

Report to: **Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment**

Date of meeting: **22 June 2015**

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

Title: **Provision of an on street advisory disabled parking bay, Sandown Road, 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 Sandown Road, 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 1.

1.2 An application for an on street disabled bay was received from a resident of Sandown Road, Hastings. The application was assessed against the policy criteria. A mobility assessment has been carried out by Adult Social Care and the applicant is recommended for provision of an on street disabled bay.

1.3 Due to the limited available space directly outside the applicant's property the bay would need to overlap adjacent properties. In line with our working practice, consultation with the affected residents was carried out.

1.4 Two letters of objection were received. One on the grounds that immediate access to their own vehicle was required. Another on the grounds that if the bay was not placed at the end of the road it would leave a length of road that would have limited use. The responses are summarised as Appendix 2 with officer comments. Full copies of the responses are available in the Members Room.

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

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

2. Supporting Information

2.1 Sandown Road, Hastings is an area that has a high level of residential development with 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 Sandown Road has a very steep gradient. At its northern end it has an area of un-adopted highway connecting Sandown Road with School Road that is also used for parking. Adult Social Care confirmed that the area is unsuitable for use by the applicant due to the uneven terrain and the nature of the applicant's disability. Photos illustrating this are included as Appendix 3.

2.3 To maximise the limited available road space the preferred location for the bay is at the northern end of the road to allow unrestricted parking in the remaining road length. The bay is proposed just south of the end of the road to ensure access is not hindered for vehicles exiting the un-adopted section. A location plan is enclosed as Appendix 4.

2.4 An existing bay was removed from outside No.40 Sandown Road, having been determined unsuitable for use for the applicant and not required by other residents. The removal of this bay has off set the loss of parking created by the provision of the proposed bay.

3. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation

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

3.2 The requirements of Policy PS 4/18 have been met in this case. The Lead Member is therefore recommended to agree that the disabled bay is provided in line with this policy at the northern end of Sandown Road.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

Appendix 1 – 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>	
<p>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.</p> <p>The following additional parking facilities are available through national legislation:-</p> <p>[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.</p> <p>[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.</p>	
<u>References – Further Information</u>	<u>Date of Approval</u>
H & T Committee – 1 March 1977 Agenda Item 7	01.03.77
H & T Committee - 15 March 1995 Agenda Item 21	15.03.95

Appendix 2 – Summary of objections

	Objector	Reason for objection	Comment
1	Resident of Sandown Road	Requires immediate access to own vehicle due to on-going medical treatment.	Relocating the bay from its proposed location would not guarantee that the space would be available, as parking is unrestricted in Sandown Road. Placing the bay at the end of the road allows all other vehicles to utilise the remaining road space.
2	Resident of Sandown Road	<p>A bay outside of the applicant's house (No.44) would restrict the available space at the northern end of the road (outside 46).</p> <p>Overlap of objector's property would lower market value.</p>	<p>The bay's location has been slightly amended to the north. This will ensure that the maximum usable road space remains.</p> <p>This is not a factor that we take into consideration when assessing applications for on-street disabled parking bays.</p>

Appendix 3 - Location photos



Applicant's property pictured 2nd from left. View south on Sandown Road.



View north on Sandown Road.

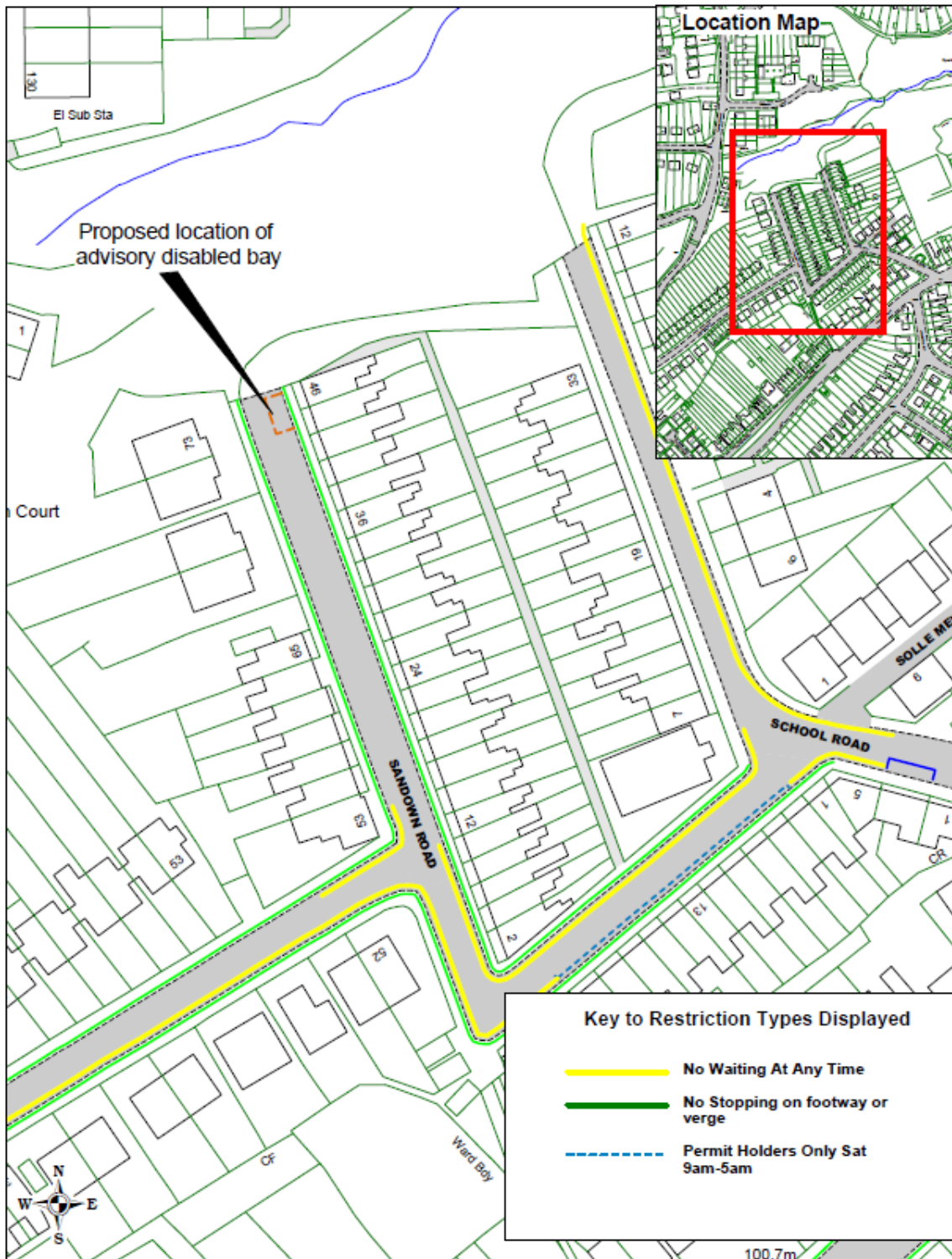



Northern end of Sandown Road picturing un-adopted parking area



Un-adopted parking area surface condition pictured

Appendix 4 – Location plan, Sandown Road, Hastings



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