

**OBJECTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ADVISORY
DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY AT STATION STREET, CHATTERIS**

To: **Cambridgeshire County Council's Traffic Manager and the
Local Member representing the electoral division below.**

Meeting Date: **30th July 2019**

Electoral division(s): **Chatteris**

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

Purpose: **To determine the objections to the installation of an
Advisory Disabled Persons Parking Bay at Station Street,
Chatteris.**

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

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Station Street is located to the west of the Town centre of Chatteris. A plan of the location can be found at (Appendix 1).
- 1.2 Station Street is approximately 7 metres wide at the location of the proposed advisory Disabled Persons Parking Bay (DPPB), it is proposed that the bay be implemented within the layby adjacent to numbers 17a and 17b Station Street. A plan of the proposed location of the DPPB can be found at (Appendix 2). A site photo of the locality can be found at Appendix 3.
- 1.3 An application form for a DPPB was received from a resident who resides in Railway Lane close to its junction with Station Street. The applicant meets Cambridgeshire County Council's criteria to be considered for a DPPB. Due to existing waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) in Railway Lane it is not possible to implement a DPPB near to the applicants address. Prior to the implementation of the double yellow lines in 2013 the applicant parked outside of their property. The applicant requested that if possible a bay be implemented in the layby on Station Street (opposite the fire station) as this is where the applicant parks when space is available. If implemented the DPPB would be approximately 40 metres from the applicants address.
- 1.4 There are two different types of Disabled Persons Parking Bays that can be installed, Advisory bays or Mandatory bays. Mandatory bays require the making of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and the misuse of such bays can be enforced. Advisory disabled persons parking bays are installed without the legislative upright sign and are non-enforceable, however such bays are normally well respected. As advisory bays do not require a TRO they are more cost effective to install. Cambridgeshire County Council as Highway Authority assesses each application before deciding which type of bay should be installed but generally in restricted areas or potentially restricted areas such as Cambridge City, Ely, St Neots, St Ives and Huntingdon mandatory bays are installed but in all other areas advisory bays are generally installed.

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 Consultation was carried out with interested parties (local Councils, County and District Councillors and nearby residents) regarding the proposed advisory disabled persons parking bay in the vicinity of 17a Station Street. The consultation period ran from the 16th November to 10th December 2018. The consultation resulted in three objections which are summarised along with officer responses in the table at Appendix 4.
- 2.2 On the basis of the analysis, it is recommended that the proposed Disabled Persons Parking Bay in the vicinity of 17a Station Street be implemented as advertised on the basis that:
 - The applicant meets Cambridgeshire County Councils eligibility criteria.
 - There is sufficient provision in the Accessibility Budget 2019-20.
 - Those properties in the vicinity of the layby adjacent to 17a Station Street, Chatteris has access to off street parking provision.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 A good quality of life for everyone

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.2 Thriving places for people to live

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.3 The best start for Cambridgeshire's children

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 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

The statutory process for this proposal has been followed.

4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

Interested parties have been consulted including County and District Councillors, local Councils and neighbouring properties.

4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

The County Councillor and District Councillors were consulted, no comments were received. Chatteris Town Council were consulted and offered no objection to the proposed bay.

