

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, Hornbeam, Burwash

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 Hornbeam, Burwash

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 Hornbeam, Burwash on 3 March 2016. The application was assessed against the policy criteria. As the applicant is the passenger, an independent mobility assessment was required and this resulted in the application being supported by the Adult Social Care Team.

1.3. Parking in Hornbeam takes place on the opposite side of the road to the applicant's property. There is also evidence on site of an old disabled bay being in place opposite the applicant's property, outside of No. 4 Hornbeam. Investigations resulted in confirmation from the resident of No. 4 that this bay is no longer required. Whilst it was deemed that this would be a suitable location for a bay to be reinstated, the resident of No. 4 requested that the proposed bay be moved southwards so that is not wholly outside of their property as they are considering installing an off-street parking facility. This would also enable the applicant to exit their vehicle onto a footpath instead of the grass verge. As such and in line with Policy PS 4/18 consultation with the affected residents was carried out and an objection has been received.

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

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. Hornbeam is a residential road with a mixture of both on and off-street parking. Many properties have more than one vehicle and on street parking is in high demand.

2.2. Following an initial consultation, comments were received from the affected property. An alternative location for a disabled bay was proposed as illustrated in Appendix 3 and this has attracted objection from another resident (Appendix 2). Site photos of Hornbeam are shown in Appendix 4.

3 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

3.1. The need for the disabled bay was identified by site assessments undertaken by the Traffic Engineer. This was supported by the information given in the initial application and further correspondence with the applicant.

3.2. The requirements of Policy PS 4/18 have been met in this case and it is recommended that the disabled bay is provided in line with this policy.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None