

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:	NORTH WEST OUTER BATH AREA TRO REVIEW
PROPOSAL:	VARIOUS PARKING RESTRICTIONS
SCHEME REF No:	24-007

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 North West Outer Bath area.

4. BACKGROUND

A number of proposals for: No Parking At Any Time restrictions, 4 hour Limited Waiting Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm, Removal of Zone 24 dual use Permit Parking / 1 hour Limited Waiting, Zone 7 Permit Holder Only parking, No Loading Between 8.15am – 9.15am and 2.45pm – 3.45pm, No Parking At Any Time on School Keep Clear Markings, No Parking Between Monday – Friday 10am – 4pm, removal of 1 hour Limited Waiting, at various locations around the North West Outer Bath area were submitted to the Council by local residents, Ward Members and the Bath & North East Somerset Council’s 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.

Chief Constable

It is understood from the attached that the background to these proposals is that “A number of proposals for: No Parking At Any Time restrictions, 4 hour Limited Waiting Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm, Removal of Zone 24 dual use Permit Parking / 1 hour Limited Waiting, Zone 7 Permit Holder Only parking, No Loading Between 8.15am – 9.15am and 2.45pm – 3.45pm, No Parking At Any Time on School Keep Clear Markings, No Parking Between Monday – Friday 10am – 4pm, removal of 1 hour Limited Waiting, at various locations around the North West Outer Bath area were submitted to the Council by local residents, Ward Members and the Bath & North East Somerset Council’s 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.”

Enforcement of waiting restrictions within the Bath and North East Somerset Council area rests with Bath and North East Somerset Council Parking Services. Consideration regarding the potential displacement of existing parking, and the enforcement needs of these restrictions should be of importance. The proposals should meet the aspirations behind their introduction.

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.

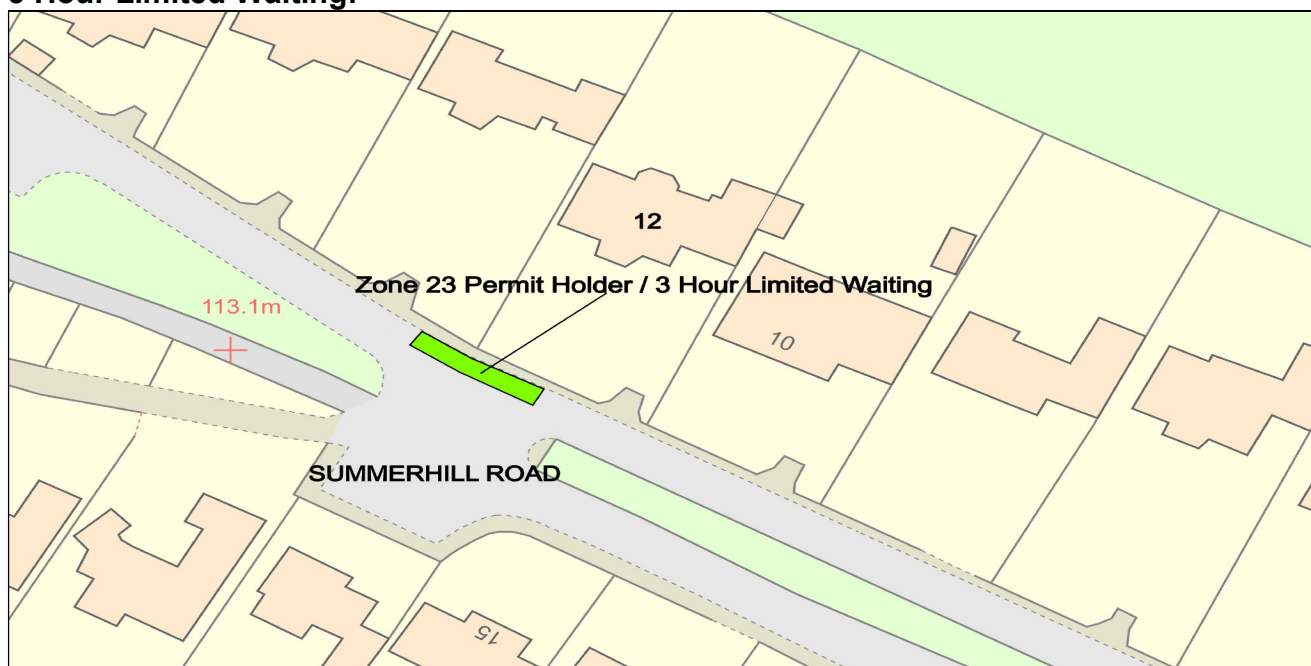
Ward Members

Lansdown:

Cllr Lucy Hodge – Following feedback from Summerhill Road residents, could I suggest that a proposed dual use Limited Waiting Bay (3 hours) is located, for the purposes of consultation - in the location of the middle green parking rectangle (in the image below) alongside the boundary between no. 12 and no. 14 Summerhill Road. I've suggested this spot because it is not directly in front of either house (no.12 or no. 14) and it is just beyond where the road narrows.

Response: An additional proposal plan for Summerhill Road as requested above by Cllr Lucy Hodge will be added to this TRO for public consultation.

Additional proposal plan – Summerhill Road, Lansdown, Bath – Zone 23 Permit Holder / 3 Hour Limited Waiting:



Cllr Lucy Hodge: I'm happy for the two proposals requested by residents – one on Sion Hill East to replace one 4 hour limited waiting bay with a Zone 7 residents' bay and the other, a new dual use limited waiting bay on Summerhill Road - to progress to public consultation.

Cllr Mark Elliott – I'm very happy to support the change on Sion Hill East to replace the 4-hour parking bays with Zone 7 residents bays.

Newbridge:

Cllr Michelle O'Doherty – I am in support of all Newbridge proposals.

Cllr Samantha Kelly – No comment.

Weston:

