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: Beau Street / Stall Street, Bath

PROPOSAL: Prohibition of driving of motor vehicles /Suspension parking

/Suspension of one-way traffic

SCHEME REF No: 24-032

REPORT AUTHOR: Simon Thomas

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 and the Head of Highways Delivery 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	Χ

(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	Х
(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)	

3. PROPOSAL

- Prohibition of driving of motor vehicles 6pm to 10am daily on Beau Street at its junction with Stall Street in Bath.
- Suspension of central zone parking bay on Beau Street.
- Suspension of one-way traffic on Beau Street between the junctions of Stall Street and Bilbury Lane.

The proposals are shown in **Appendix 1**.

4. REASON

The Beau Street/ Stall Street junction is currently closed between 10am and 6pm daily.

The TRO, under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, would close Beau St at its junction with Stall St in Bath, prohibiting motorised vehicles between 6pm and 10am daily for the *purpose:*

- 1. "to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or to prevent the likelihood of any such danger arising"
- 2. "for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians)"
- 3. "to preserve or improve the amenities of the area through which the road runs".

This will improve the environment for pedestrians and reduce pedestrians' interactions with motor vehicles.

The TRO will also:

- Suspend one parking bay on the south eastern side of Beau St to enable improved manoeuvrability for vehicles;
- Suspend the existing one-way order on Beau St between the junctions of Stall St and Bilbury Lane.

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 Prohibition of driving of motor vehicles 6pm to 10am daily on Beau Street at its junction with Stall Street in Bath, the suspension of a central zone parking bay on Beau Street and the suspension of one-way traffic on Beau Street between the junctions of Stall Street and Bilbury Lane. It has balanced the various considerations and concluded that it is appropriate to promote the Prohibition of driving of motor vehicles 6pm to 10am daily on Beau Street at its junction with Stall Street in Bath, the suspension of a central zone parking bay on Beau Street and the suspension of one-way traffic on Beau Street between the junctions of Stall Street and Bilbury Lane. 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 Prohibition of driving of motor vehicles 6pm to 10am daily on Beau Street at its junction with Stall Street in Bath, the suspension of a central zone parking bay on Beau Street and the suspension of one-way traffic on Beau Street between the junctions of Stall Street and Bilbury Lane 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 the Prohibition of driving of motor vehicles /Suspension parking /Suspension of one-way traffic proposals 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. <u>IMPACT ON HUMAN RIGHTS</u>

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 funded under costcode: TCY0013/3LY10

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 Highways.

9. COMMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE

Chief Constable

No comment.

Emergency Services

No comment.

Road Haulage Association

No comment.

Freight Transport Association

No comment.

Parking Services

No comment.

Waste Services

No comment.

Ward Members

Kingsmead:

Cllr Paul Roper – No comment.

Cllr George Tomlin – No comment.

Cabinet Member for Highways:

Cllr Manda Rigby – No comment.

10. 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.

Paul Garrod

Traffic Management & Network Manager

Date: 3rd January 2025

11. <u>DECISION</u>

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

Date: 03/01/2025

Chris Major

Director for Place Management

Appendix 1 - Beau Street / Stall Street, Bath - Proposed Restrictions Prohibition of Driving of Motor Vehicles, 6pm to 10am daily ISSUED FOR INFORMATION For the proposed TRO, it is essential that any form of road closure is able to operate also as a Hostile Vehicle Mitigation provision during the hours of 10am and 6pm Length of one-way street to be suspended and made two-way for traffic Suspension of central zone parking bay - 6m length TCY0013/02/870 Existing central zone parking DATE AUG 2024 STALL ST NOTES ΚĒΥ ERNEST JONES JEWELLERS VODAFONE BEAU ST/ STALL ST PROHIBITION OF DRIVING FRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER GENERAL ARRANGEMENT (Scale - 1:100) BATH OITY CENTRE SECURITY DESIGN AND PROJECTS BILBURY LANE BILBURY LANE STEVE FROGGATT, BSc. (Hons) C.Eng MICE MOIHT DESIGN & PROJECTS MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES Bath & North East Somerset Council zBEAU ST

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