

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER OBJECTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH
MAGAZINE CLOSE, WISBECH**

To: Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Date: 18th November 2014

From: Executive Director: Economy, Transport &
Environment

*Electoral
division(s):* Roman Bank and Peckover

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

Purpose: To determine objections received to the Traffic
Regulation Order (TRO) associated with Magazine
Close, Wisbech

Recommendation: a) Approve and make the Order as advertised
b) Inform the objectors accordingly

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1** Magazine Close is a no through road, located south west of Wisbech Town centre, north of the River Nene (**appendix 1**). It is a short road, approximately 100 metres in length with a turning head at its southern most point.
- 1.2** The County Council has been requested to install a disabled parking place in Magazine Close opposite number 4 on the west side of the carriageway (**appendix 2**). Informal car parking already occurs on this side of the road, leaving the eastern side free for moving traffic. In addition, there is also an existing disabled parking place on the western side of the road opposite number 6.
- 1.3** None of the properties in Magazine Close have off-street parking. However there is an area of private land on the west side of the Close, which is used by residents for parking, further increasing the available parking capacity in Magazine Close.
- 1.4** The Council has a responsibility to residents who are disabled or suffer from issues of poor mobility to provide them with places to park their vehicles on the public highway where possible. By doing so, the Council can make a significant difference to people's lives should their area suffer from severe pressures on car parking facilities. Funding is provided through the Council's Accessibility Budget.

2. 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** The TRO was advertised in the Fenland Citizen on the 20th of August 2014. The statutory consultation period ran from 20th August – 10th September.

The statutory consultation resulted in two objections and one statement of general comment, which are detailed in **Appendix 3**. There were no comments from any of the emergency services whilst the Police offered no objection.

- 2.3** On the basis of this analysis it is recommended that this Order is made for the reasons:

- To improve accessibility for vulnerable road users.

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

Providing practical car parking for people who have mobility issues.

3.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people

Improving safety for vulnerable people whilst they board and alight from their vehicles.

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

The necessary resources to progress this project have been secured through the Accessibility Budget.

4.2 Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications

The statutory process for this TRO has been followed. Should the objections not be determined by this Committee, it may be necessary to hold a public inquiry.

4.3 Equality and Diversity Implications

The provision of disabled parking bays helps promote equality of opportunity by increasing accessibility for those less able.

4.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications

The proposal originated following receipt of an application for a disabled parking bay from a resident of Magazine Close. The statutory consultees have been engaged – (County Councillor, the Police and the Emergency Services).

Notices were placed in the local press and were also displayed on the roads affected by the TRO. The proposal was available to view at the Fenland District Council Office and the Castle Court County Council Office.

