

Report to: Lead Cabinet Member for Communities and Safety

Date of meeting: 24 May 2018

By: Director of Communities, Economy and Transport

Title: Provision of an on-street advisory disabled parking bay in Aldervale Cottages, Crowborough

Purpose: To consider an objection received to the provision of an on-street advisory 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 on-street advisory disabled parking bay in Aldervale Cottages, Crowborough**
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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 5/11. This policy was approved by the Lead Member for Communities and Safety at his meeting on 16 March 2018 and is attached as Appendix 1.

1.2. An application for an on-street disabled bay was received from a resident of Aldervale Cottages on 29 June 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 the applicant's property. There are limitations as to where an advisory disabled parking bay could be safely provided along Aldervale Cottages, due to the use of the road and the limited road width.

1.4. The road layout at the south west end of Aldervale Cottages is intended to provide sufficient space to allow vehicles to turn around safely. As a result, we are unable to provide a disabled bay within the turning head, since promoting the use of this area for parking could impact on a vehicle's ability to turn around safely.

1.5. Consideration was given to finding an alternative location for a disabled parking bay for the applicant. The section of road between the turning head and the layby is too narrow to provide a designated parking bay, as this could impede access for emergency service vehicles.

1.6. The southernmost space in the layby was therefore the closest available space where a designated parking bay could be safely provided, and the proposal has been put forward on this basis.

1.7. In line with Policy PS 5/11 consultation with the affected residents was carried out. An objection was received during the consultation period.

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

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

2 Supporting Information

2.1. Aldervale Cottages is a residential cul-de-sac, and the majority of properties do not have dedicated off-street parking. A location plan for Aldervale Cottages is attached as Appendix 2. 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, and inviting them to withdraw their objection. No response was received within the provided timescale. 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 5/11 have been met in this case. The Lead Member is therefore recommended to approve the provision of an advisory disabled bay in Aldervale Cottages in line with this policy.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None