

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER OBJECTION ASSOCIATED WITH THE  
PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY AT THE  
SHRUBBERY, HUNTINGDON**

*To:* Traffic Manager and the Local Member representing electoral division below.

*Meeting Date:* 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019

*From:* Executive Director: Place & Economy

*Electoral division(s):* Huntingdon West

*Forward Plan ref:* N/A *Key decision:* No

*Purpose:* To determine an objection to the installation of a Disabled Persons Parking Bay in The Shrubbery, Huntingdon

*Recommendation:* a) Implement the restrictions as advertised  
b) Inform the objector accordingly

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1** The Shrubbery is located approximately 1.5 miles to the west of the Town Centre of Huntingdon, a plan of the locations can be found at Appendix 1.
- 1.2** The carriageway at the location of the proposed Disabled Persons Parking Bay (DPPB) in The Shrubbery is approximately 5 metres wide, there are no parking restrictions and there are allocated off street parking bays provided for residents.
- 1.3** An application for a Disabled Persons Parking Bay in the vicinity of 6 The Shrubbery, Huntingdon was received on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The applicant meets the County Council's criteria for a DPPB, although they do have access to off street parking by way of parking space in a private car park located near the rear of the property. Although the applicant does have access to off street parking they have stated that they have difficulty accessing this parking area. Disabled Persons Parking Bays allow the applicant to park close to their residence as an aid to mobility and play an important role in helping maintain independence. In addition the intention of such bays is to maintain a parking place for any bona-fide disabled badge holder to use, not just the applicant.
- 1.4** A plan showing the location of the proposed Disabled Persons Parking Bay can be found at appendix 2.

## **2. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO) PROCESS**

- 2.1** The TRO procedure is a statutory consultation process that requires the Highway Authority to advertise, in the local press and on-street, a public notice stating the proposal and the reasons for it. The advert invites the public to formally support or object to the proposals in writing within a twenty one day notice period.
- 2.2** A TRO to implement disabled persons parking bays in multiple locations in Huntingdon was advertised in the Hunts Post on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2018. The statutory consultation period ran from the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2018 until the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- 2.3** The statutory consultation resulted in one objection to the proposed disabled persons parking bay in the vicinity of 6 The Shrubbery which has been summarised in the table in Appendix 3. The officer responses are also given in the table.
- 2.4** On the basis of this analysis, it is recommended that the Disabled Persons Parking Bays in the vicinity of 6 The Shrubbery, Huntingdon is implemented as advertised as:
  - The applicants meet the County Council's eligibility criteria (apart from having access to off street parking but which the applicant has difficulty accessing).

- There is sufficient provision in the accessibility budget 2018-19

### 3 ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

#### 3.1 Developing the local economy for the benefit of all

There are no significant implications for this priority.

#### 3.2 Helping people live healthy and independent lives

Disabled Persons Parking Bays can have an important role in maintaining the applicant's independence.

#### 3.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people

There are no significant implications for this priority.

### 4 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

#### 4.1 Resource Implications

The necessary staff resources and funding have been secured through the Accessibility budget.

#### 4.2 Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications

The statutory process for this proposal has been followed.

#### 4.3 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

#### 4.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications

The statutory consultees have been engaged including County and District Councillors, the Police and the Emergency Services.

Notices were placed in the local press and were also displayed on the road where it is proposed to implement the restrictions and consultation letters were delivered to nearby residents. The proposal was available to view in the reception area of Shire Hall, Cambridge, Vantage House, Huntingdon and at the Offices of Huntingdonshire District Council as well as being available to view online.

#### 4.5 Localism and Local Member Involvement

The County Councillor's and District Councillors were consulted, no objections were received.

