

OFFICER DECISION REPORT - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

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APPROVAL TO PUBLICLY ADVERTISE THE TRO

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

TITLE OF REPORT: CENTRAL BATH AREA REVIEW

PROPOSAL: Parking Restrictions

SCHEME REF No: 24-025

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:

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 holds 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	

(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)	
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3. **PROPOSAL**

To implement various parking / waiting restrictions around the Central Bath area, as shown on the attached drawings.

4. **BACKGROUND**

A number of proposals for: No Parking At Any Time restrictions, No Loading / Unloading At Any Time, No Loading / Unloading between 8am – 9.30am and 4pm – 6.30pm, Disabled Parking, Bus Stop Clearway 6am – 9.45pm and Taxi Rank 9.45pm – 6am, Bus Stop Clearway 9am – 6.30pm and Loading Only 6.30pm – 9am, No Parking At Any Time on School Keep Clear Markings, No Parking Between 8am – 7pm, and Bus Stop Clearways were submitted to the Council at various locations around the central Bath area by local residents, Ward Members and the Bath & North East Somerset Councils Traffic Management and Transport Planning Engineers. The reason behind these requests was to improve visibility and access for emergency and refuse vehicles, to allow for the safe passage and re-passage of vehicles and to provide limited on-street parking provision.

5. **SOURCE OF FINANCE**

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

6. **INFORMAL CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT**

The proposal requires informal consultation with the Chief Constable, Ward Members, and the Cabinet Member for Highways.

7. **INFORMAL CONSULTATION FEEDBACK**

Chief Constable

No comment.

Parking Services

I broadly support the implementation of the restrictions but there should be a recognition that additional restrictions require additional revenue support for new staff to reflect the fact that every new restriction requires a very small percentage of a staff member to enforce on a regular or semi-regular basis.

Whilst this impact may itself be small for a single scheme, the cumulative impact may have an impact for the enforcement across other locations.

Ward Members

Kingsmead:

Cllr Paul Roper – No comment.

George Tomlin – No comment.

Walcot:

Cllr Oli Henman – No comment.

Cllr John Leach – No comment.

Widcombe & Lyncombe:

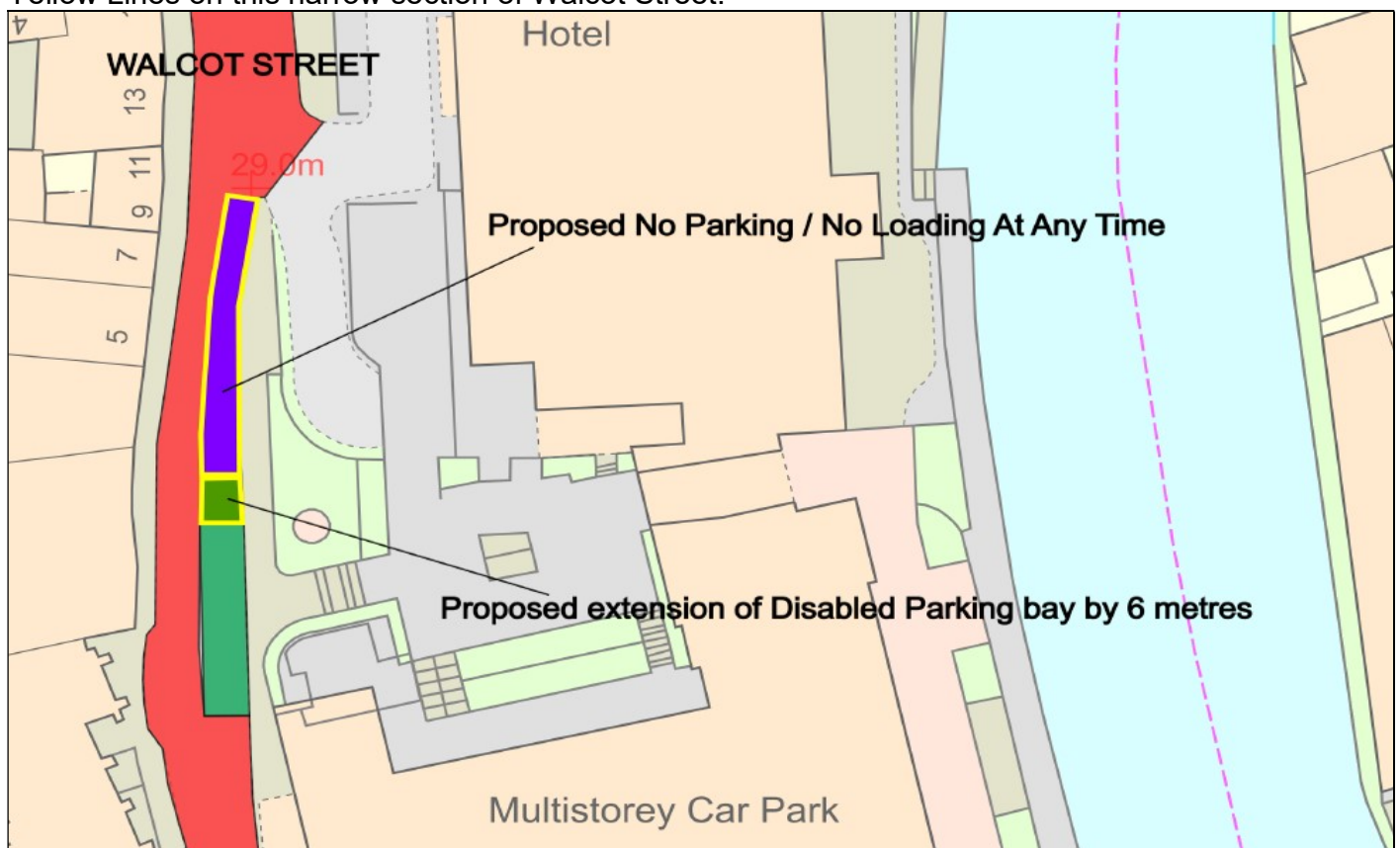
Cllr Alison Born – No comment.