4.5 Localism and Local Member Involvement

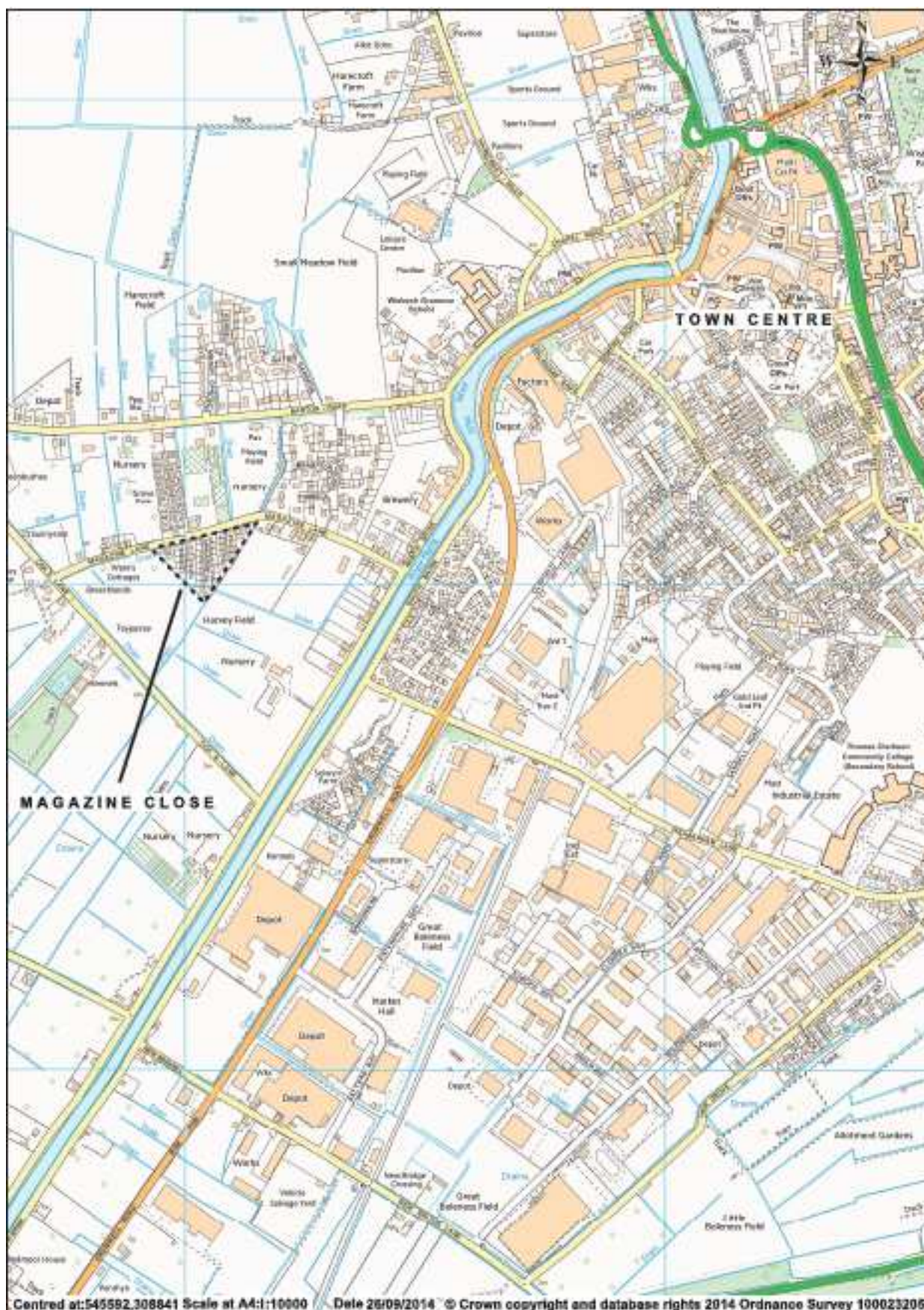
The Local Member has been contacted regarding the disabled bay request.

