

Report to: Lead Member for Community Services

Date of meeting: 27 April 2016

By: Director of Communities, Economy and Transport

Title: Provision of an on street advisory disabled parking bay, Blackman Avenue, St Leonards on Sea

Purpose: To consider an objection 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 objector; and**
- (2) Approve the introduction of an advisory disabled bay in Blackman Avenue, St Leonards on Sea**

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 Blackman Avenue, St Leonards on Sea. 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 presence of a bus stop clearway there is limited available space directly outside the applicant's property. The bay would therefore need to overlap the neighbouring property. In line with the County Council's working practice, consultation with the affected resident was carried out. See Appendix 2.

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 Blackman Avenue is a local distributor road carrying a high volume of traffic inclusive of buses and large vehicles. The majority of the road is covered by no waiting at any time restrictions. Parking is further restricted due to the presence of buildouts as the road has been traffic calmed. Some residents have converted their front gardens to create off street parking but the greater percentage have not, therefore on street parking is in high demand.

2.2 Following consultation with the affected neighbour, an objection to the proposal was received. The grounds for objection were that provision of a bay would restrict use by the neighbour for visitors parking and taxi drop off. The neighbour states that they are also disabled, however, as far as we are aware they do not own a vehicle. The bay is advisory therefore if

vacant would not restrict a taxi dropping off the neighbour outside their home. The neighbour's visitors may park in the unrestricted areas to the north or south as shown on Appendix 3.

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 from the applicant.

3.2 Due to mobility impairment the applicant has an established need for parking as close as practicable to their property.

3.3 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 line with this policy.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None