

Report to: Lead Member for Community Services

Date of meeting: 28 September 2016

By: Director of Communities, Economy and Transport

Title: Provision of an on-street advisory disabled parking bay in Manor End, Uckfield

Purpose: To consider an objection received to the provision of an on-street disabled parking bay

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Lead Member is recommended to:

(1) Note the concerns raised by the objector; and

(2) Approve the provision of an advisory disabled bay in Manor End, Uckfield

1 Background Information

1.1. In areas not covered by formal parking restrictions, disabled bays are provided in line with adopted County Council Policy No. PS 4/18. This policy was approved by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment at his meeting on 6 November 2006 and is attached as Appendix 1.

1.2. An application for an on-street disabled bay was received from a resident of Manor End, Uckfield on 15 February 2016. The application was assessed against the policy criteria. As the applicant is in receipt of the Enhanced Rate Personal Independence Payment an independent mobility assessment was not required.

1.3. Due to the nature of the area, a disabled bay cannot be provided directly outside of the applicant's property, which is situated on the inside of the bend. There is sufficient width for on-street parking on one side of the carriageway, and the on-street parking on Manor End typically occurs along the opposite side of the road. The most suitable location for the disabled parking bay would therefore be directly opposite the applicant's property and in line with Policy PS 4/18 consultation with the affected resident was carried out. An objection was received during the consultation period.

1.4. The need for a bay on traffic management grounds was established by the local Traffic and Safety Officer.

1.5. The provisional cost of the advisory disabled bay is approximately £250 and will be met from existing revenue budgets.

2 Supporting Information

2.1. Manor End is a residential cul-de-sac with a mixture of both on and off-street parking. A location plan for Manor End is attached as Appendix 3. Many properties have more than one vehicle and the demand for on street parking is high. Photographs showing the parking situation are contained in Appendix 4.

2.2. During the consultation period, an objection was received from the owner of the affected property.

2.3. A response was sent to the affected property owner to address their queries regarding the provision of a bay. The property owner restated their objection to the proposal. The main grounds for the objection, together with the officer's response, are detailed in Appendix 2.

3 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

3.1. The need for the disabled bay was identified by site assessments undertaken by the Traffic and Safety Officer. This was supported by the information given in the initial application.

3.2. The requirements of Policy PS 4/18 have been met in this case. The Lead Member is therefore recommended to approve the provision of an advisory disabled bay in Manor End, Uckfield in line with this policy.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None