

RPZ Consultation 2022 Amendment Report for Formal TRO Consultation Beacon Hill area

(Lansdown Ward, Bath)

An area which originally included Richmond Place, part of Summerfield Road, Richmond Lane, Richmond Close, Mount Beacon, Beacon Road, and part of Richmond Hill.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of Report

Bath & North East Somerset Council has received requests to introduce a new Residents' Parking Zone (RPZ) within the area of Beacon Hill, Bath, which is being proposed with the support of local ward councillors.

The proposal aims to prioritise on-street parking for residents and provide adequate and accessible parking for residents and visitors to access social hubs within the area, such as shops, pubs, schools, parks, places of worship, and local charities.

RPZs aim to discourage parking by non-residents who may currently park in the area before heading into the city or nearby places of work. By limiting non-residential parking, commuters are instead encouraged to use public transport, including the city's park and ride facilities, or to walk or cycle their journey. RPZs can also help to alleviate parking difficulties for residents where the parking in neighbouring residential areas may already be limited, restricted, or charged-for. Additional benefits are more orderly parking and fewer vehicles driving around looking for parking, resulting in improved road safety, better air quality and less noise and congestion.

The initial proposal was produced as a draft to be shared with the public during an initial informal consultation. This took place between the 5th May to 2nd June (5pm).

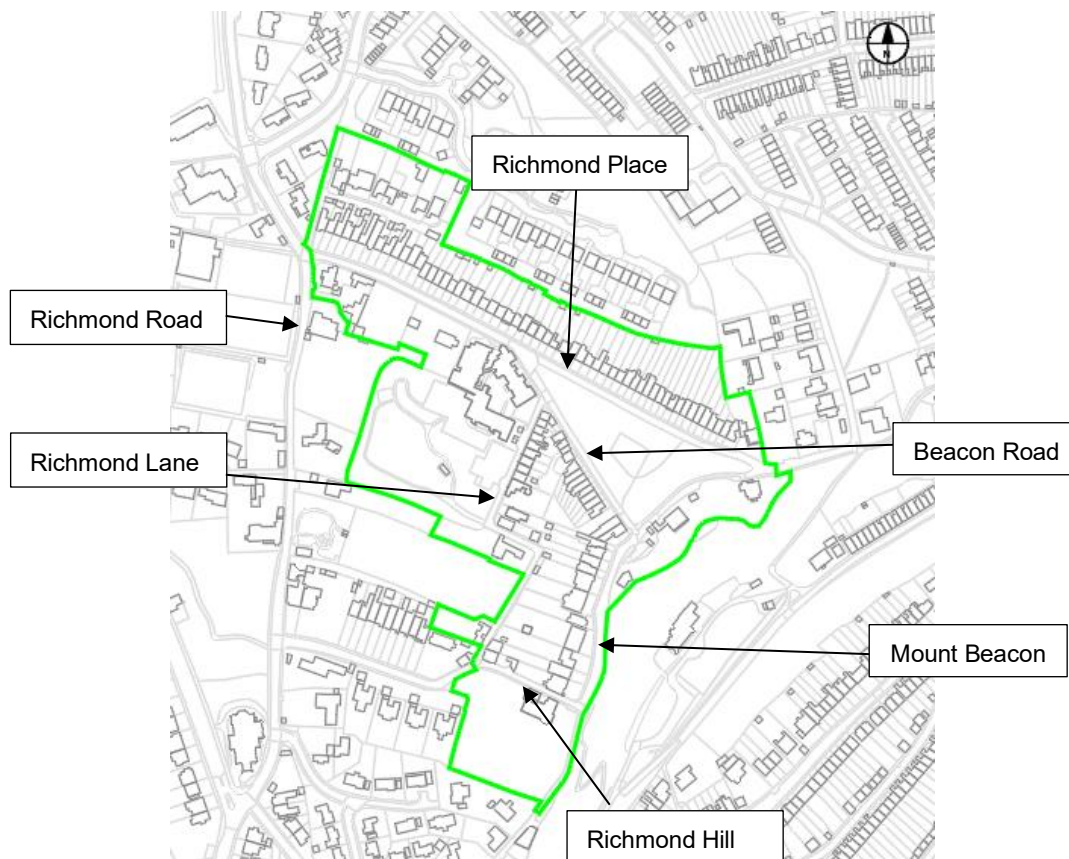
A virtual online event on 31 May 2022 from 12pm to 1pm, and an in-person event on 26 May 2022 from 4pm to 8pm at St Stephen's Church, were held to provide further information and enable consultees to talk to an advisor, view the proposal plans, ask questions, and submit a questionnaire.

After reviewing the feedback from the informal, initial exercise - and following discussions with the local Ward Councillors - we have revised the design and the amendments are detailed within this report.

1.2 Original Study Area

Beacon Hill is located north of Bath City Centre and the River Avon. The area is primarily a residential area with a public house and a school. The proposed RPZ boundary, as presented in the initial consultation in May, can be seen as a green border shown in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1: Original Zone Boundary Plan



1.3 Consultation outcome

A summary of the responses to the consultation can be found in Figure 2 below. Overall support for the original proposal was low at 13% but, having examined the comments received during the consultation, it is the opinion of the local ward councillors that support does exist for a scheme which covers a much smaller area encompassing Beacon Road, Mount Beacon, Richmond Lane and Richmond Hill only. They would like to offer residents a further opportunity to consider the benefits of a revised scheme, incorporating feedback from the initial consultation.