4.7 Public Health Implications

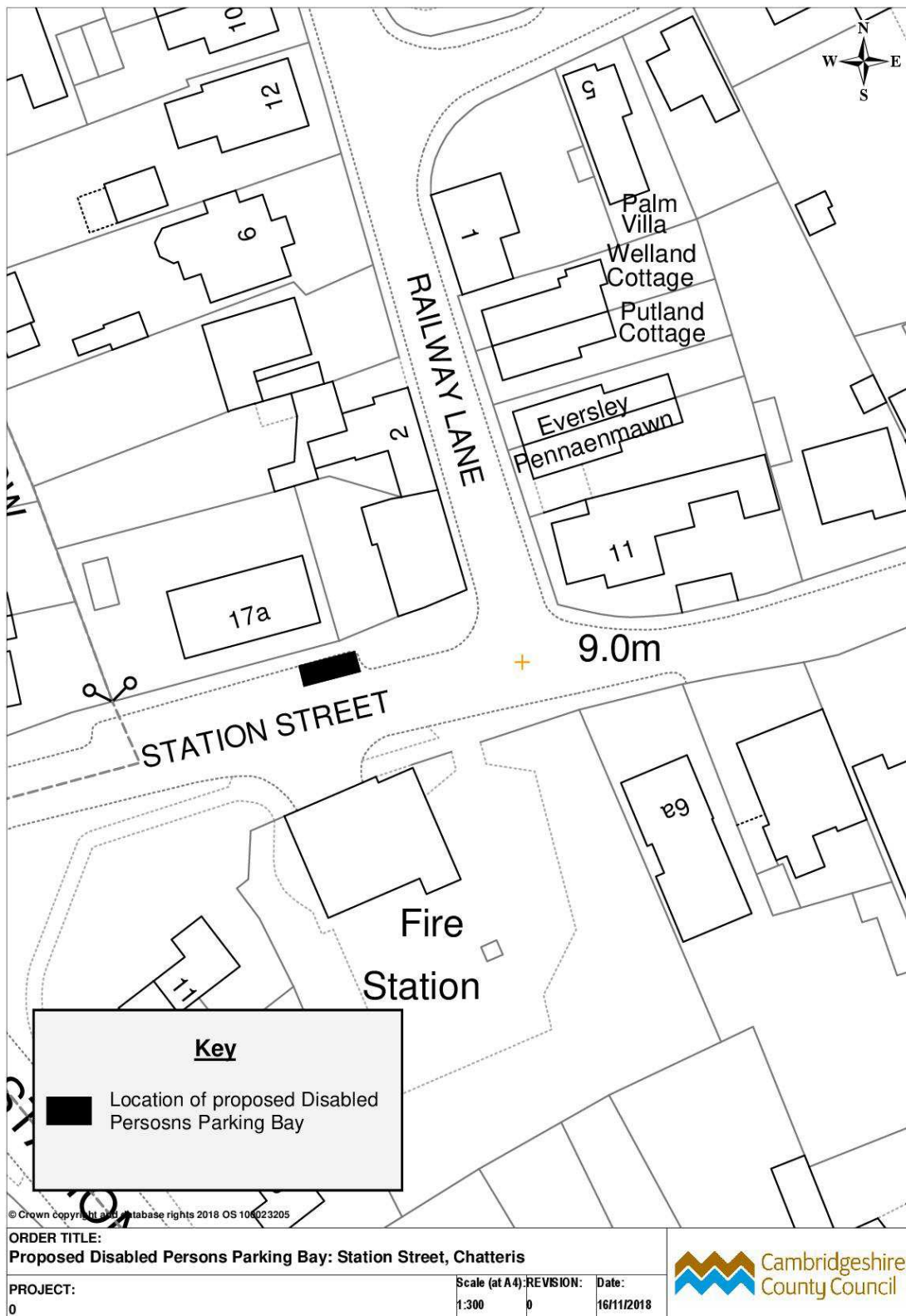
There are no significant implications within this category.

Source Documents	Location
Consultation responses Statements of objection	Policy and Regulation Vantage House Vantage Park Washingley Road Huntingdon PE29 6SR

Cambridgeshire County Council



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Appendix 4

No.	Summary of Objection / Comments	Officer Response
1	<p>Both my partner & I strongly object to the proposed disabled persons parking bay.</p> <p>We have lived at station street for the past 5 1/2 years and in all that time, have struggled ourselves to park near our house. Quite often there is no space and I have had to park on another street so I don't see why someone should have a "Reserved" space, just because they are disabled.</p> <p>The person who made the application for the parking space goes back & forth to work.</p> <p>They are abled enough to walk around at work all day, and don't have use of a disabled parking area for them. So why have one here? It's not as if the parking area on station street is outside their home - it isn't. It a good 80 yards away, round the corner.</p> <p>In the parking area on station street, there is approx. 5 car parking spaces. And it's always been on a first-come basis, which is very fair.</p> <p>You should know the applicant and her partner have 3 vehicles. My partner & I have 2. Our neighbours also have 2 vehicles. Even though the parking area gets busy, we have lived in harmony and respect the fact these spaces are for anybody.</p> <p>I don't see why the applicant should be given special treatment and have the space at the front reserved just for them - especially when they will have to walk 80 yards to their home.</p> <p>If they were parked in the 2nd or 3rd space, it only adds a couple more yards for them to walk home. Which I'm sure they could do.</p> <p>I am also concerned about what happens if another disabled neighbour uses the proposed disabled person parking and not</p>	<p>The applicant has a valid blue badge and no access to off street parking so they meet our criteria to be considered for a bay.</p> <p>The applicant for this disabled persons parking bay lives in Railway Lane and due to having double yellow lines outside of their property and most of Railway Lane for road safety reasons we are unable to put a disabled parking bay outside of their property, because the applicant has stated they usually park in the layby in Station Street it has been proposed that a bay might be able to be implemented here.</p> <p>If implemented a disabled persons parking bay can be used by anyone holding a valid blue badge. When considering applications for disabled persons parking bays we look at the</p>