Cllr Deborah Collins – No comment.

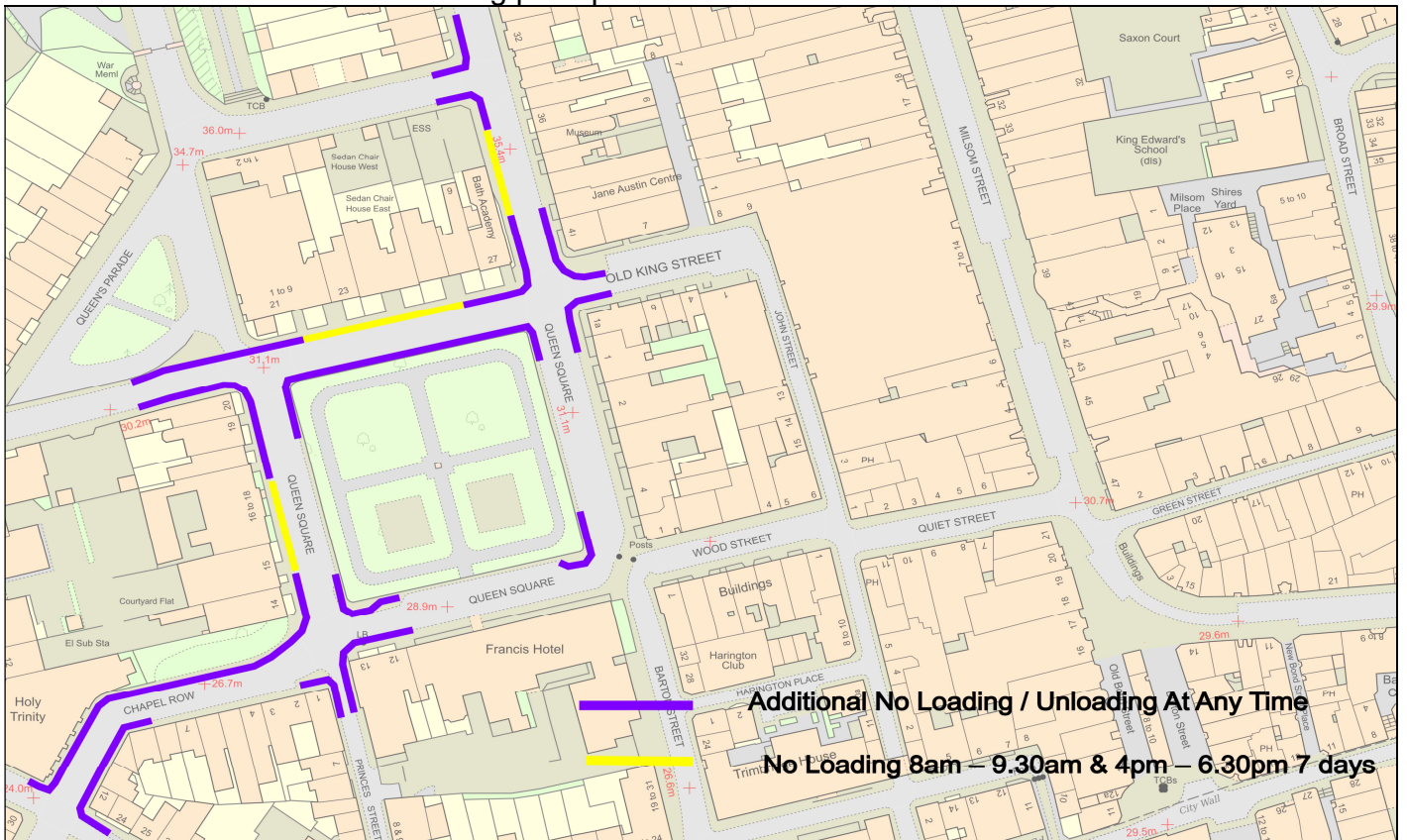
Cabinet Member for Highways:

Cllr Manda Rigby – No comment.

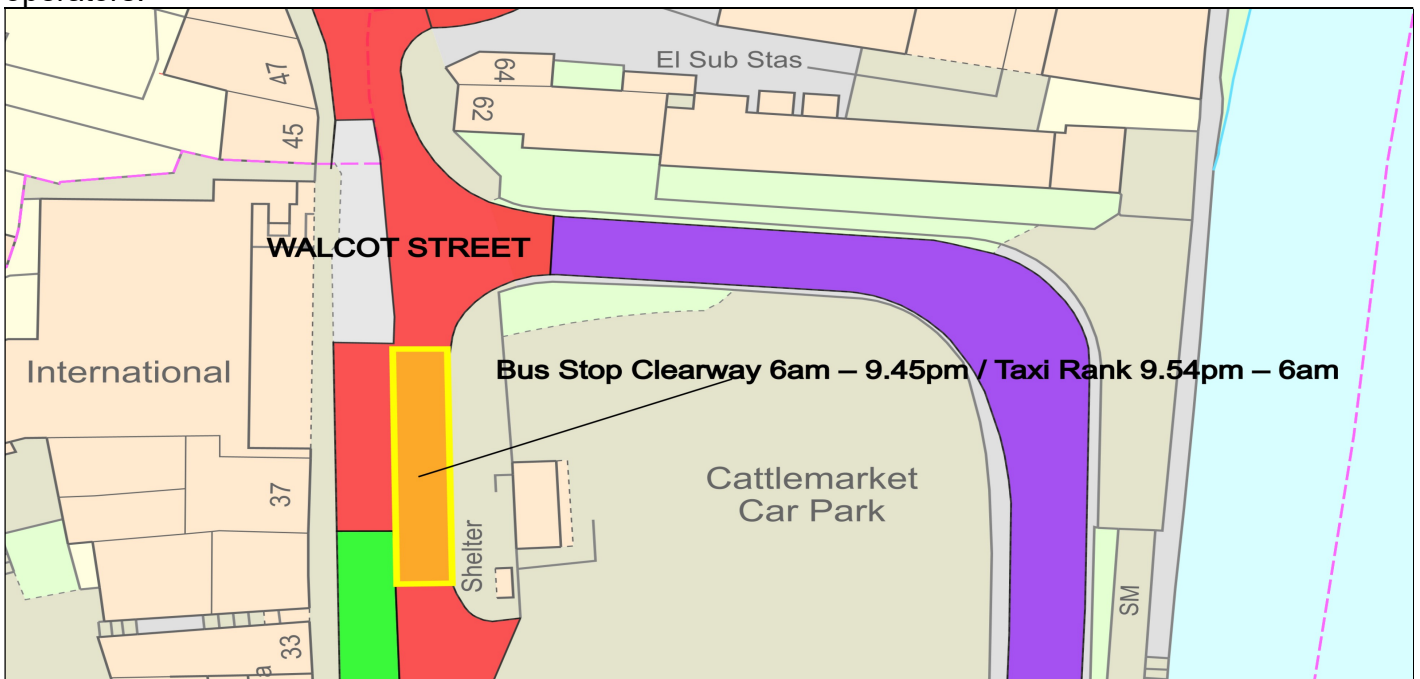
Plan 1 - Walcot Street, Bath – The upgrade of the existing No Parking At Any Time to No Parking / Loading At Any Time restrictions were requested by the Traffic Management Team on behalf of bus operators due to obstruction issues relating to blue badge holders and vehicles parking on the Double Yellow Lines on this narrow section of Walcot Street.