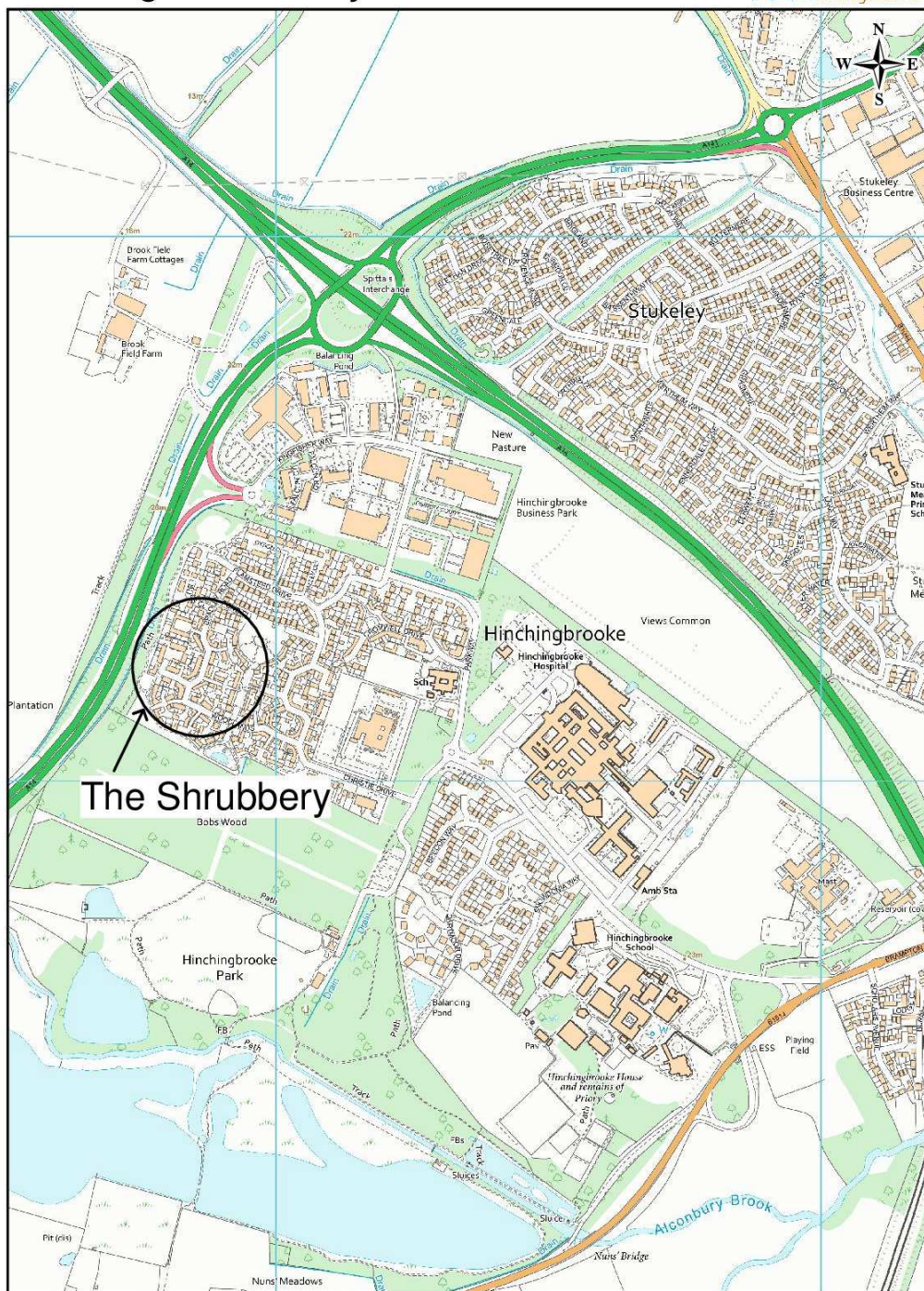
#### 4.6 Public Health Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

Source Documents	Location
Consultation responses Draft Traffic Regulation Order Letter of objection	Policy and Regulation Vantage House Vantage Park Washingley Road Huntingdon PE29 6SR