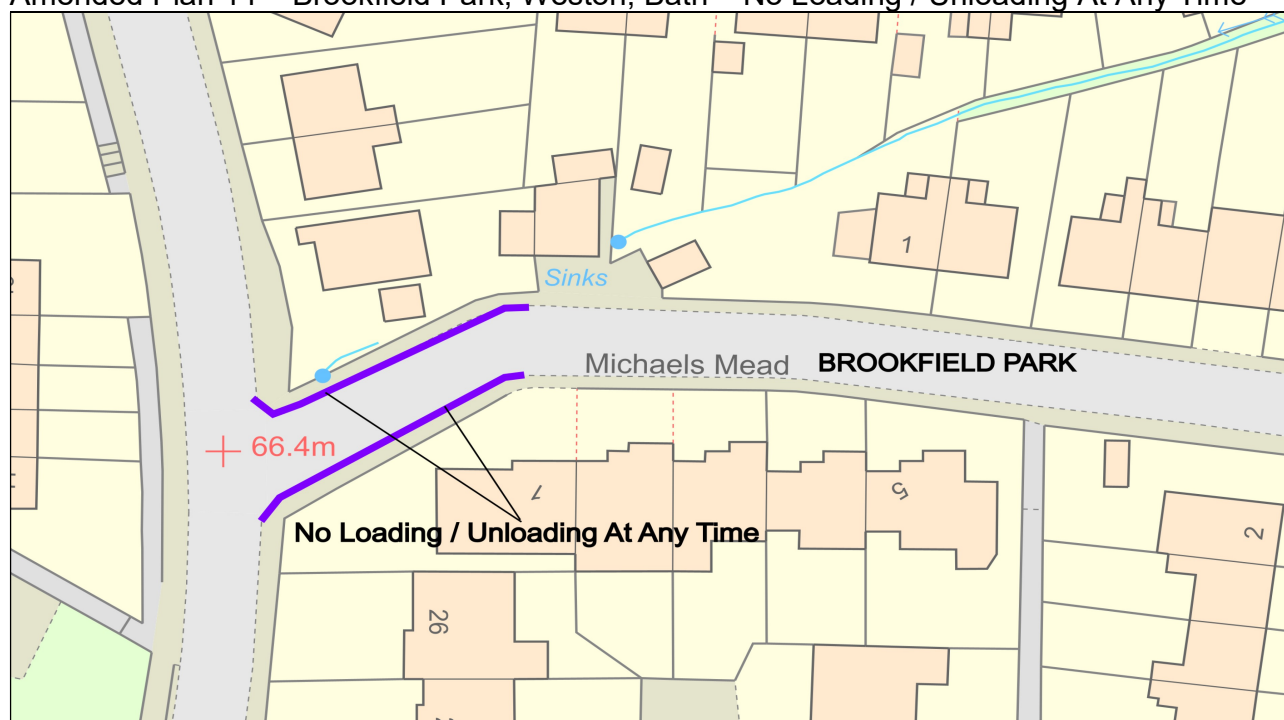
Cllr Ruth Malloy – Thank you for your email with the attached North West Outer Bath Area TRO Review proposals. I support all the Weston ward proposals, but I have a question about Plan 14 (Brookfield Park): No Loading between 8.15-9.15am and 2.45-3.45pm. Should this restriction apply every day of the week, or only Monday - Friday?

Response: The request made by the Senior Traffic & Safety Engineer was for these proposed restrictions on Brookfield Park to operate 7 days a week. If we receive a large number of objections from local residents during the 21-day public consultation, then the times of operation could be re-assessed and possibly reduced if considered appropriate by our engineers.

In order to encourage consistency of good parking behaviour (ie *not* on Double Yellow Lines or near junctions), and recognising that this is a very tight corner to negotiate when entering Brookfield Park from Lansdown Lane, would it not be better to have double blips on the kerbs here, instead of single blips, thus prohibiting loading/unloading at any time?

Response: Due to Cllr Malloy's request above the Traffic Management Team will upgrade proposal plan 14 to show double kerb blips (No Loading / Unloading At Any Time) on Brookfield Park as shown below:

Amended Plan 14 – Brookfield Park, Weston, Bath – No Loading / Unloading At Any Time

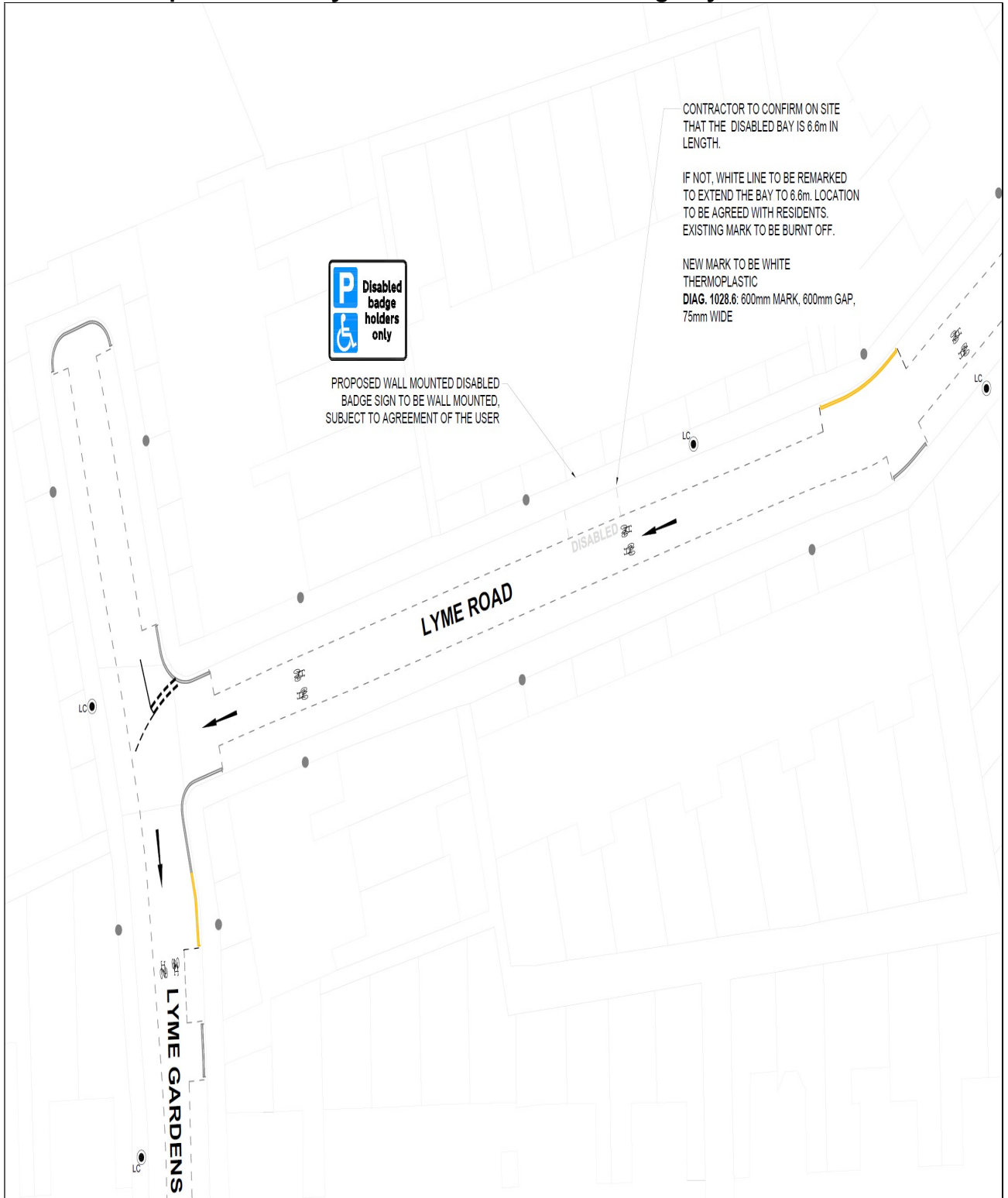


Cllr Malcolm Treby – No comment.

Cabinet Member for Highways:

Cllr Manda Rigby – No comment.

