

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1. Meeting:	Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development
2. Date:	Monday 7th April 2014
3. Title:	Proposed Designated Disabled Persons parking Space, 12 Wesley Road, Kiveton Park.
4. Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To seek Cabinet Member approval not to accede to objections to the proposed introduction of a Designated Disabled Persons Parking Space for the resident of 12 Wesley Road, Kiveton Park.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended Cabinet Member resolve that:

- i) The objections to the proposed scheme be not acceded to.**
 - ii) The objectors be informed of the decision and the reasons why.**
 - iii) The Director of Legal and Democratic service makes the proposed Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.**
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7. Proposals and Details

On 9th September 2013 the Streetpride Service received a memorandum from Social Services requesting that consideration be given towards the introduction of a designated-disabled persons parking bay, for the use of the resident of 12 Wesley Road, Kiveton Park. This would ensure that the resident was able to park close to their property and therefore have easy access to their home at times when the road is busy and heavily parked up.

The provision of a standard disabled bay would not fully address the problem, as any blue badge holder would be able to utilise the parking place. It is therefore proposed that the bay is designated as a parking place for a permit holder only, that person being the successful applicant.

Following confirmation that the applicant had met Social Services medical criteria for a designated off highway parking bay, the Transportation and Highways Projects Group assessed whether a parking problem exists in the vicinity of the applicant's residence. It was found that there was indeed a parking problem with significant parking stress outside the applicant's home.

Consultation with Statutory Consultees and Ward Members took place on the 4th October 2013, with no objections received. The proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was advertised on street and in the Rotherham Advertiser on 13th of December 2013. In addition consultation letters were also sent to businesses and residential properties adjacent to the proposed restriction. Two objections were received in response to this proposal. The objections were made on the grounds that the proposal would seriously reduce available long term parking for other residents at this location and would also hinder customer parking to some businesses; copies of the objections are attached as Appendix 3.

It is acknowledged that the introduction of a designated residents permit space for a disabled badge holder in restricting the space for an individual resident and therefore may limit the choice of where other residents may park. However, it is considered that on balance the specific needs of the disabled badge holder as assessed by the Councils Occupational Therapists outweighs any potential inconvenience.

8. Finance.

Minimal cost associated with the introduction of the disabled parking space.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Should the objection be acceded to and the proposed restriction not be implemented then the accessibility of the applicants home from their vehicle would be seriously compromised.

10. Background Papers and Consultation

Ward Members have been consulted; with no objections to the Councils views on this matter,

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