## Appendix 1 – Location Overview

Cambridgeshire County Council



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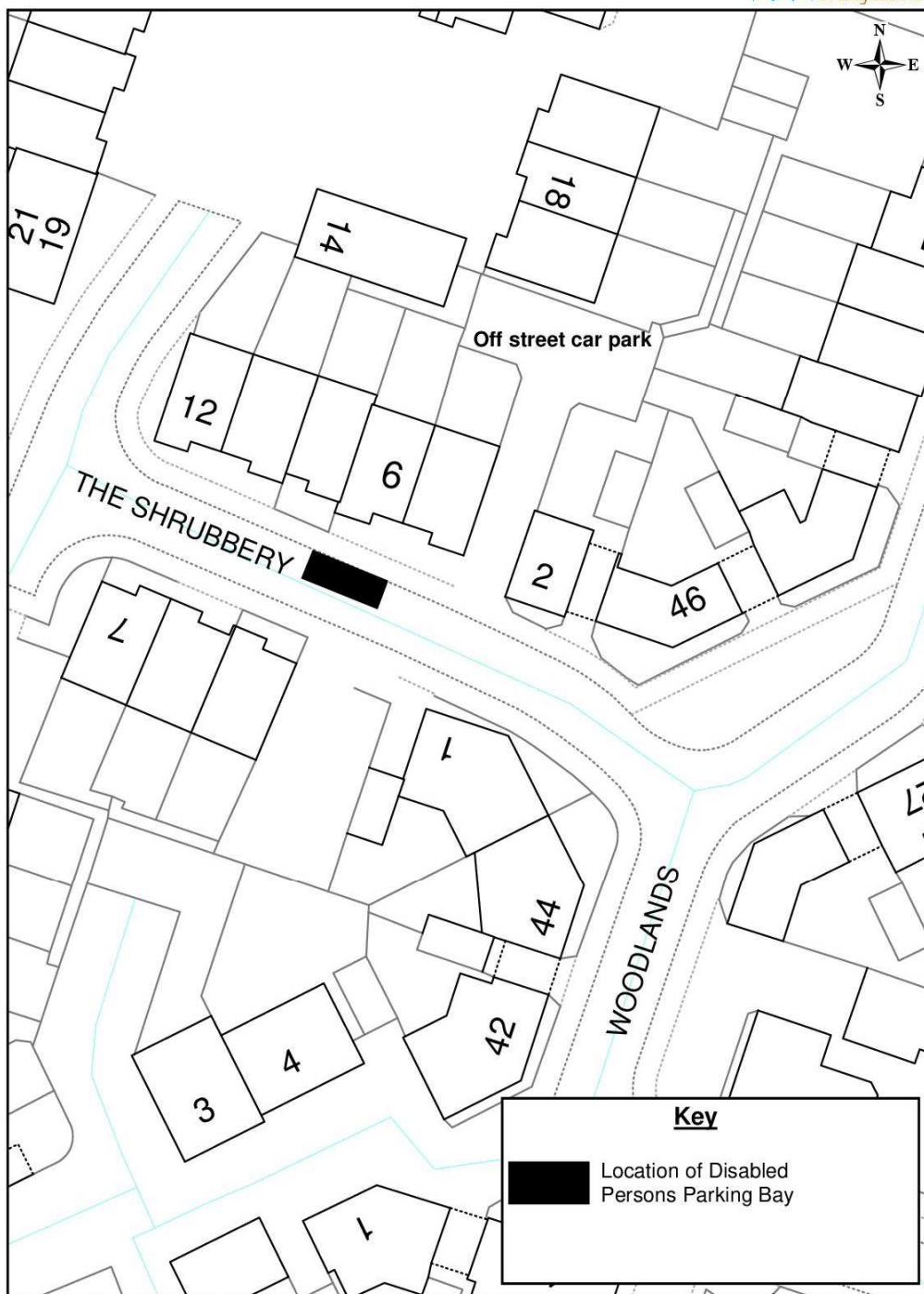
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## **Appendix 2 – Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Bay The Shrubby, Huntingdon**

Cambridgeshire County Council (Various Streets, Huntingdon)  
(Disabled Persons Parking Bay) Order 20\$\$



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### Appendix 3

#### Objections:

1	<p>The applicant has an allocated car parking space directly at the back of their property with easy access through to their back garden how comes they are not using this?</p> <p>They have been in the property nearly a year, can I ask why you would rent a house knowing the parking facilities available to them were inadequate for their needs?</p> <p>We have young children that we have to get in and out the car safely but this isn't always possible with public cars and me and my partner do use our allocated car parking space. Her husband isn't disabled so there is nothing stopping him dropping her off at the front door and parking in the next available space, especially when she is able to do this when she uses taxi firms.</p>	<p>The applicant of this Disabled Persons Parking Bay has disclosed on their application form that they have a car port at the rear of the property but have difficulty accessing this parking space.</p> <p>I do not know the details of the applicant's disability or personal circumstances so I am not in a position to comment on why they chose to live in the house they do but it could be that the applicant's disability has worsened since moving to the property or is worse on some days more than others.</p> <p>I appreciate that there is a lot of competition for parking places but in this case the proposed disabled parking place will only restrict parking for approximately one car space (mostly in front of the applicants property). If a Disabled Persons Parking Bay is no longer required it can be removed and reverted back to general use.</p>