Additional Proposal Plan – Lyme Road – Disabled Parking Bay



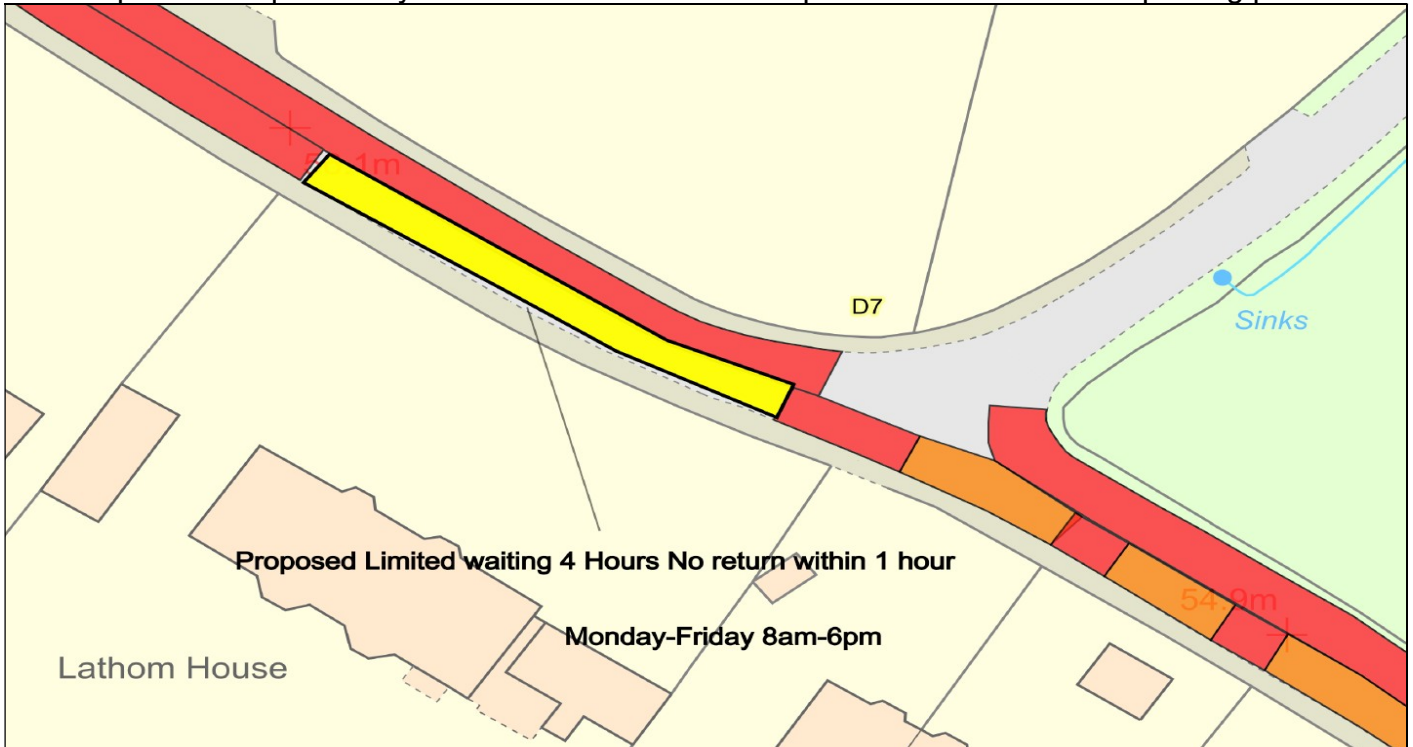
Plan 1 – Penn Hill Road – No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Ward Member to prevent obstruction to the free flow of traffic along the highway.



Plan 2 – Haviland Grove – No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Ward Member on behalf of a local resident to prevent obstruction towards the junction with Lansdown Lane.



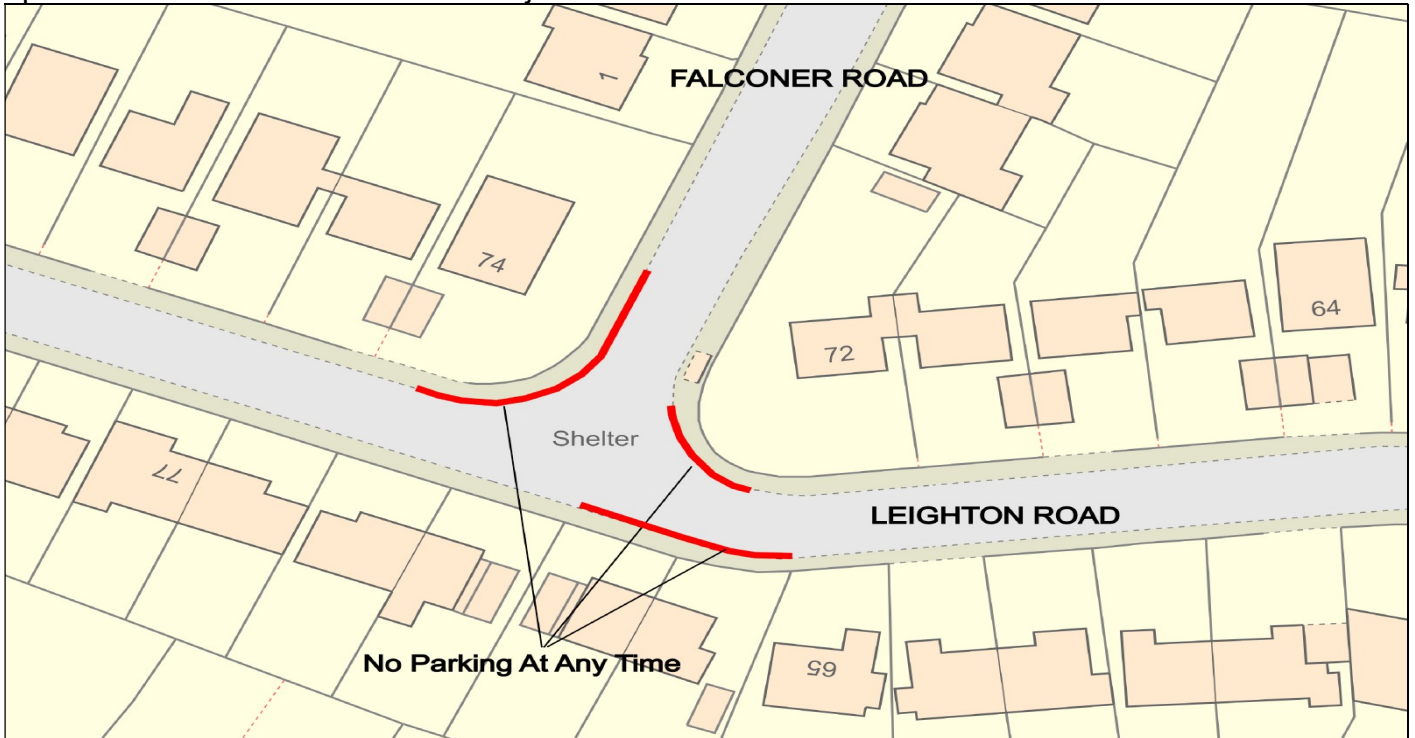
Plan 3 – Weston Park – A proposed 4 hour Limited Waiting bay operating between Monday – Friday, 8am – 6pm was requested by the local Ward Members to provide more short term parking provision.