4.6 Public Health Implications

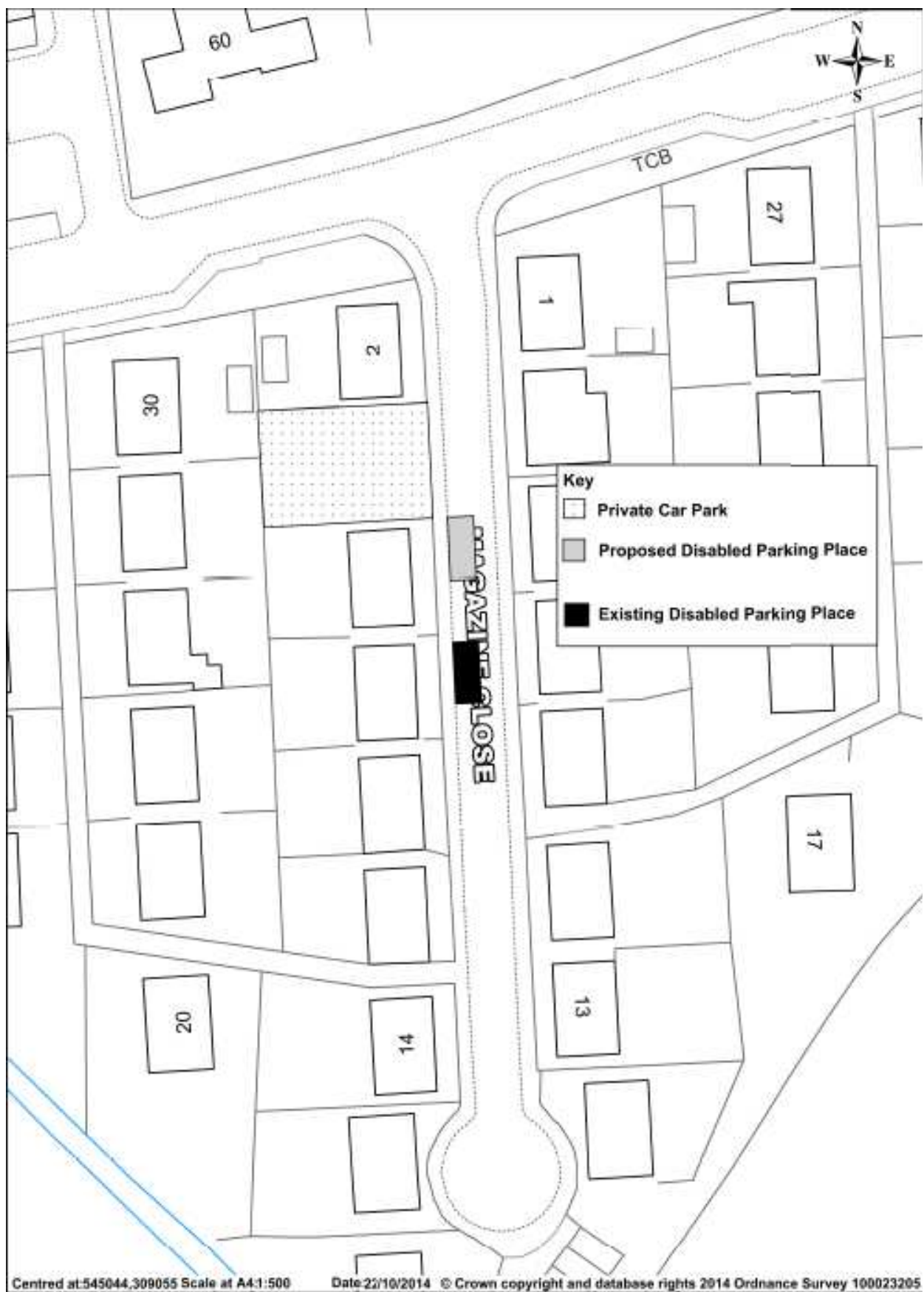
There are no significant implications within this category.

Source Documents	Location
Draft Traffic Regulation Order Letters of Objection	Room 209 Shire Hall Castle Hill Cambridge CB3 0AP

APPENDIX 1 - WISBECH OVERVIEW



APPENDIX 2 – MAGAZINE CLOSE, WISBECH



APPENDIX 3	
Objections/Comments	Officer Response
<p>1. Objects to the proposed disabled parking space at 5 Magazine Close as this would change our narrow no through road into a chicane.</p> <p>Everyone here parks on the even side of the road.</p> <p>Consideration must be taken into account for the emergency services to have access and refuse lorries.</p>	<p>The disabled parking place will be positioned on the west side of the street outside number four, where residents are already parking. A chicane will not be created and vehicles will be able to pass, as they do currently.</p> <p>The emergency services and District Council have been consulted with neither offering any comments.</p>
<p>2. Directly opposite number 5 there is a car park which is where they should park.</p> <p>Traffic is restricted to one side already and any more disabled parking places would hamper emergency services should they require access to Magazine Close.</p>	<p>The car park is not public highway; therefore we are unable to amend it in any way.</p> <p>The disabled parking place will be positioned on the west side of the street, where residents are already parking. The emergency services have been consulted and have made no comments.</p>
<p>3. Whilst we have no actual objection to this application, we trust that the road layout will be taken into consideration.</p> <p>There are no restrictions for parking outside number 6 and there is a car park available.</p> <p>Double yellow lines should be put down to ensure access for the emergency services and refuse collectors.</p>	<p>The road layout has been taken into consideration, the new disabled parking place would be positioned directly outside number four, this is because parking already occurs on the west side of the street, thus leaving the east side free for traffic. Although there is a car park available it is not public highway, therefore we are unable to amend it in anyway.</p> <p>There is currently no funding or plan in place to implement double yellow lines on the street. The parking situation operates well with no one appearing to be parking in an obstructive manner. The emergency services and District Council have been consulted with neither offering any comments.</p>