

Report to:	Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment.
Date of meeting:	23 March 2015
By:	Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.
Title:	Provision of an on street advisory disabled parking bay, Gladstone Terrace Hastings
Purpose:	To consider objections received to the introduction of an on street advisory disabled parking bay

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Lead Member is recommended to:

- (1) Note the concerns raised by the objectors; and**
 - (2) Approve the introduction of an advisory disabled bay in Gladstone Terrace Hastings**
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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 A.

1.2 An application for an on street disabled bay was received from a resident of Gladstone Terrace, Hastings. The application was assessed against the policy criteria. A mobility assessment has not been carried out by Adult Social Care as the applicant is in receipt of the higher rate of mobility allowance.

1.3 Due to the limited available space directly outside the applicant's property the bay would need to overlap the adjacent properties either side. In line with policy PS4/18, consultation with the affected residents was carried out.

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 Gladstone Terrace is an area that has a high level of residential development and limited available road space. With an increase in multiple occupancy housing and households owning more than one vehicle, on street parking is in high demand.

2.2 Initial consultations were undertaken in relation to providing a standard length disabled parking bay at 6.6 m. Following objections and in the interests of reaching

an agreeable resolution for all affected parties we have proposed a shorter bay of 5.6 metres which would only result in an overlap of half a metre either side rather than a whole metre. However, further objection was received to this revised proposal. A summary of comments is included in Appendix B.

2.3 The County Councillor for this ward has been consulted and is in support of the provision of a disabled parking bay at the reduced length.

3. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation

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

3.2 Objections were received from both neighbours. One neighbour objected to the length of the bay stating that the applicant's car fitted within their own property boundaries. Although this may be true, there is a regulated length of disabled bay (6.6m) which caters for the lifetime of the user as they may change their vehicle. Specifically if a person's disability develops, they may require a specially adapted vehicle.

3.3 The other objector stated that the applicant had use of a garage on the opposite side of the terrace. Checks have been made with the applicant who confirms that they do not have use of the garage in question. Even if a garage was available, the distance from the applicants property would make it unfit for their use.

3.4 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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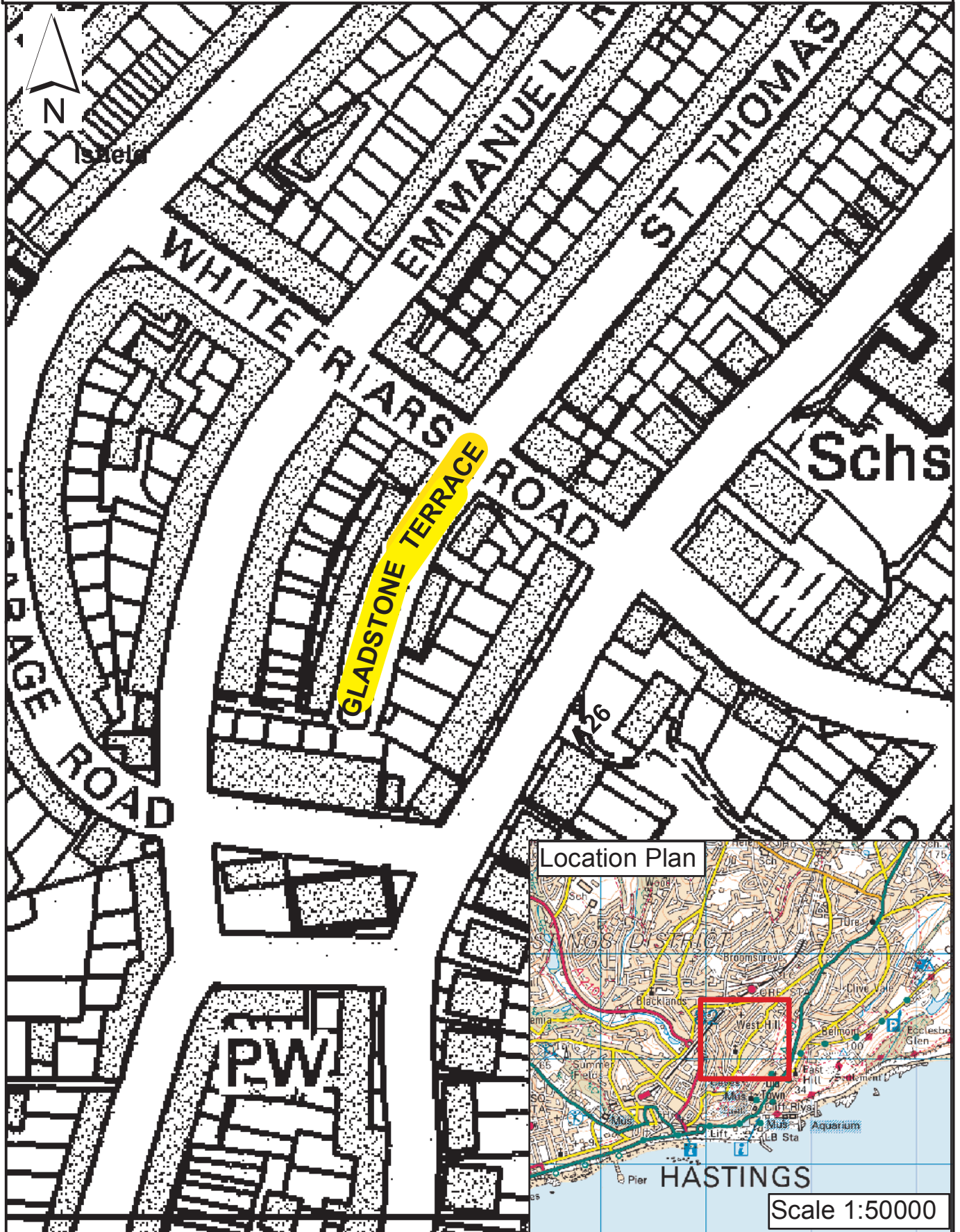
LOCAL MEMBERS