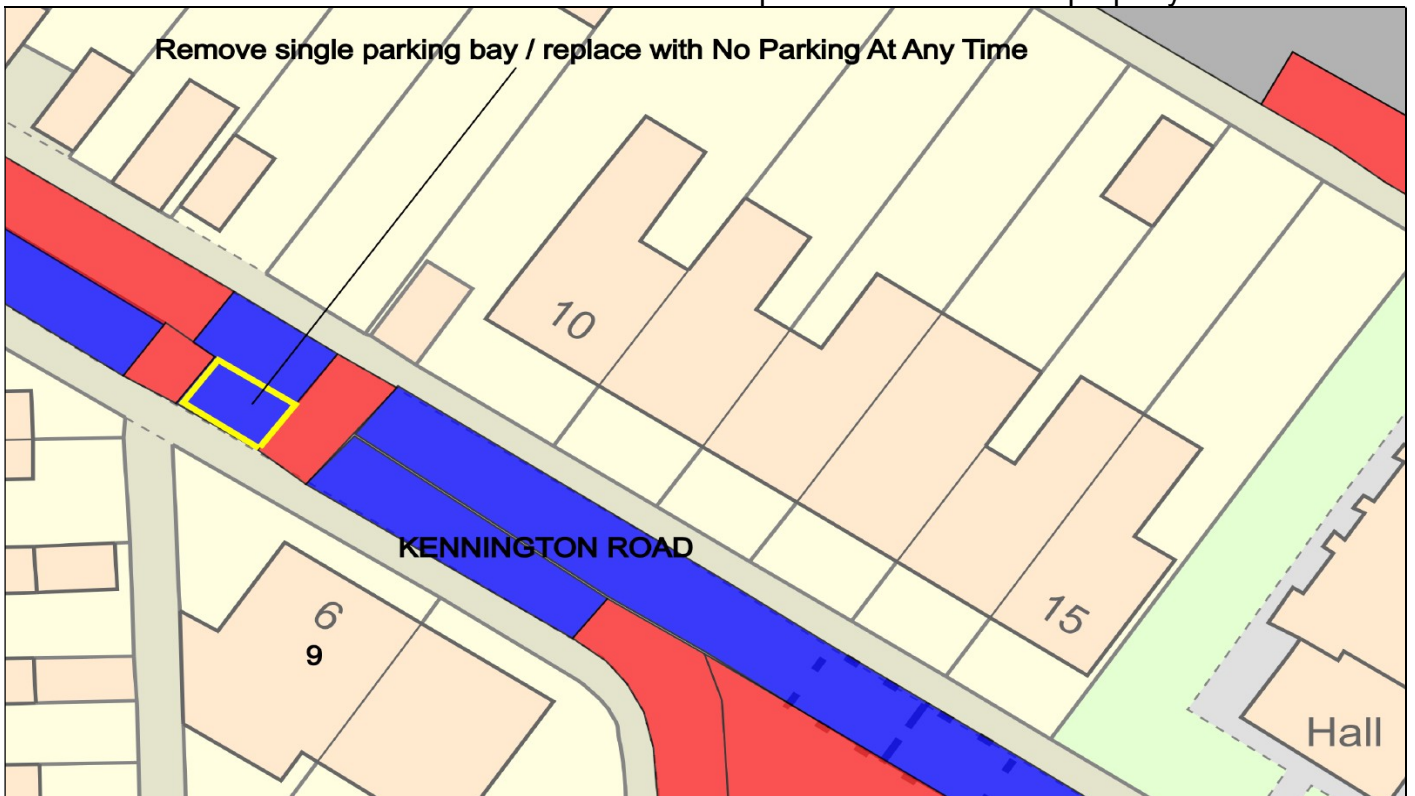
Plan 4 – Broadmoor Lane – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the Traffic Management Team on behalf of a local resident.



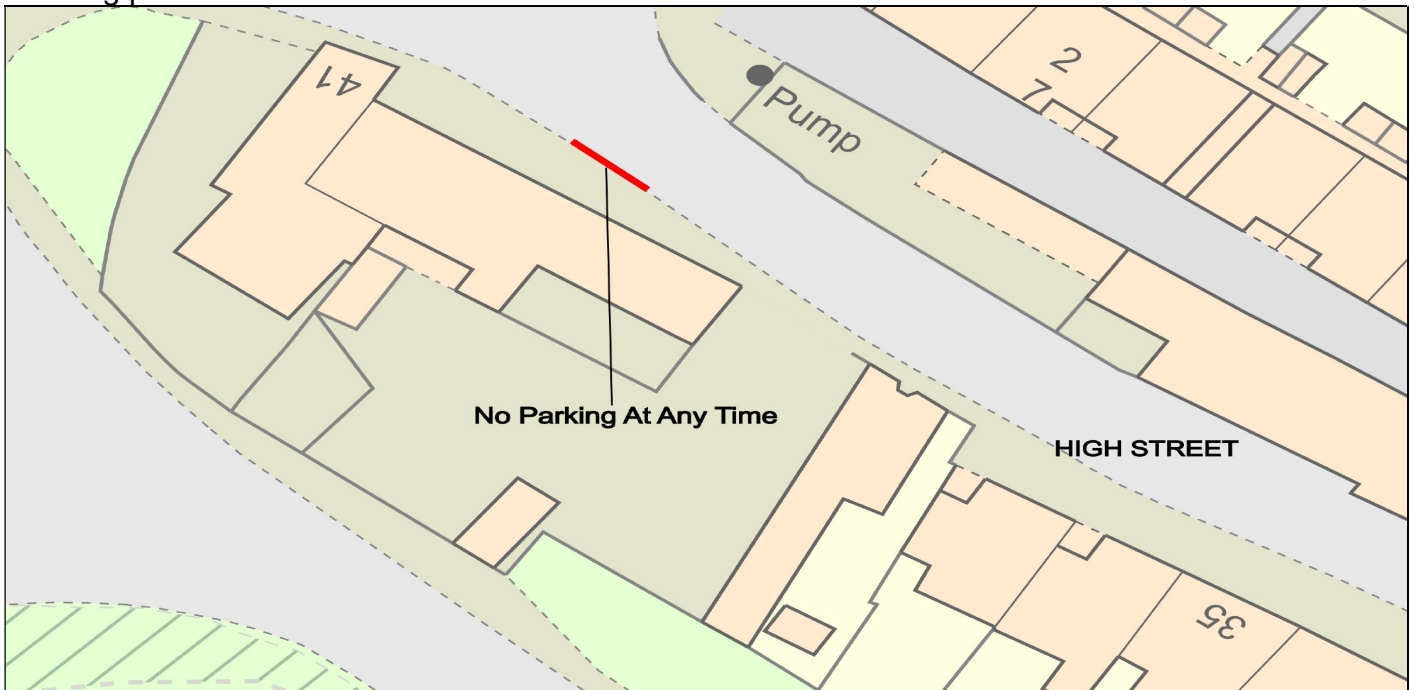
Plan 5 – Falconer Road / Leighton Road – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the Traffic Management Team on behalf First Bus to prevent obstruction to the operation of their vehicles around the junction.