Plan 2 - Queen Square / Chapel Row / Old King Street / Gay Street / Princes Street, Bath – The additional No Loading / Unloading At Any Time and No Loading 8am – 9.30am and 4pm – 6.30pm restrictions were requested by the Traffic Management Team to prevent obstruction to the flow of traffic around this central area during peak periods.



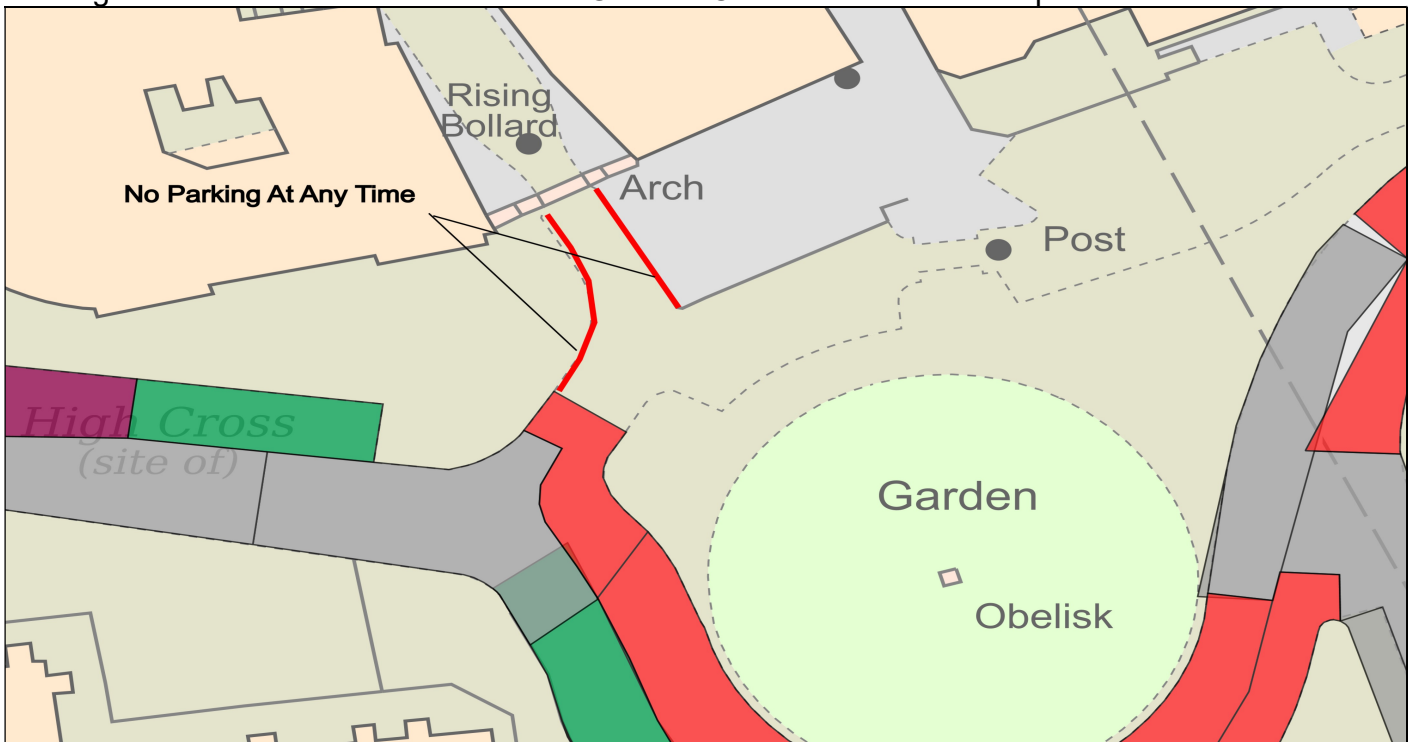
Plan 3 - Walcot Street, Bath – The proposed dual use Bus Stop Clearway and Taxi Rank was requested by the Licensing Team to provide evening and overnight parking provision for Taxi operators.



