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Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)
Statement of Reasons

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(VARIOUS ROADS, NORTH EAST OUTER AREA, BATH) (PROHIBITION OF STOPPING, WAITING, LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) ORDER 202-

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Proposal

To implement various parking / waiting restrictions around the North East area of Bath as requested by the local Ward Members of behalf of their residents for the reasons as stated below.

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 the extension of a Zone 16 Permit Holder Bay on Pera Road, additional Double Yellow Line restrictions on Ringswell Gardens, Belgrave Crescent, Fairfield Road, Croft Road, Charlcombe Way, Solsbury Way, Marshfield Way and Lansdown Road, the removal of sections of Double Yellow Lines on Bay Tree Road and Hawarden Terrace and a multi-use 2 hour / permit holder parking bay with set times of operation on Tyning Lane in the North East area of Bath. It has balanced the various considerations and concluded that it is appropriate to promote these proposed restriction amendments to prevent obstruction of the highway, improve visibility splays at junctions and provide additional on-street parking provision. 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 restrictions are consistent with that duty, having regard to its other policies and objectives.

The Council has considered article 8 within Schedule 1 to the Human Rights Act (Right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence) and Protocol 1 Article 1 (Peaceful enjoyment of possessions). Both of these rights are qualified rights, and the Council does not consider that the measures proposed under the TRO amount to a deprivation of possessions as the right to access property has not been extinguished. The proposals are considered to have a minimal impact on human rights. However, the Council

is entitled to affect these rights where it is in accordance with the law, necessary (such as 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 proposals within this report are considered to be in accordance with the law, necessary, in pursuit of a legitimate aim and proportionate.

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.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

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 Order specifically for the reason(s) shown and marked 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)	

In making this proposal the Council has discharged its duty under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The Council is under a duty pursuant to section 122(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to exercise its duties under the Act (so far as practicable having regard to the subsection (2) matters), to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians).

As for the subsection 122(2) matters:

a) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises.
Comment: the proposals will generally assist to secure the safer movement of vehicular traffic and will not impact on property access.

b) the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run.
Comment: the proposals will prevent vehicles of all types from parking where it is unsafe to do so to ensure the free unobstructed flow of traffic on the highway.

bb) The strategy prepared under section 80 of the Environment Act 1995 (national air quality strategy)
Comment: N/A

c) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles.
Comment: A number of the proposals contained within this Order will restrict parking around junctions, along narrow sections of highway and around bends, which will improve the passage for public transport vehicles if required on these routes.

d) Any other matters appearing to the local authority to be relevant.
Comment: N/A

Having balanced the various matters and considerations, the Council has concluded that it is appropriate to progress the proposed Order.

The Council has also discharged its duty under section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004. It has concluded that the proposed Order is consistent with that duty, given its other policies and objectives.

Neither section 16 nor section 122 of the 1984 Act precludes the making of the proposed Order.

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