Plan 6 – Kennington Road – The proposed removal of one Zone 24 Permit Holder / 1 Hour Limited Waiting parking space and replacement with No Parking At Any Time restrictions was requested by the local Ward Member on behalf of a local resident to prevent obstruction to property access.



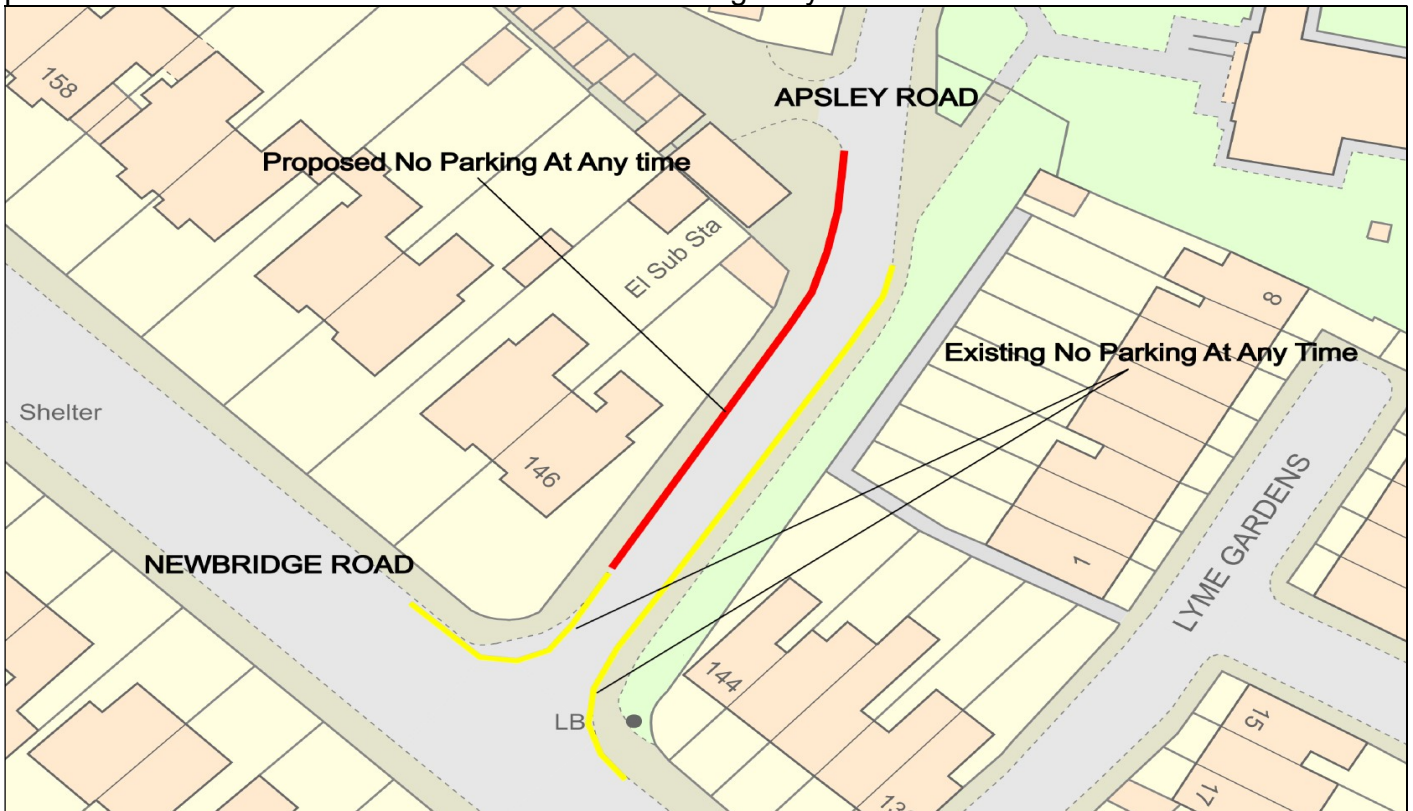
Plan 7 – High Street, Weston – The proposed upgrade of the existing Advisory White Keep Clear marking to enforceable No Parking At Any Time restrictions in front of the dropped kerb was requested by the local Ward Members to improve visibility and prevent obstruction of the informal crossing point.



Plan 8 – Avondale Court – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the Traffic Management Team on behalf of the residents of Avondale Court to prevent obstruction of the dedicated parking bays by vehicles parking opposite.



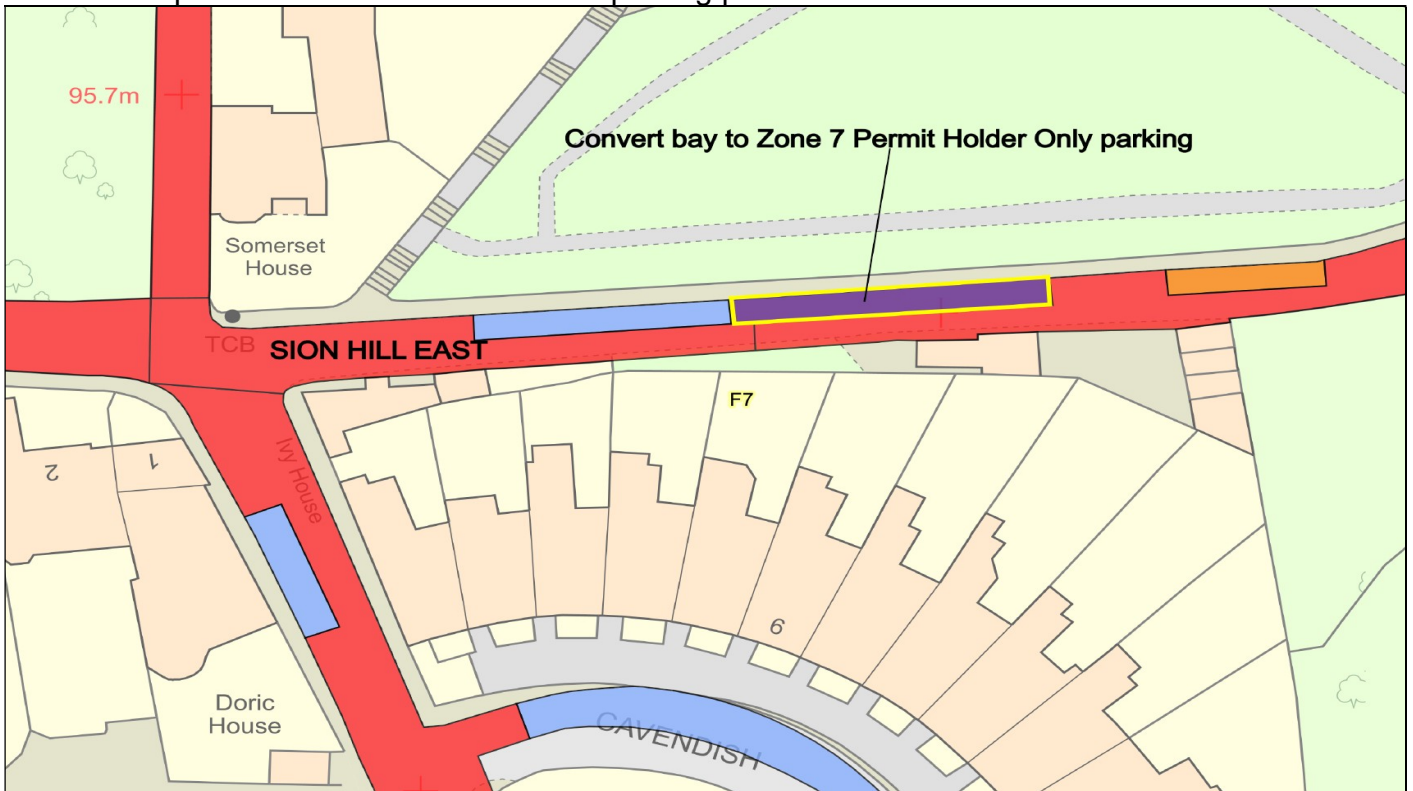
Plan 9 – Apsley Road – The extension of the existing No Parking At Any Time restrictions northwards from the junction with Newbridge Road was requested by the local Ward Member to prevent obstruction to the free flow of traffic on the highway.



