

# RPZ Consultation 2022 Amendment Report for Formal TRO Consultation Sion Hill and Summerhill Road area

(Lansdown Ward, Bath)  
An area which includes Summerhill Road and Sion Hill

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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 Sion Hill and Summerhill Road area, 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).

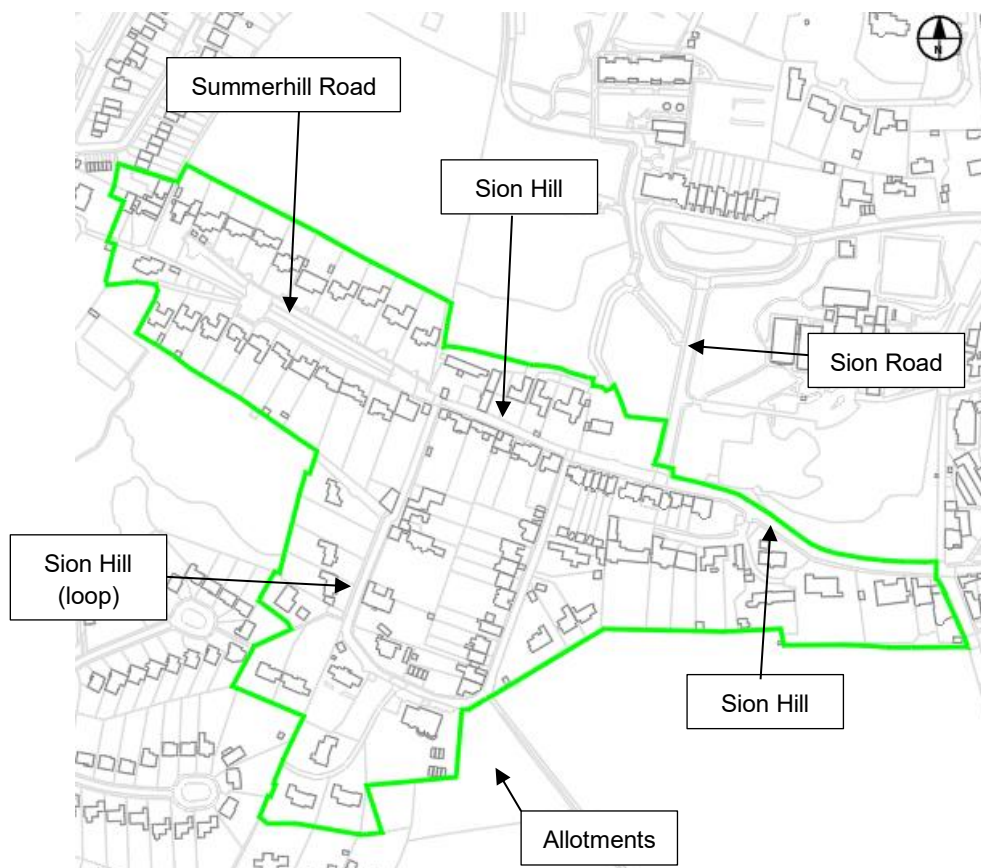
A virtual online event on 18th May 2022 from 12pm to 1pm, and an in-person event on 19th May 2022 from 4pm to 8pm at Bath Spa-Sion Hill conference room, were held to provide further information and enable consultees to talk to an advisor, view the proposal plans, ask questions, and submit a questionnaire.

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

Sion Hill is located north of Bath City Centre and the River Avon. The area is primarily a residential area. The original 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: Original Zone Boundary Plan



## 1.3 Consultation outcome

A summary of the responses to the initial consultation can be found in Figure 2 below. The percentage of all respondents either supporting or partially supporting the scheme was 53% compared to 47% who objected or had no opinion. However, support is stronger among those that live in the zone, with 67% supporting or partially supporting it. It is the opinion of the local ward councillors that support does exist for a scheme, and that residents should be given further opportunity to consider the benefits of a revised proposal that incorporates feedback from the initial consultation, including a minor change to the boundary.