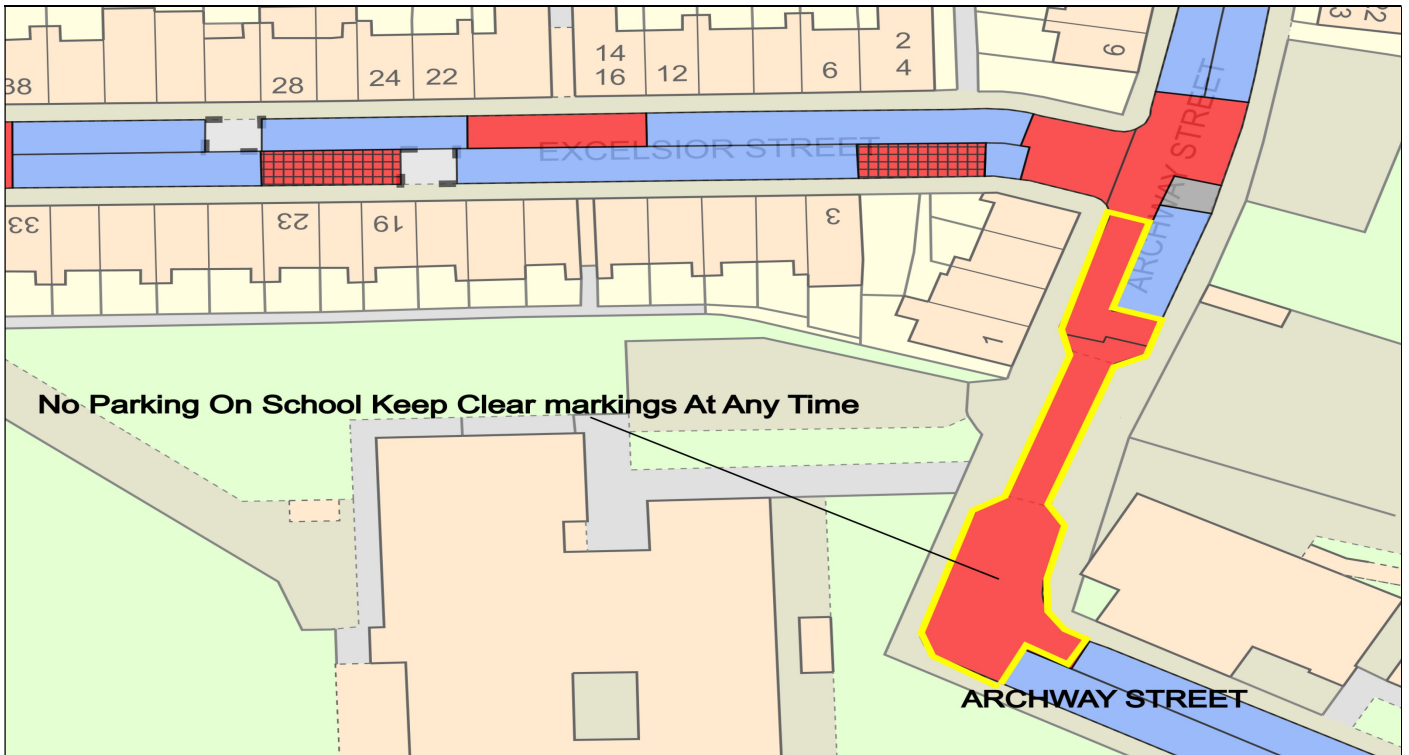
Plan 4 - Orange Grove, Bath – The proposed dual use Bus Stop Clearway and Loading Bay was requested by the Traffic Management Team to provide more loading provision in the city centre in the evening and early mornings for local businesses but to keep the bus stop area clear during operating hours.