	<p>the applicant. I am sure this will happen and cause the applicant to park elsewhere - possible much further away.</p> <p>What happens then - will the council propose yet another disabled space? if so, what happens to the rest of us who have cars to park ?</p> <p>Why should we be discriminated against just because we are able bodied?</p> <p>Why should we have to park a considerable distance away (over 200yards)?</p> <p>What happens if disabled persons in villages, towns and cities, all made applications for their own reserved space? I haven't seen one in Chatteris so why start now? Why upset the applecart?</p> <p>I know disabled people make adjustments to their homes - or even move house to help with their disability.</p> <p>In this case, perhaps buying a house with car parking facilities right outside their front door would be more appropriate, would it not?</p> <p>I have to say that I fully support helping disabled people but in this case, it doesn't make any sense to reserve a parking space, when the applicant still has to walk 80 yards to their home.</p> <p>If the application was for a parking space right outside the applicant's home, then I would fully support it as it would make a big difference.</p> <p>However in this case, it doesn't make a difference. Walking another 7-8 yards on top of the 80 yards is immaterial.</p> <p>As you can see from the above, there are many logical reasons why this proposal should not have merit and would urge the council to refuse it.</p>	<p>capacity of the road and whether there are already disabled persons parking bays in the road.</p> <p>There are a number of existing disabled parking bays in Chatteris (for example in Burnsfield Street and Horsegate Gardens).</p> <p>I acknowledge that with some properties it is possible to make adaptations to the property so that off street parking can be provided however with this particular case there is no available space within the property.</p>
2	<p>I am strongly opposing against the issue of the application for the above.</p> <p>The reasons for this are the following :</p>	

	<p>This parking bay should remain a public bay for those who wish to park without any restrictions as it has remained since the day it was developed for such use.</p> <p>Once a restriction area is issued then further similar applications cannot be denied or refused and this then no longer is available to the public!</p> <p>The applicant is capable of holding down employment which involves walking and also capable of walking distances without the assistance of any walking aids therefore parking a car one or two car spaces further down the bay would not warrant any problems at any given time</p> <p>The applicant also has 3 vehicles to one household: the named car, a van and a works van that is permanently parked in the parking bay therefore restricting space that should be available to the public.</p> <p>We have 2 vehicles in our household and although we have a car standing for one, we have encountered difficulties driving in and out on to the public pathway.</p> <p>I am not discriminating any person with any disabilities however, in this case I strongly object against the application as the applicant's disability does not warrant for a private parking area and this would potentially open a can of worms for similar applications in Chatteris!</p> <p>This is a public parking bay that should be solely used for just that!</p>	<p>The applicant for this disabled persons parking bay lives in Railway Lane and due to having double yellow lines outside of their property and most of Railway Lane for road safety reasons we are unable to put a disabled parking bay outside of their property, because the applicant has stated they usually parks in the layby in Station Street it has been proposed that a bay might be able to be implemented here. The applicant has a valid blue badge and no access to off street parking so they meet our criteria to be considered for a bay.</p> <p>If implemented a disabled persons parking bay can be used by anyone holding a valid blue badge. When considering applications for disabled persons parking bays we look at the capacity of the road and whether there are already disabled persons parking bays in the road.</p> <p>As previously mentioned there is a criteria that applicants have to meet before they are considered for a disabled persons parking bay, Each application is assessed to check it meets the criteria and whether a suitable location can be found nearby the applicant's house. This is not the first application for a disabled persons parking bay we have received in Chatteris there are a number of existing disabled parking bays in Chatteris (for example in Burnsfield Street and Horsegate Gardens).</p>
3	<p>I think a disabled parking bay isn't manageable here, there is a space most of the time, always space at night and most daytimes,</p> <p>As the parking here is restricted because of yellow lines and the fire station, if it was free, disabled or not it will be used.</p> <p>There are 5 spaces, the person who has applied takes up 2 and my neighbour who has no parking has 2. That still leaves one.</p>	<p>The applicant for this disabled persons parking bay lives in Railway Lane and due to having double yellow lines outside of their property and most of Railway Lane for road safety reasons we are unable to put a disabled parking bay outside of their property, because the applicant has stated they usually parks in the layby in Station Street it has been proposed that a bay might be able to be implemented here. The applicant has a valid blue badge and no access</p>

	<p>Daytimes is the only time they are full. Why this space should be allocated to one person. How will you manage it?</p>	<p>to off street parking so they meet our criteria to be considered for a bay.</p> <p>There is a criteria that applicants have to meet before they are considered for a disabled persons parking bay each application is assessed to check it meets the criteria and whether a suitable location can be found nearby the applicants house.</p> <p>If implemented a disabled persons parking bay can be used by anyone holding a valid blue badge, although in most cases it is mostly used by the person who applied for it. Disabled persons parking bays are generally well respected and use by non-blue badge holders minimal.</p>