

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 EAST SOMERSET AREA REVIEW

PROPOSAL: Parking Restrictions

SCHEME REF No: 24-022

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 East Somerset area.

4. **BACKGROUND**

A number of proposals for: No Parking At Any Time restrictions, No Loading Between 8am – 9.30am and 3pm – 5.30pm, 30 minute free parking Mon – Sat 8am – 6pm no return within 1 hour, Disabled Parking, No Loading Mon – Fri 8am – 9am and 3pm – 4pm were submitted to the Council at various locations around the North East Somerset area by local residents, Ward Members, Parish Councils 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. **CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT**

The proposal requires informal consultation with the Chief Constable, Ward Members, Parking Services, Parish / Town Council, and the Cabinet Member for Highways.

7. **INFORMAL CONSULTATION FEEDBACK**

Chief Constable

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

No comments.

Ward Members

Bathavon North:

Cllr Kevin Guy – No comment.

Cllr Sarah Warren – No comment.

Bathavon South:

Cllr Fiona Gourley – No comment.

Cllr Matthew McCabe – No comment.

Chew Valley:

Cllr Anna Box – I want to withdraw my support for Home Orchard Plan 11.

Response: Plan 11 below has been removed as requested above.

Cllr David Harding – I welcome the proposals to provide passing places along Chew Lane. This has been requested by a number of residents. The difficulty in driving along the lane with heavy traffic and school buses is severe, and often results in long queues and inconsiderate driving.

In conversations I have had I believe such proposals to be supported in principle by many residents, both affected Parish Councils, the school and the beat police.

Residents are concerned that they cannot exit their houses safely onto Chew Lane and thus measures are needed to aid visibility from driveways. Residents that do not have driveways or parking areas that are sited on the lane will also need parking by their houses.

24-hour access is required to their fields by local farmers, and this is not described in the proposed TRO and needs to be rectified. Such access has often been restricted by cars parked across the gateways to the fields.

The provision of on street parking near the junction with Dairy Way needs to continue.

The map below provided by Chew Stoke Parish Council describes the changes to the proposed TRO that are needed to balance the provision of passing places and the residents' and local farmer's needs.

Many thanks for your hard work.

Response: Plan 31 below has been amended as per the request of the Parish Council and local Ward Member. White Keep Clear markings are advisory and are therefore not required to be included within this TRO consultation and will be picked up separately.

Clutton & Farmborough:

Cllr Sam Ross – I'm glad to see Plan 7 – Tynings, Clutton is back on the list. It's worth noting that this is the second time around for this proposal, which was requested by both residents of Tynings and supported by Clutton Parish Council back in 2020. I do appreciate the time and cost associated with these schemes and although this is only a very small proposal, making sure that the work is carried out this time would be of benefit to both the council's budget as well as the residents concerned.

High Littleton:

Cllr Ann Morgan – No comment.

Mendip:

Cllr David Wood – No comment.

Midsomer Norton North:

Cllr Michael Auton – No comment.

Cllr Shaun Hughes – No comment.

Midsomer Norton Redfield:

Cllr Sarah Evans – No comment.

Cllr Tim Warren – No comment.

Peasedown St John:

Cllr Karen Walker – I am very happy to support the informal consultation NES area review 24-022 supporting the need for DYL Plan 8 Wellow Lane PSJ and Plan 28 the extension of the no parking at anytime. As I always say, once approved and implemented, parking enforcement on a regular basis in Peasedown St John would be greatly valued.

Cllr Gavin Heathcote – I concur with Cllr Walker I agree with the TRO and thank the team for all their hard work, the important thing as stated is enforcing this.

Publow & Whitchurch:

Cllr Paul May – No comment.

Paulton:

Cllr Grant Johnson – No comment.

Cllr Liz Hardman – No comment.

Radstock:

Cllr Christopher Dando – No comment.

Cllr Lesley Mansell – No comment.

Timsbury:

Cllr Shaun Stephenson-McGall – Plan 36 is fine, although over time the double yellow lines on the south side of the junction may need to be reviewed given the proposed improvement scheme as discussed with Stefan and Kelly.

