

**Report to:** Lead Cabinet Member for Communities and Safety

**Date of meeting:** 27 September 2017

**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 advisory disabled parking bay

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:** The Lead Member is recommended to:

- (1) Note the concerns raised by the objector; and**
  - (2) Approve the provision of an on-street advisory disabled parking bay in Manor End, Uckfield**
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## **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 4 May 2017. 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 a 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.

1.4. An advisory disabled parking bay was granted for the applicant's neighbour last year, and the bay was situated directly opposite the previous applicant's property. The closest available parking space for the new disabled bay would therefore be adjacent to the existing disabled bay opposite the new applicant's property.

1.5. In line with Policy PS 4/18 consultation with the affected residents was carried out. An objection was received during the consultation period.

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

1.7. 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 2. 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 3.

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

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 4. A Full copy of the correspondence is available in the Member's Room.

### **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

