

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

**Date of meeting:** 22 October 2019

**By:** Director of Communities, Economy and Transport

**Title:** Proposed installation of advisory disabled parking bay – Pottingfield Road, Rye

**Purpose:** To consider the objection received to the proposed installation of an 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 installation of an advisory disabled parking bay**

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## **1 Background Information**

1.1. In areas not covered by formal parking restrictions, disabled parking bays are provided in line with adopted County Council Policy No PS05-11. This policy was approved by the Lead Member for Communities and Safety at their meeting on 16 March 2018 and is attached as Appendix 1.

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

## **2 Supporting Information**

2.1. An application for an on-street disabled parking bay was received from a resident of Pottingfield Road in Rye on 24 May 2019. The application was assessed against the relevant policy criteria and the application was successful.

2.2. Due to the nature of the area, it is not possible to provide a disabled parking bay directly outside of the applicant's property as parking takes place on the opposite side of the road. Pottingfield Road is too narrow to permit parking on both sides of the road and still allow traffic to flow freely.

2.3. Pottingfield Road is a residential area with some properties having off-street parking facilities. It is also a bus route and a number of bus stop clearways are in place to ensure the buses can pull in safely to load and unload passengers. Appendix 2 shows current parking restrictions, the proposed location of the disabled parking bay and site photographs of the area.

2.4. In line with Policy PS05-11, consultation with the affected residents was carried out. This involved consulting with four properties. This resulted in one objection being received. A summary of the objection can be found at Appendix 3. A full copy of the objection is available in the Members' Room

2.5. The need for a disabled parking bay on traffic management grounds was established by the local Senior Traffic and Safety Officer. This was supported by the information given in the initial application from the applicant.

2.6. The concerns raised by the objector relate to the existing pressure on the available on-street parking spaces. A key requirement when assessing an application for an on-street disabled parking bay is that parking in the applicant's area is difficult. Disabled parking bays are only provided when there is a proven hardship caused by being regularly unable to park near to the property, and not for convenience purposes.

### **3 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations**

3.1. The need for a disabled parking bay has been identified through site assessments and supported by information provided by the applicant, who meets all of our criteria requirements as set out in our policy.

3.2. The requirements of Policy PS 05-11 have been met in this case and it is recommended that the disabled parking bay is provided in line with this policy.

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#### LOCAL MEMBERS

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#### BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None