**Table 1: Summary of responses to consultation**

	All respondents		Live in Parking Zone		Live outside Parking Zone	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Support	21	37	19	49	2	11
Partially support	9	16	7	18	2	11
Object	25	44	11	28	14	78
No feeling	2	3	2	5	0	0

## 1.4 Amendments to be made to the proposals

Below is a list of the amendments requested both by Ward Councillors and a number of respondents to be made to the proposed RPZ arrangement as consulted on in May:

- 1) The ward councillors have stated that they believe that an amended RPZ should be progressed with the removal of bay marking on the carriageway and increased signage to identify it as a parking zone. A number of residents commented that permit area signage would be preferable.

Figure 2: Lining arrangements at consultation

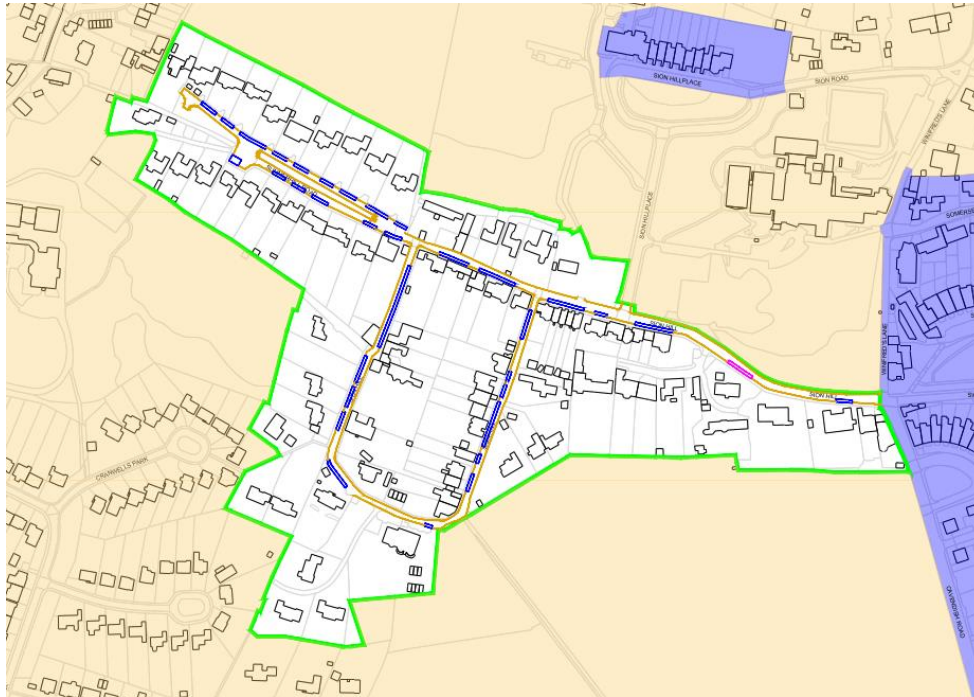
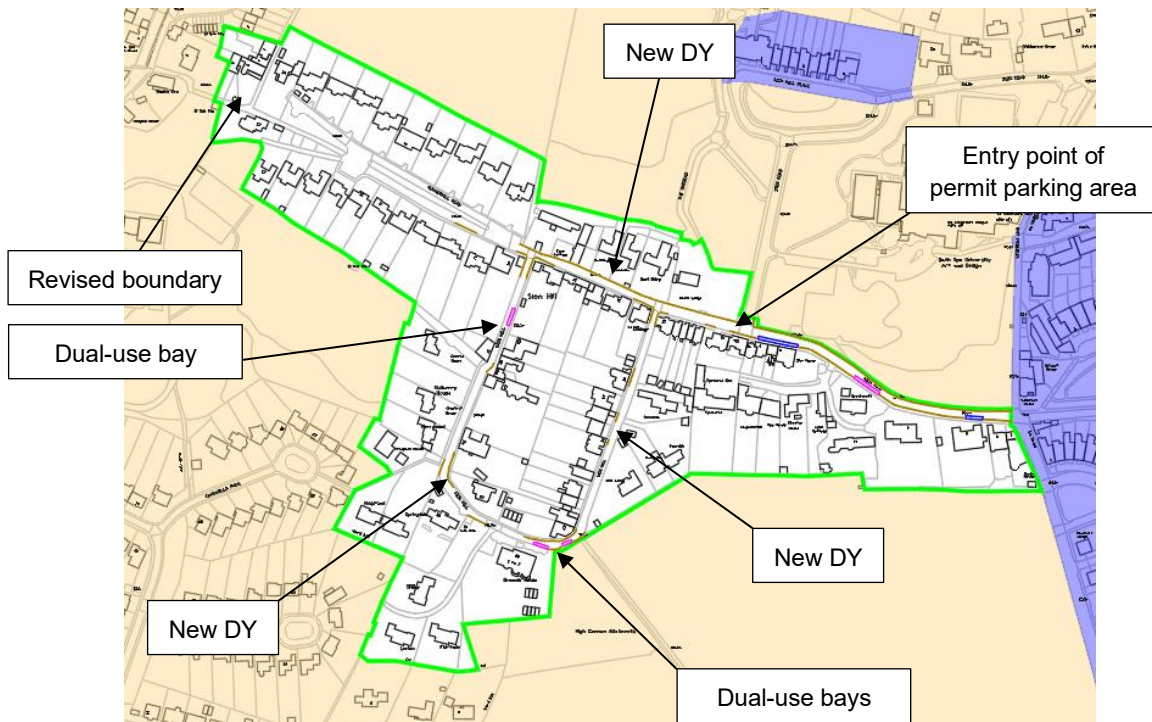