Plan 39: Greenvale Drive, South Road and Southlands Drive. Four slight changes:

- Reduce the length of the proposed No parking at Any Time on Southlands Drive so they stop before the start of the driveways for No.67 and No.1.
- Join up the No Parking at Any Time on the northern side of South Road between that shown (ie. the right-hand corner of Southlands Drive and in front of the dropped curb on South Road).
- Reduce the length of the proposed No Parking at Any Time on the right-hand corner of the junction between South Road and Greenvale Drive so it stops before the dropped curbs for vehicle access to No. 1 Greenvale Drive and No. 6 Greenvale, South Road).
- Reduce the length of the proposed No Parking at Any Time on the northern left-hand side of South Road so the restriction stops in line with the line parallel to the front of the line of No.67 Southlands Drive.

Response: Proposal Plan 39 has been amended as requested above and inserted into report 2 below.

Plan 40: Newmans Lane. Two slight changes:

- Extend the proposed No Parking at Any Time outside the property to the north of Rose Lodge to ensure it covers their driveway.
- Change the proposed No Parking at Any Time outside No. 1 Elms Cottage to ensure it covers their garage only.

Response: Proposal Plan 40 has been amended as requested above and inserted into report 2 below.

Westfield:

Cllr Eleanor Jackson – No comment.

Cllr Robin Moss – No comment.

Parish and Town Councils:

Bathampton Parish Council – No comment.

Bathford Parish Council – No comment.

Chew Magna Parish Council – No comment.

Chew Stoke Parish Council - Chew Stoke Parish Council have now discussed the 2 proposals for our village. Please can these be forwarded to the Cabinet Minister.

Home Orchard (Plan 11). NO double yellow lines. The reasons being:

- Previously agreed no lines
- Parents travelling from Regil / Gravel Lane HAVE to stop at this junction to drop children at the school, they are unable to drive past the school to park, and doing so would make issues worse in other areas. They are not parked there for long.
- We have been working really constructively and effectively with the school to minimise parking at Home Orchard by staff/visitors etc so the previous problems are less so now.

- Residents of HO are of mixed opinions about dyl's. The problems experienced in the past are less so, or not an issue now.

Response: Proposal Plan 11 has been removed as requested above by the local Ward Member.

Chew Lane (Plan 31) Please see amended plan attached. Details:

- **No parking /DYL's from south of gate by tennis courts to a point further south** that enables buses to pass each other, and tractors to access fields on both sides of the road at all times of the day.
- At the Dairy Way - Chew Lane junction: **NO double yellow lines, but white lines** (or other suitable marking) across driveways to prevent these being blocked, and for visibility improved for residents trying to drive off their properties. We believe a long stretch of double yellow lines here will prevent short term parking for visitors to the GP surgery and just create the problem elsewhere.
- Intermittent parking areas help to slow traffic, so beneficial if in correct locations.

Response: Plan 31 below has been amended as per the request of the Parish Council and local Ward Member. White Keep Clear markings are advisory and are therefore not required to be included within this TRO consultation and will be picked up separately.

Corston Parish Council – No comment.

Clutton Parish Council - No comment.

High Littleton Parish Council – No comment.

Midsomer Norton Town Council – Further to your email of 9th July asking for a response in the above TRO Informal Consultation, Councillors are asked for their response and two responded saying they were happy to support the scheme and the justifications behind it.

Paulton Parish Council – No comment.

Peasedown St John Parish Council – No comment.

Publow and Pensford Parish Council – No comment.

Radstock Town Council – Just wanted to check a couple of points on Plan 27 the Street/Fortescue Road:

Are all the orange areas shown below 30-minute wait times?

- The Orange area outside the delivery office is a strange one as this is raised pavement? Could it be this is from previous road layout as it doesn't really make any sense (based on 30-minute waiting?
- Great if The Street Parking is moved back to 30-minute wait as this is often abused the sign has disappeared!

The no waiting on Fortescue Road in red (highlighted with DYL and left of number 8) was changed recently to further parking and does not seem to have impacted not sure why this has been changed again?

Response: According to the Order all the bays shown in orange are 30-minute Limited Waiting. The Double Yellow Line markings shown in red are picking up what is currently on the ground. No changes on-site are planned as part of this TRO process.

Shoscombe Parish Council – No comment.

Stowey Sutton Parish Council – No comment.

Cameley Parish Council – No comment.

