussions with the local Ward Councillors - we have revised the design and the amendments are detailed within this report.

1.2 Study Area

The original study area is located west of Bath City Centre and north of the River Avon covering an area which includes Chelsea Road, Kennington Road, Warwick Road, Foxcombe Road, and Park Road. The western extent of the area is primarily a residential area with Chelsea Road being in the main part commercial properties with a mixture of retail and service businesses. The proposed RPZ boundary as presented in the initial consultation in May can be seen as a green border shown in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1: Zone Boundary Plan



1.3 Consultation outcome

A summary of the responses to the consultation can be found in Figure 2 below. While there were a high number of objections to the original proposal, the data shows that 80% of these objections were received from those living outside of the zone. 19% of all respondents supported or partially supported the scheme, but considering only those respondents from within the proposed zone area, support for the proposals was much higher (43%). It is therefore the opinion of local ward councillors that support does exist for a scheme which covers the original area, and that residents should have further opportunity to consider the benefits of a revised scheme incorporating feedback from the initial consultation.

Table 1: Summary of responses to consultation

	All respondents		Live in Parking Zone		Live outside Parking Zone	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Support	65	19	50	43	15	7
Partially support	40	12	12	10	28	13
Object	232	69	54	47	178	80
No feeling	1	0	0	0	1	0

1.4 Amendments to be made to the proposals

Below is a list of the amendments requested by residents and/or Ward Councillors to be made to the proposed RPZ arrangement as consulted:

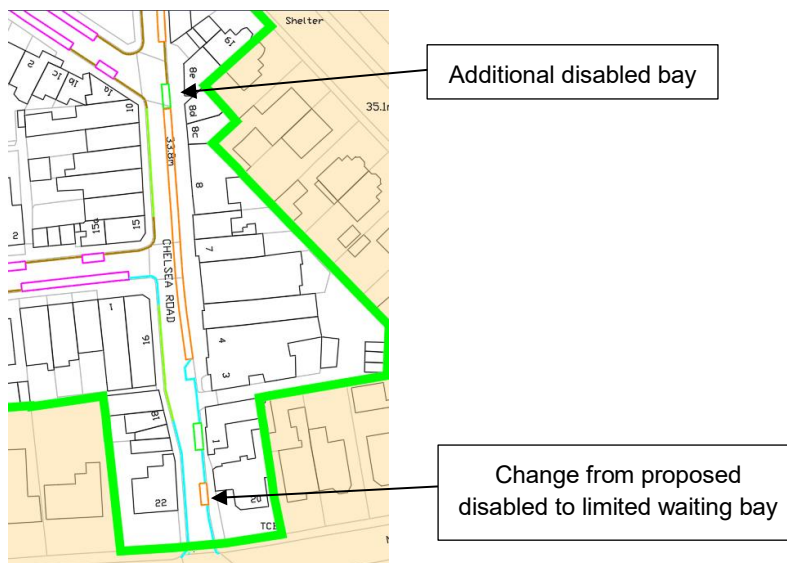
- 1) The length of the existing limited waiting bay on Chelsea Road outside properties 4-8e be converted to disabled badge holders only. The agreed preference was to convert a 6 metre length at the northernmost section of the bay outside property 8e Chelsea Road.