Cllr Godfrey Daniel

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

Gladstone Terrace, Hastings



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Appendix A – ESCC Policy No PS 4/18

Proposed Policy Summary PS4/18

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

LEAD MEMBER – TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY SUMMARY

PROVISION OF SPECIAL ON-STREET PARKING BAYS FOR BLUE BADGE HOLDERS	PS4/18
<u>Purpose of Policy</u> This policy sets out a practice for providing special parking facilities in addition to those automatically available through national legislation.	
<u>Specific Policies</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Special parking bays shall not normally be provided in shopping streets where there is a high demand for general parking to serve local businesses and any bay is unlikely to remain available for use by a specific applicant.2. Where there is an established need, a special parking bay may be provided for drivers or passengers holding a Blue Badge. However, the prime responsibility in providing a parking facility should rest with the Blue Badge holder.3. The need for a bay in terms of traffic problems shall be determined by the Director of Transport and Environment. Where necessary, a mobility/needs assessment and a report recommending provision or otherwise of a bay shall be sought.4. Advisory bays shall be provided as a general rule, although Traffic Regulation Orders may be promoted in particular circumstances.5. All special parking bays shall be subject to periodic reviews to establish the continuing need.6. No charge shall be made for the provision of a special on-street parking space for a Blue Badge holder.	
<u>Supporting Statement</u> The holder of a Blue Badge may be a disabled driver or passenger, a registered blind passenger or a club or organisation which conveys disabled or blind passengers. The following additional parking facilities are available through national legislation:- [a] For a period of up to 3 hours on a single or a double yellow line, which is not in a mandatory bus or cycle lane nor where loading restrictions apply. [b] Without charge or limit on duration at a voucher or pay and display space or in a length of street where there is a time limit imposed on other users.	
<u>References – Further Information</u> H & T Committee – 1 March 1977 Agenda Item 7 H & T Committee - 15 March 1995 Agenda Item 21	<u>Date of Approval</u> 01.03.77 15.03.95

Appendix B – Summary of objections

	Objector	Reason for objection	Comment
1	Resident of Gladstone Terrace	<p>The applicant has use of a garage on the opposite side of the terrace</p> <p>Applicant has always parked in a different road until recently</p>	<p>The applicant has confirmed that they do not own or have use of the garage</p> <p>If a vehicle is parked legally then the driver may park where he/ she chooses</p>
2	Resident of Gladstone Terrace	Applicant's car fits within the property boundaries overlap is not required	<p>Applicant's frontage is less than the regulated length for disabled bays. Standardised length ensures the bay will be of use if applicant changes vehicle, for other blue badge holders and improves understanding of restriction.</p> <p>A less encroaching shorter than regulated length has been proposed which is an informal secondary 'standard length' used in built up areas where appropriate</p>

Appendix C – Location plan, Gladstone Terrace, Hastings