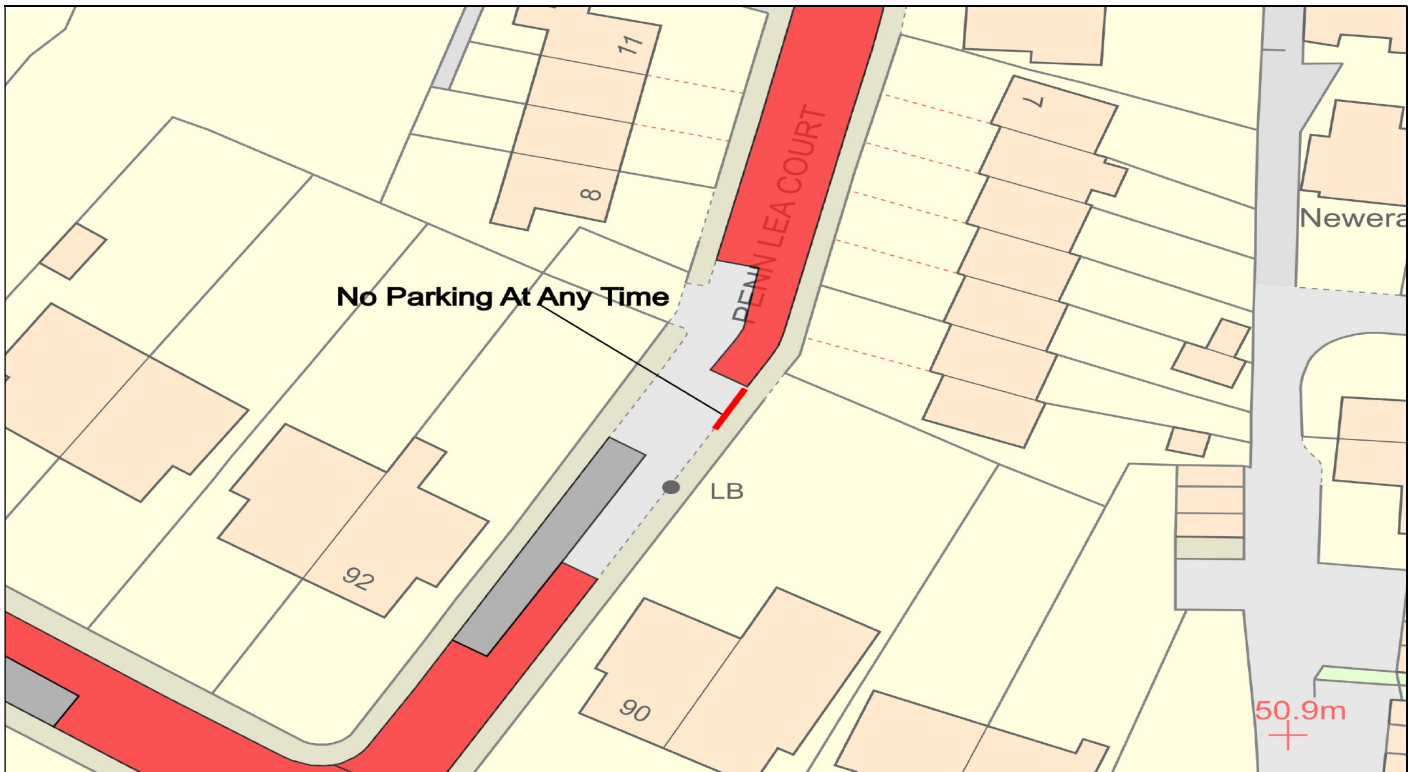
Plan 10 – Windsor Bridge Road – The proposal to extend the existing No Parking At Any Time restrictions across the site entrance was requested by the Parking Services Team as the site entrance area is unadopted highway.



Plan 11 – Sion Hill East – The proposal to convert the existing 4 hour Limited Waiting bay to a Zone 7 Permit Holder Only parking bay was requested by the local Ward Member on behalf of local residents to provide more available on-street parking provision.