Table 1: Summary of responses to consultation

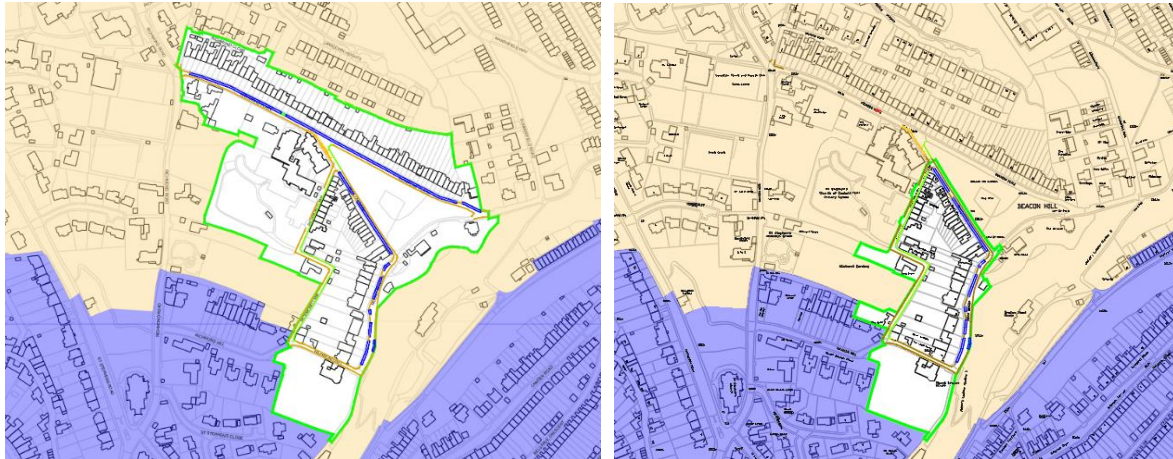
	All respondents		Live in Parking Zone		Live outside Parking Zone	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Support	8	7	7	8	1	4
Partially support	7	6	3	3	4	17
Object	98	87	79	89	19	79
No feeling	0	0	0	0	0	0

1.4 Amendments to be made to the proposals

Below is a list of the amendments requested by residents and/or ward councillors to be made to the original RPZ proposal:

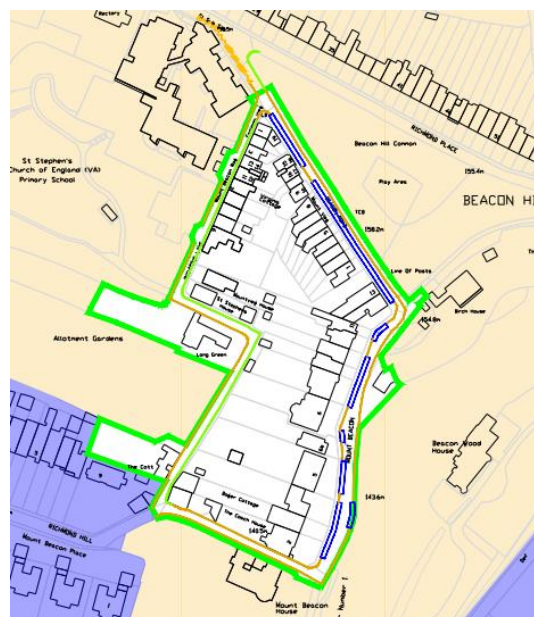
- 1) The ward councillors believe that an amended coverage area would be preferable to some residents. "The proposed boundary should be amended to cover only Beacon Hill, Beacon Mount, Richmond Hill, and Richmond Lane."

Figure 2: Boundary arrangements at consultation and following amendment



- 2) The revised proposals should not introduce any permit parking restrictions on Richmond Place. Remove the new bay and lining proposals for Richmond Place. Maintain the existing no waiting at any time restrictions at the junction with Richmond Road/Richmond Close. Maintain the 'School Keep Clear'.
- 3) Introduce a new 'no waiting at any time' restriction on the north side of Beacon Road extending westwards to supersede a short section of the existing 'no waiting at time' restriction opposite the junction with Richmond Lane to prevent obstructive parking.
- 4) The Ward Councillors' have stated that the multiple occupancy residence (Mount Beacon House) should not be included within the zone because residents have access to private parking. The southern boundary of the zone should run along the back of the Richmond Hill footway.

Figure 3: Revised boundary arrangements



1.5 Amendments not included in revised proposals

Below is a list of the amendments requested which have not been adopted in the revised proposed RPZ arrangement:

- 1) There were a number of consultation responses that requested the introduction or inclusion of some dual-use bays across the scheme proposal area. Primarily this request was to provide some parking for non-residents near to the Richmond Arms PH on Richmond Place however this is no longer relevant given that the proposals are to be withdrawn from Richmond Place and the boundary amended.

Figure 4: Richmond Arms public house on Richmond Place



- 2) A resident suggested that the existing advisory disabled parking bay outside property 21 Richmond Place is no longer needed. However, this is no longer relevant given that the proposals are to be withdrawn from Richmond Place and the boundary amended.

1.6 Next Steps

The next steps in the project timeline are as follows:

1. TRO Consultation to commence on 22nd September 2022.
2. Final decision 2nd December 2022.

Should there be a decision to proceed:

1. Orders sealed 8th December 2022.
2. Lining and signing works begin on site 30th January 2023.
3. Operational date, commence enforcement 27th February 2023.

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