

# OFFICER DECISION REPORT - TRO OBJECTION REPORT

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ADDRESSED TO: Group Manager, Highways & Traffic  
PREPARED BY: Traffic Regulation Order Team

**TITLE OF REPORT:** Margaret's Hill, Bath  
**PROPOSAL:** Prohibition of left turn  
**SCHEME REF No.:** 17-028/SC

## 1. STATEMENT

The delegation to be exercised in this report is contained within **Section 4** of the Constitution under the **Delegation of Functions to Officers**, as follows:

<b>Section A</b>	The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors, Divisional Directors and Heads of Service have delegated power to take any decision falling within their area of responsibility...."
<b>Section B</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.
<b>Section D9</b>	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 purpose of this report, in January 2016, the Divisional Director Environmental Services delegated the power to make, amend or revoke any Orders to the Group Manager, Highways and Traffic.

## 2. BACKGROUND

A route collision review of the A4 was undertaken by Bath & North East Somerset Council, this was from Hicksgate Roundabout to Bathford. The investigation, analysis and recommendation making has proposed improvements to standardize lane markings, improve existing and provide new road signs and general highway enhancements along the whole route.

The review looked at collisions over a 5 year period, which identified cluster sites for improvement works. It was important that the review looked at making changes to bring some constancy to the route, such as the signs and lines, likewise with the speed limits.

## 3. ISSUES

The route review made some recommendations for the A4, one of which is in relation to Margaret's Hill, to prohibit Left turns into London Road. As part of this the existing yellow box on London Street is proposed to be extended further southwards to accommodate those turning into and out of Margaret's Hill.

The grounds for objection have been summarised below with the technical responses in italics underneath.

During the consultation period (25<sup>th</sup> January to 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018), 70 objections were received.

The main areas of objection are -

- Prevented access to the south of the city via Cleveland Bridge, Some of the objectors felt that the restriction would force those vehicles coming down Margaret's Hill to take an unnecessary diversion if they wished to head towards Cleveland Bridge and beyond.
- extra traffic movement and pollution that will be caused and take place due to vehicles turning right from Margaret's Hill, consequently using the mini roundabout to turn back to continue on to London Road, and
- an increased risk of a potential accident at the roundabout due to the above manoeuvre .

*Response: This is a very valid point. If a driver does not want to perform the manoeuvres that the proposed restriction would necessitate, this would add to the length of their journey, increase fuel consumption and create more pollution in the area. Also the driver would be performing a difficult double manoeuvre by first crossing London Street and then turning 180 degrees around a mini roundabout while on a very congested area of highway used by various classifications of vehicle's, pedestrians and cyclists.*

#### **4 SOURCE OF FINANCE**

This proposal is being funded by a capital drawdown from reserves against project code TC8150.

#### **5. MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

##### Ward Members:

Very pleased to see the Council has acceded to the residents' objections.  
Cllr Patrick Anketell-Jones  
Lansdown Ward.

No other comments received

##### Cabinet Member:

No Comments received

**6 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the objections:

		Place "X" below.
a)	Be not acceded to and the Order as advertised be made.	
b)	Be acceded to in full and the proposal be withdrawn.	X
c)	Be acceded to in part and the following adjustments, being of minor significance; be included in the Order to be sealed.  <i>specify minor amendment to Order here:</i>	

Signature:  .....  
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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