Timsbury Parish Council – I have circulated the proposals for the traffic restrictions in Timsbury Parish to all of our Councillors and the majority of the council are in favour. A few comments have been received but I believe these may have been collated by our Ward Councillor, Shaun Stephenson-McGall, who is also one of our Parish Councillors, in his response to you.

West Harptree Parish Council – No comment.

Westfield Parish Council – There are no objections from Westfield Parish Council in relation to Plan 35 – First and Second Avenue, Westfield.

Whitchurch Village Council – No comment.

Swainswick Parish Council – No comment.

Cabinet Member for Highways:

Cllr Manda Rigby – No comment.

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: 25th July 2024

9. DECISION

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

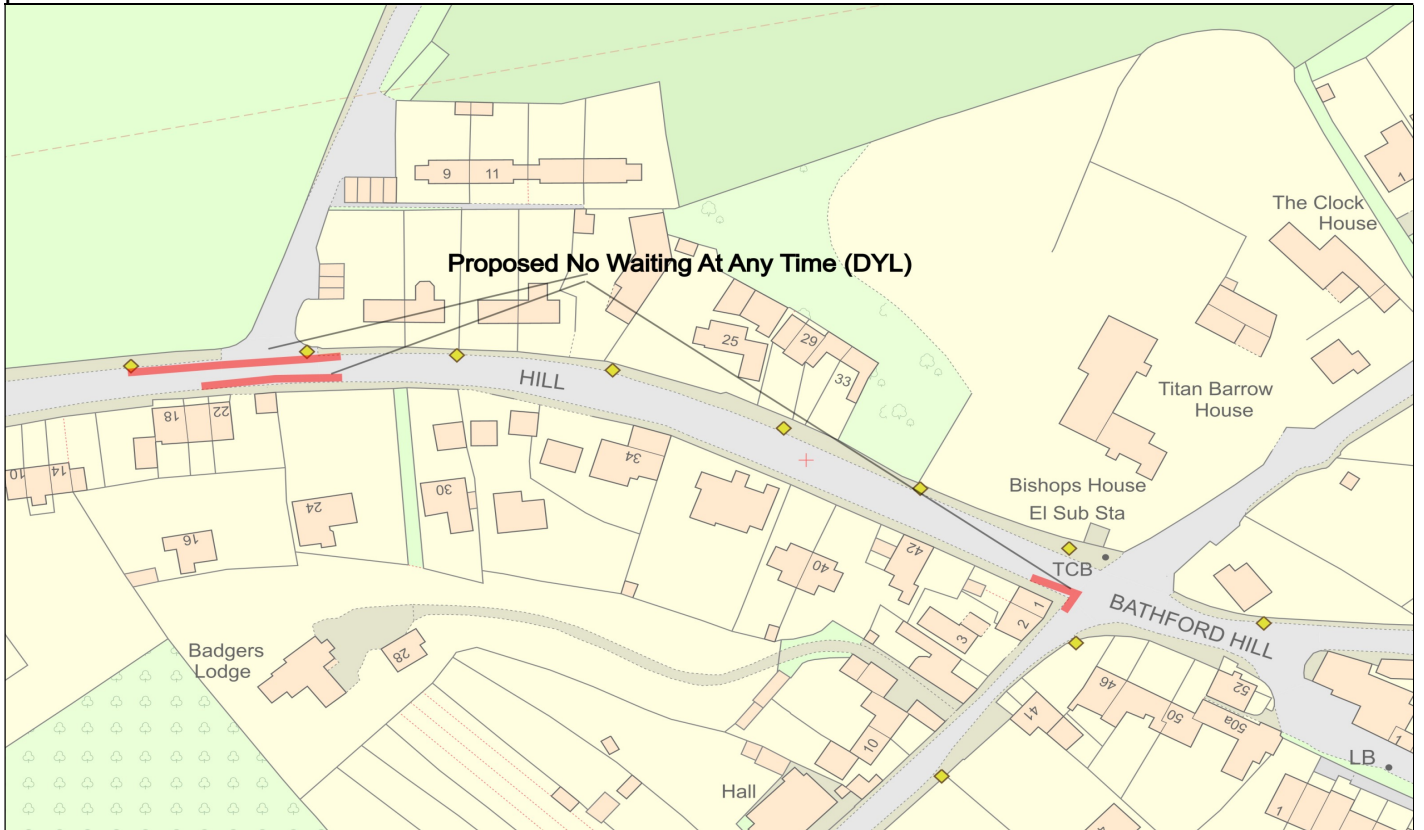
In taking this decision, I confirm that due regard has been given to the Council's public sector equality duty, which requires it to consider and think about how its policies or decisions may affect people who are protected under the Equality Act.