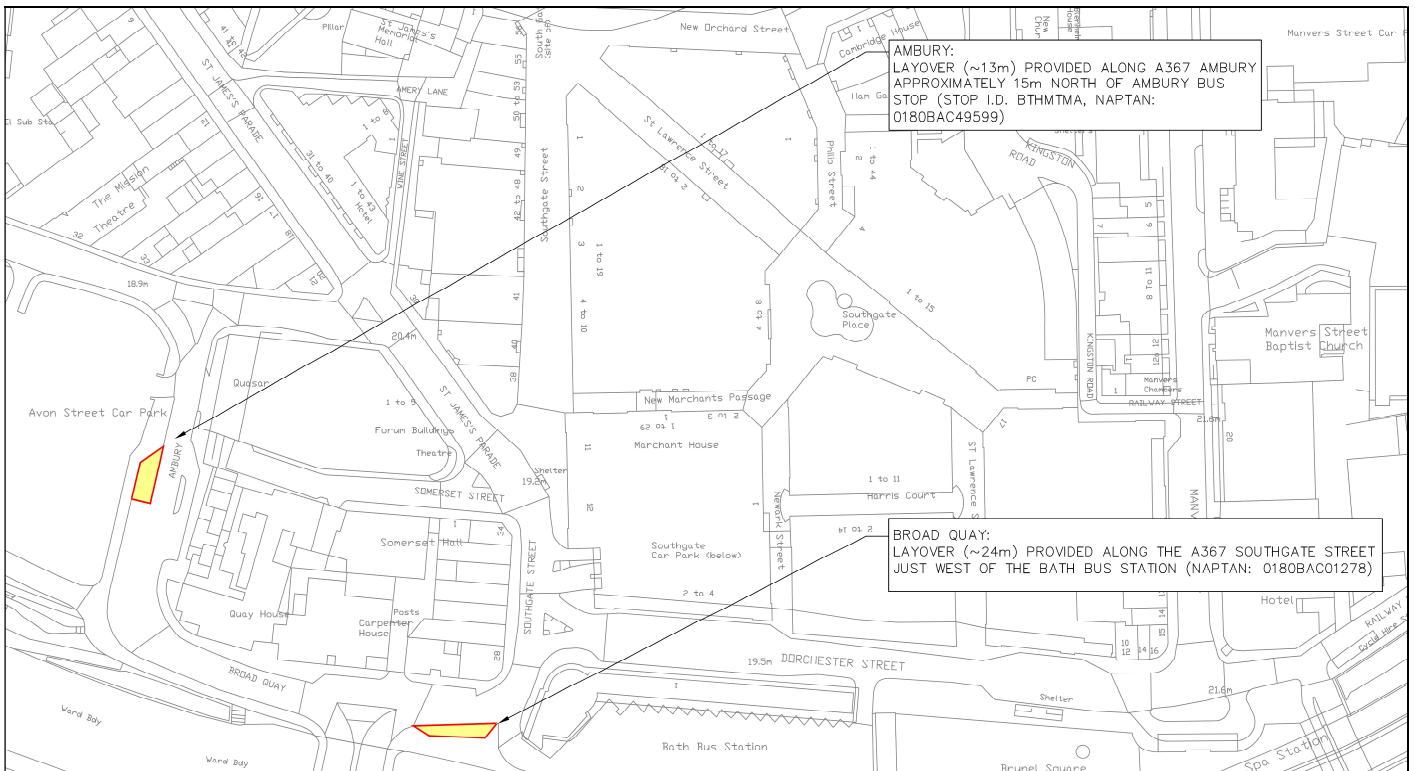
Plan 5 - Orange Grove, Bath – The No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the Parking Services Team to ensure that the Guidhall Car Park entrance is kept free from obstruction.



Plan 6 - Archway Street, Bath – The proposed No Stopping on School Keep Clear Markings At Any Time was requested by the local Ward Members to improve visibility splays around the school entrance.

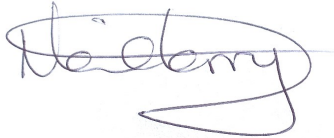


Plan 7 - Ambury / Broad Quay – These two proposed locations for BUS STANDS stating no stopping except local buses, were requested by the Traffic Management Team to provide unobstructed parking for local buses.



8. RECOMMENDATION

As no significant objections and/or comments have been received following the informal consultation described above, the public advertisement of the Traffic Regulation Order should progress.



Neil Terry
Principal Traffic Management Engineer

Date: 15/08/24

9. DECISION

As the officer holding the above delegation, I approve the progression of this Traffic Regulation Order.

In taking this decision, I confirm that due regard has been given to the Council's public sector equality duty, which requires it to consider and think about how its policies or decisions may affect people who are protected under the Equality Act.



Gary Peacock
Head of Highways Delivery

Date: 15/08/24