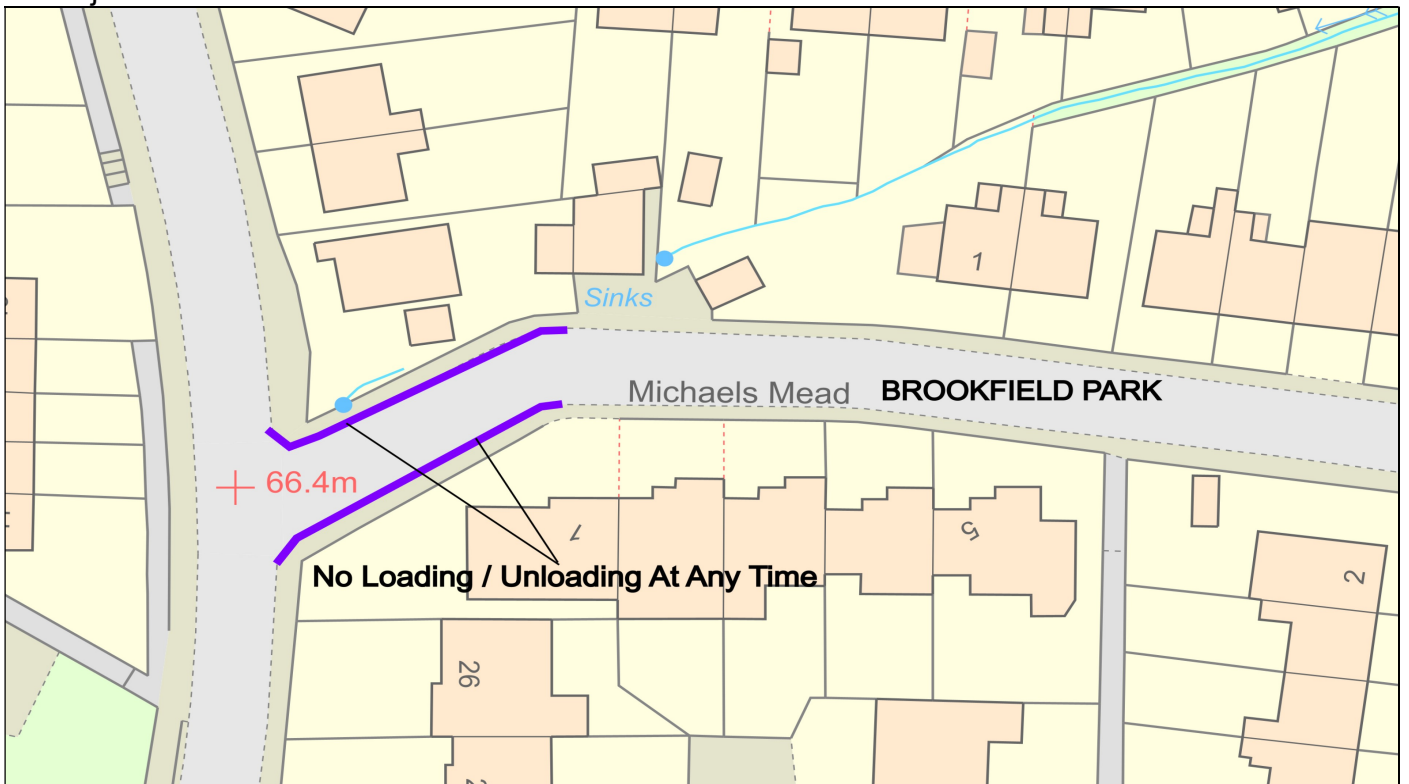
Plan 12 – Penn Lea Road – The proposed extension of the existing No Parking At Any Time restrictions was requested by the Traffic Management Team to prevent obstruction to the carpark entrance at the rear of the Bathen House Hotel.



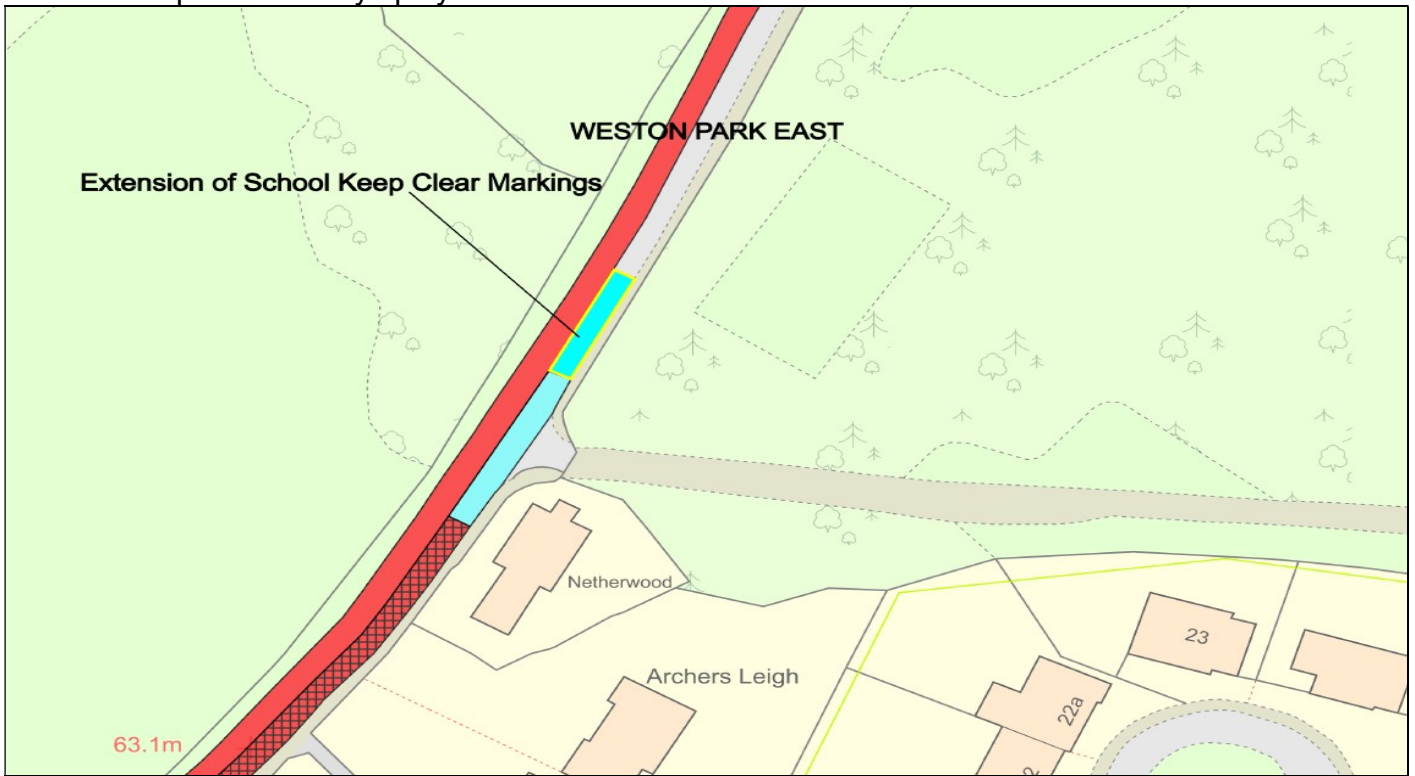
Plan 13 – Cranwells Park – The proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Ward Members and Traffic Management Team to prevent obstruction of the highway and improve visibility splays around the junction.