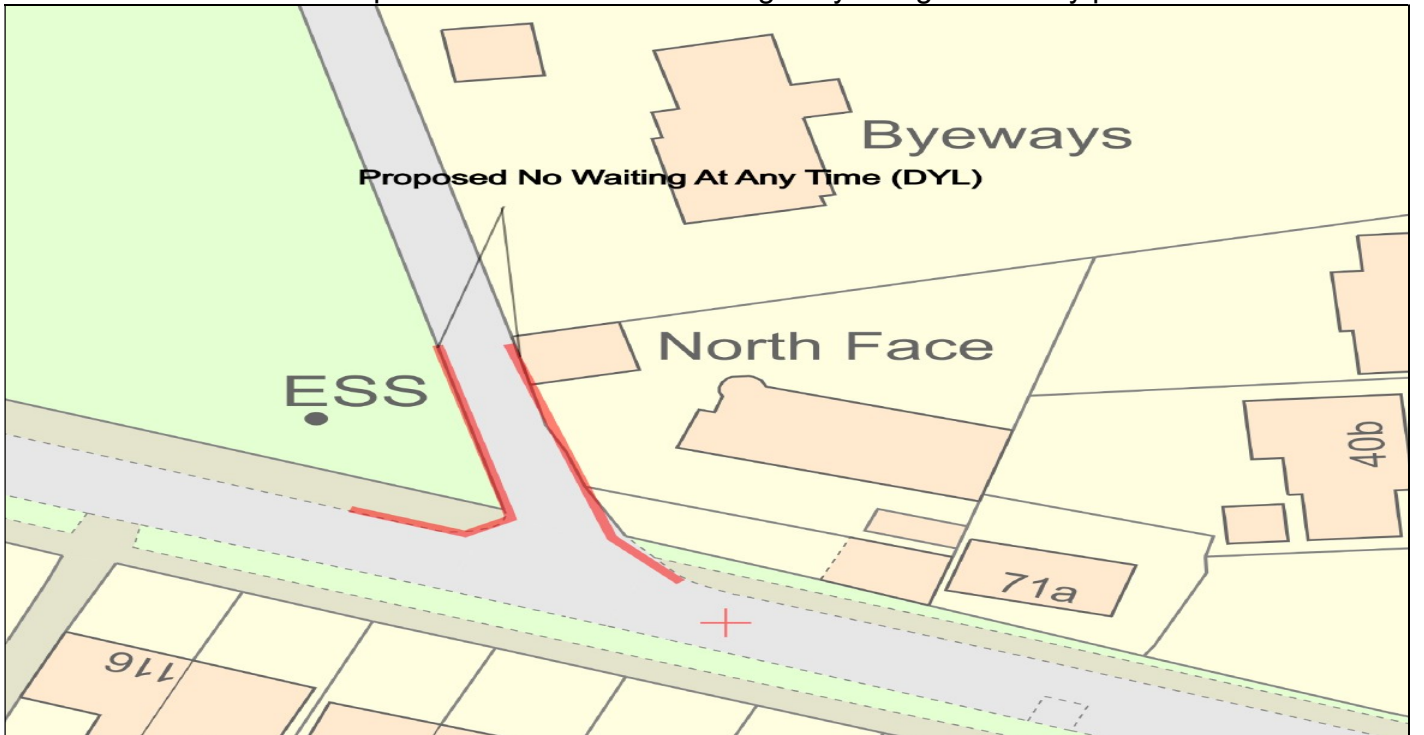
Gary Peacock
Head of Highways Delivery

Date: 26/07/2024

Plan 1 – Bathford Hill, Bathford – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Ward Members and Parish Council to prevent obstruction of the highway being caused by parked vehicles.



Plan 2 – New Road, Bathford – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Parish Council to prevent obstruction of the highway being caused by parked vehicles.