Figure 3: Lining arrangements following amendment





Agreed amendment to remove the majority of proposed lining and bay markings. Maintain all existing restrictions. Area to be signed as permit parking area from Sion Road westwards. All roads to be restricted to resident permit holders only, except in marked bays or where waiting restrictions are marked on the carriageway.

- 2) Several residents requested, and Ward Councillors are in favour of, providing two dual use bays next to the allotments. This will enable non-residents to park for up to 3 hours. Some new additional double yellow line 'no waiting at any time' restrictions will be introduced to prevent obstructive parking in that area.

**Figure 4: Sion Hill next to the allotments**



- 3) A ward councillor asked for a dual use bay just north of property 21a Sion Hill (western arm of loop) providing non-residents with parking for up to 3 hours.
- 4) Several residents requested, and ward councillors are in favour of, providing a new 'no waiting at any time restriction' opposite Kite Lodge, Sunnyside and Dawnside on the western side of the eastern arm of Sion Hill to prevent obstructive parking and maintain clear access to the driveways of opposite properties.(see figure 3)
- 5) A ward councillor asked to include double yellow lines outside property 27 Sion Hill (north side of carriageway on the southwest corner of the Sion Hill loop) to prevent obstructive parking on the bend. (see figure 3)
- 6) At the in-person event a number of residents expressed support for the provision of double yellow lines on the northern side of Sion Hill between Summerhill Road and Sion Road to prevent obstructive parking and maintain clear access for buses and other vehicles driving along this stretch of road. (see figure 3)
- 7) At the in-person event a number of residents expressed concern that the properties 4-7 Primrose Hill at the western end of Summerhill Road were not included within the proposed boundary. As such, those residents would not be eligible to obtain parking permits. The residents from these properties park on Summerhill Road currently as they do not have direct vehicular access to their properties from Primrose

Hill. Access to the properties on foot from Primrose Hill includes steps which precludes some users from doing so. The boundary has been amended to include those properties. (see figure 3)

## 1.5 Amendments not included in revised proposals

There were no other items considered for amendment.

Residents at the in-person event did suggest that the existing telegraph pole located on the north side of Sion Hill just west of the eastern section of the loop junction is problematic. This is especially an issue when a vehicle is parked opposite it, on the south side of Sion Hill.

Some residents at the in-person event raised issue with delivery drivers frequently parking inconsiderately while making deliveries, blocking the carriageway.

## 1.6 Next Steps

The next steps in the project timeline are as follows:

1. TRO Consultation to commence on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022.
2. Final decision 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022.

Should there be a decision to proceed:

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

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## A.1 Appendix A

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# Appendix B Revised proposal plan/s

## B.1 Appendix B