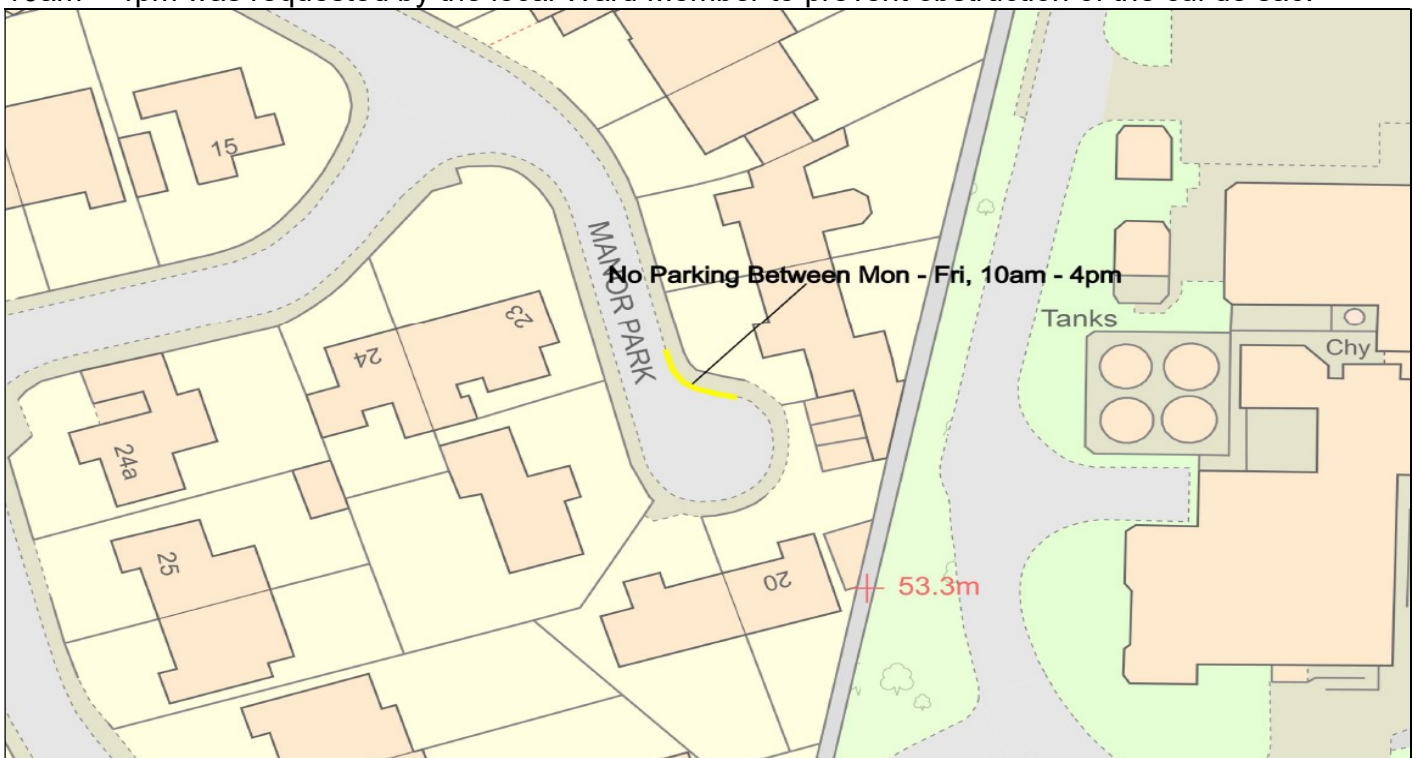
Plan 14 – Brookfield Park – The proposed No Loading / Unloading At Any Time was requested by the local Ward Member and area Senior Traffic and Safety Engineer to prevent vehicles parking near to the junction with Lansdown Lane.



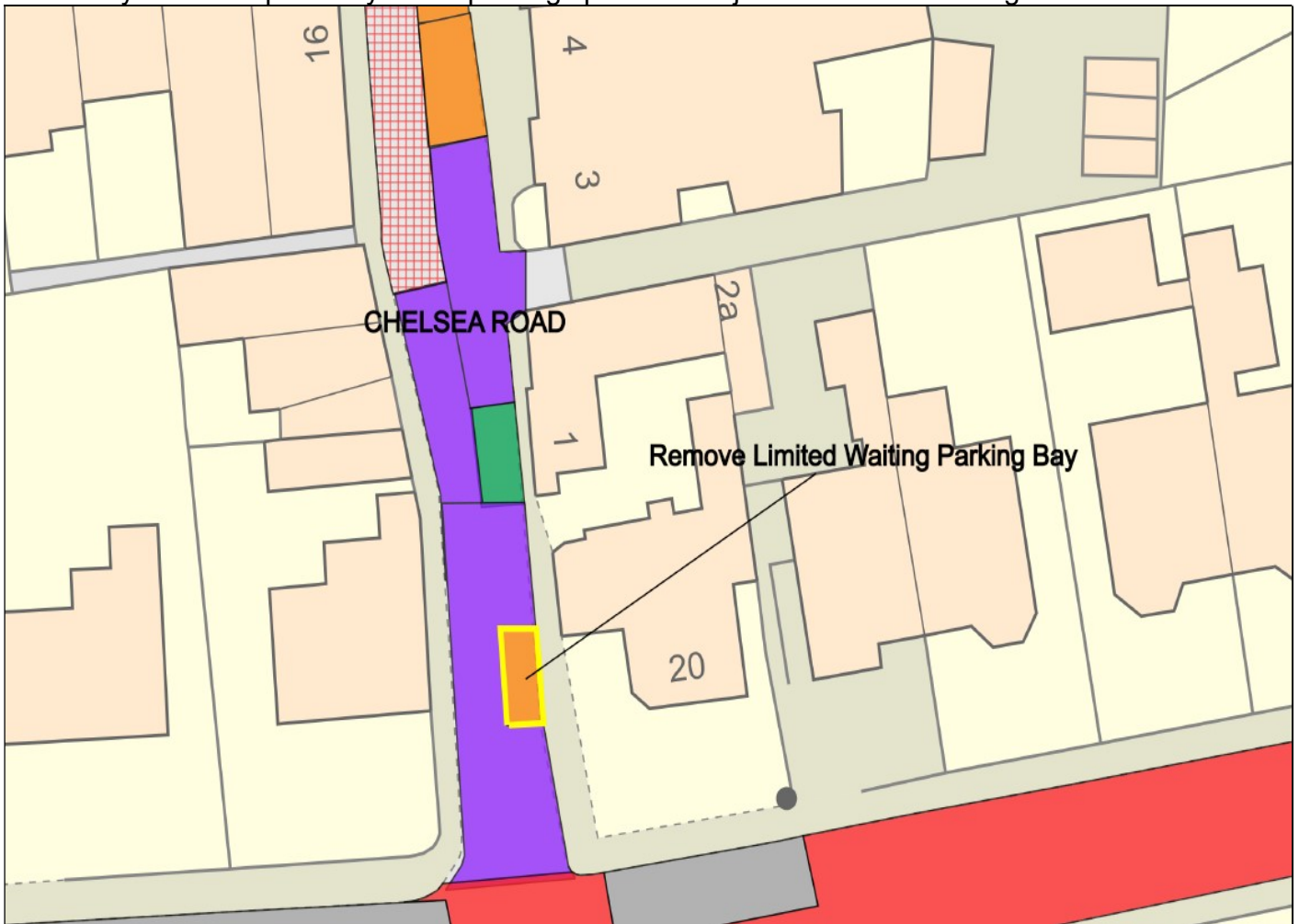
Plan 15 – Weston Park East – The proposed extension of the existing School Keep Clear markings was requested by the Traffic Management Team on behalf of representatives of the Royal High School to improve visibility splays at the school entrance on Weston Park East.



Plan 16 – Manor Park – The proposed extension of the existing No Parking Between Mon – Fri, 10am – 4pm was requested by the local Ward Member to prevent obstruction of the cul de sac.



Plan 17 – Chelsea Road – The proposed removal of the single 1 hour Limited Waiting parking space on the east side of Chelsea Road was requested by the local Ward Member after a conversation with the police who informed them that there had been a lot of conflict between vehicles in this location caused by the close proximity of the parking space to the junction with Newbridge Road.



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.

Paul Garrod
Traffic Management & Network Manager

Date: 10th April 2024

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.

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Chris Major
Director for Place Management

Date: 12/04/24