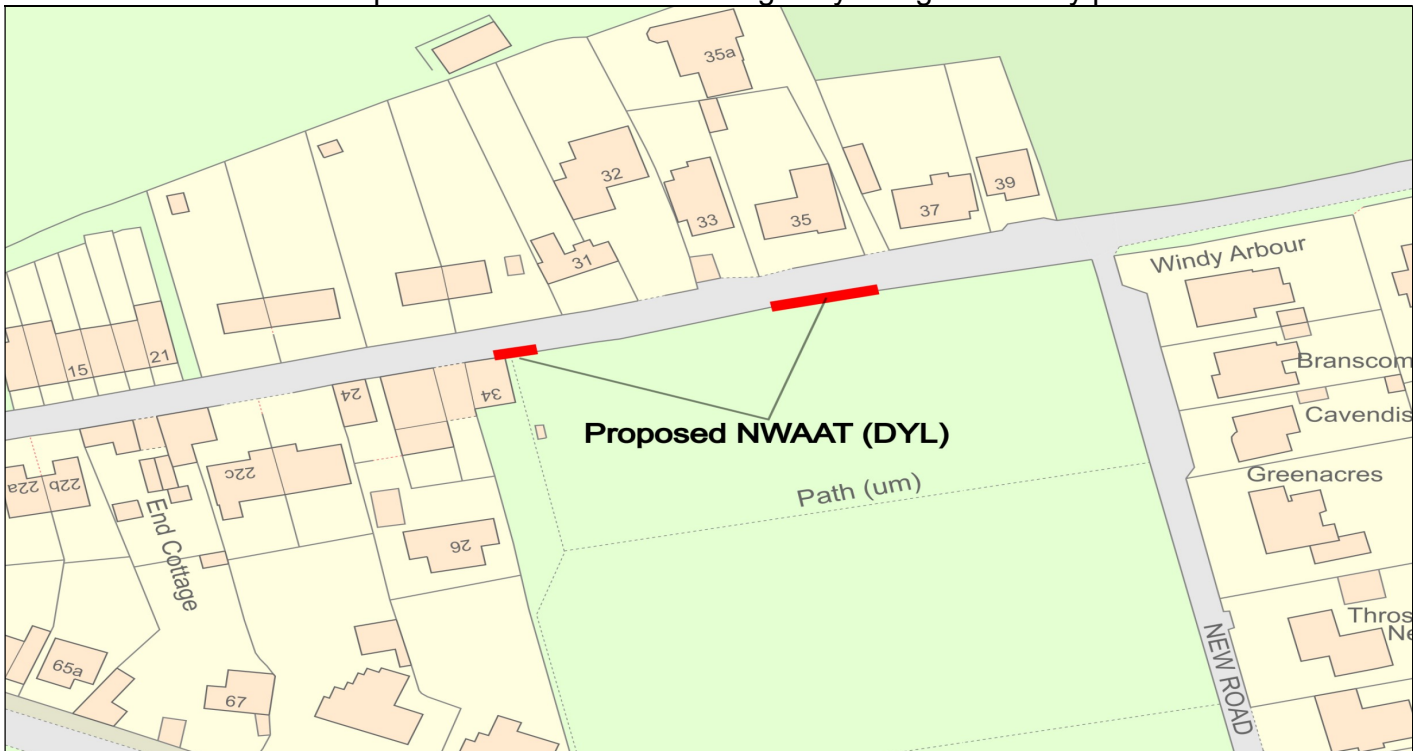


Plan 3 – Morris Lane, Batheaston – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Parish Council to prevent obstruction of the highway being caused by parked vehicles. *Plan 3 was deleted as an alternative proposal was put forward as seen below in Plan 21.*

Plan 4 – Garstons, Bathford – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Parish Council to prevent obstruction of the highway being caused by parked vehicles and improve visibility splays around the junction.



Plan 5 – Ashley Road, Bathford – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the local Parish Council to prevent obstruction of the highway being caused by parked vehicles.



Plan 6 – Combe End, Radstock – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the Traffic Management Team to prevent obstruction of the highway being caused by parked vehicles.



Plan 7 – Tynings, Clutton – Proposed No Parking At Any Time restrictions were requested by the Traffic Management Team to prevent obstruction of the turning / passing area by parked vehicles.