Figure 2: Proposals at consultation and as amended in line with comments



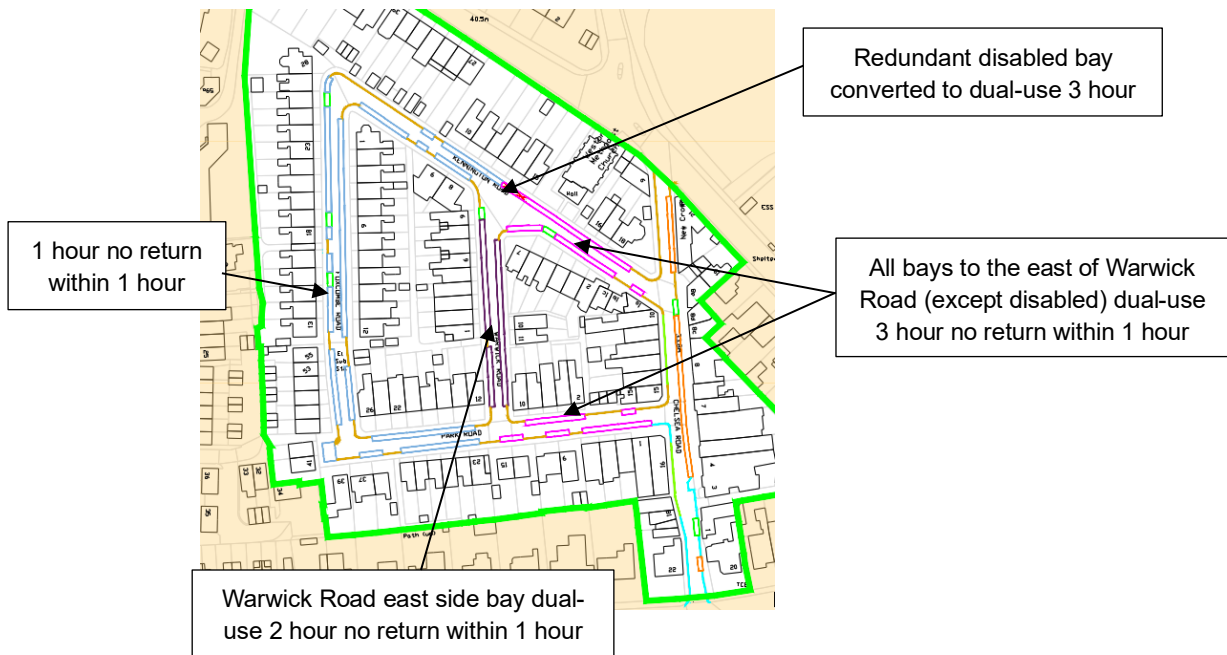
- 2) Convert the proposed new bay adjacent to property 20 Newbridge Road (proposed as disabled parking in the consultation pack) to 1 hour limited waiting. Maintain both the proposal to introduce a new disabled bay outside property number 1 Chelsea Road, and the introduction of loading restrictions to prevent obstructive parking and maintain clear road space for other vehicles in this area.

Figure 3: Revised proposals on Chelsea Road



- 3) Convert all the proposed permit only bays on Kennington Rd and Park Road situated east of Warwick Road to dual-use providing non-residents with parking for up to 3 hours in these locations.

Figure 4: Additional dual-use bays with 3, 2 or 1 hours parking for non-residents



- 4) Extend the proposed dual-use bay on the north side of Kennington Rd westwards to encompass the double disabled bay (identified as redundant). This will add space for two vehicles to park in the proposed bay, providing non-residents with parking for up to 3 hours in this location.

(It should be noted that Aecom have expressed concern with regard to having a number of different restrictions in the same vicinity which may be confusing for drivers. Parking Tribunals tend to be critical of such, which may lead to future issues with enforcement).

- 5) Convert the remaining 2 proposed permit bays on the west side of Warwick Road to dual-use providing non-residents with parking for up to 2 hours.
- 6) All the bays west of Warwick changed to dual Permit Holder or 1 hour No Return within 1 hour in line with the Ward Member comments.

Effectively the zone then splits into 4 distinct restriction types:

East to west you have:

Limited waiting (orange) 1 hour, No Return within 1 hour

Dual-use (pink) Permit Holders or 3 hours, No Return within 1 hour

Dual-use (purple) Permit Holders or 2 hours, No Return within 1 hour

Dual-use (light blue) Permit Holders or 1 hour, No Return within 1 hour

1.5 Amendments not included in revised proposals

Below is a list of the amendments requested which have not been incorporated in to the revised proposed RPZ arrangement:

- 1) There was a request from residents outside the proposed zone boundary that the boundary be amended so as to include properties on Newbridge Hill and as such provide eligibility for permits to park within the proposed zone. The boundary was set by BaNES and has not been amended.

1.6 Next Steps

The next steps in the project timeline are as follows:

1. TRO Consultation to commence on 22nd September 2022.
2. Final decision 2nd December 2022.

Should there be a decision to proceed:

1. Orders sealed 8th December 2022.
2. Lining and signing works begin on site 30th January 2023.
3. Operational date, commence enforcement 27th February 2023.

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Appendix B Revised proposal plan/s

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