

Report Title: Traffic Regulation Order objection associated with the proposed installation of a disabled persons parking bay in The Shrubbery, Huntingdon

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

Meeting Date: 22nd March 2021

From: Executive Director: Place & Economy

Electoral division(s): Local Member representing Huntingdon West, Huntingdon

Key decision: No

Outcome: To determine an objection received to the proposed installation of a disabled persons parking bay in The Shrubbery, Huntingdon.

Recommendation: a) Approve the proposed disabled persons parking bay as advertised in The Shrubbery, Huntingdon.
b) Inform the objector accordingly

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1. Background

- 1.1 Cambridgeshire County Council has published a proposal to install a disabled persons parking bay in the vicinity of 8 The Shrubbery, Huntingdon. A plan of the location can be viewed 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 is an existing disabled persons parking bay next to where this proposed disabled persons parking bay is to be installed (the existing bay is outside of number 6 The Shrubbery), there are no other parking restrictions in the nearby locality. There are allocated off street parking bays provided for residents at the rear of the properties.
- 1.3 An application for a Disabled Persons Parking Bay in the vicinity of number 5 The Shrubbery, Huntingdon has been received by Cambridgeshire County Council. The applicant meets the County Council's criteria for a DPPB, apart from the fact that they 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 and retrieving items like shopping from their car when parked in this parking area because of their disability. Despite residents having access to off street parking spaces there is a high demand for on street parking places. Due to the limited width of the carriageway it is not possible to install a disabled persons parking bay on the same side of the carriageway to the applicant's property without causing an obstruction.
- 1.4 Disabled Persons Parking Bays in residential areas allow the user of the bay to park close to their residence and therefore can play an important role in helping maintain independence.
- 1.5 A plan showing the location of the proposed Disabled Persons Parking Bay can be found at appendix 2.

2. Main Issues

- 2.1 The Traffic Regulation Order (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 public notice invites the public to formally support or object to the proposals in writing within a 21 day notice period.
- 2.2 The TRO was advertised in the Hunts Post on the 19th November 2020. The statutory consultation period ran from the 19th November 2020 to the 9th December 2020.
- 2.3 The statutory consultation resulted in one objection which has been summarised in the table in appendix 3 along with Officer responses.
- 2.4 To summarise the objection received, the objection outlined the competition for on street parking places in The Shrubbery. Properties in The Shrubbery are allocated 1 off street parking place but most residences have more than one vehicle. The objector is concerned that the proposed disabled persons parking bay would take away one space in the short

section of available on street parking outside of numbers 4 -12 The Shrubbery. The objector does not feel that a disabled persons parking bay is warranted given the applicant has access to an off street parking place a short distance away. A plan showing the location of the applicants off street parking space in relation to the location of the proposed disabled persons parking bay can be seen at appendix 4.

3. Alignment with corporate priorities

- 3.1 A good quality of life for everyone
Disabled Persons Parking Bays can have an important role in maintaining the applicant's independence.
- 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.
- 3.4 Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2050
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 for this priority.
- 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 for this priority.
- 4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications
The statutory consultees have been engaged including the County and City Councillors, the Police and the Emergency Services. The Police offered no objections and no comments were received from the other emergency services.

Notices were placed in the local press, were also displayed on site and local residents were consulted. The proposal documents were made available for viewing on Cambridgeshire County Council's website at <http://bit.ly/cambridgeshiretro>

- 4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement
The County Councillor and District Councillors were consulted, no comments were received from the County Councillor the District Councillors had no comments to make.

4.7 Public Health Implications

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.8 Environment and Climate Change Implications on Priority Areas:

4.8.1 Implication 1: Energy efficient, low carbon buildings.

Status: neutral

Explanation: There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.8.2 Implication 2: Low carbon transport.

Status: neutral

Explanation: There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.8.3 Implication 3: Green spaces, peatland, afforestation, habitats and land management.

Status: neutral

Explanation: There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.8.4 Implication 4: Waste Management and Tackling Plastic Pollution.

Status: neutral

Explanation: There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.8.5 Implication 5: Water use, availability and management:

Status: neutral

Explanation: There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.8.6 Implication 6: Air Pollution.

Status: neutral

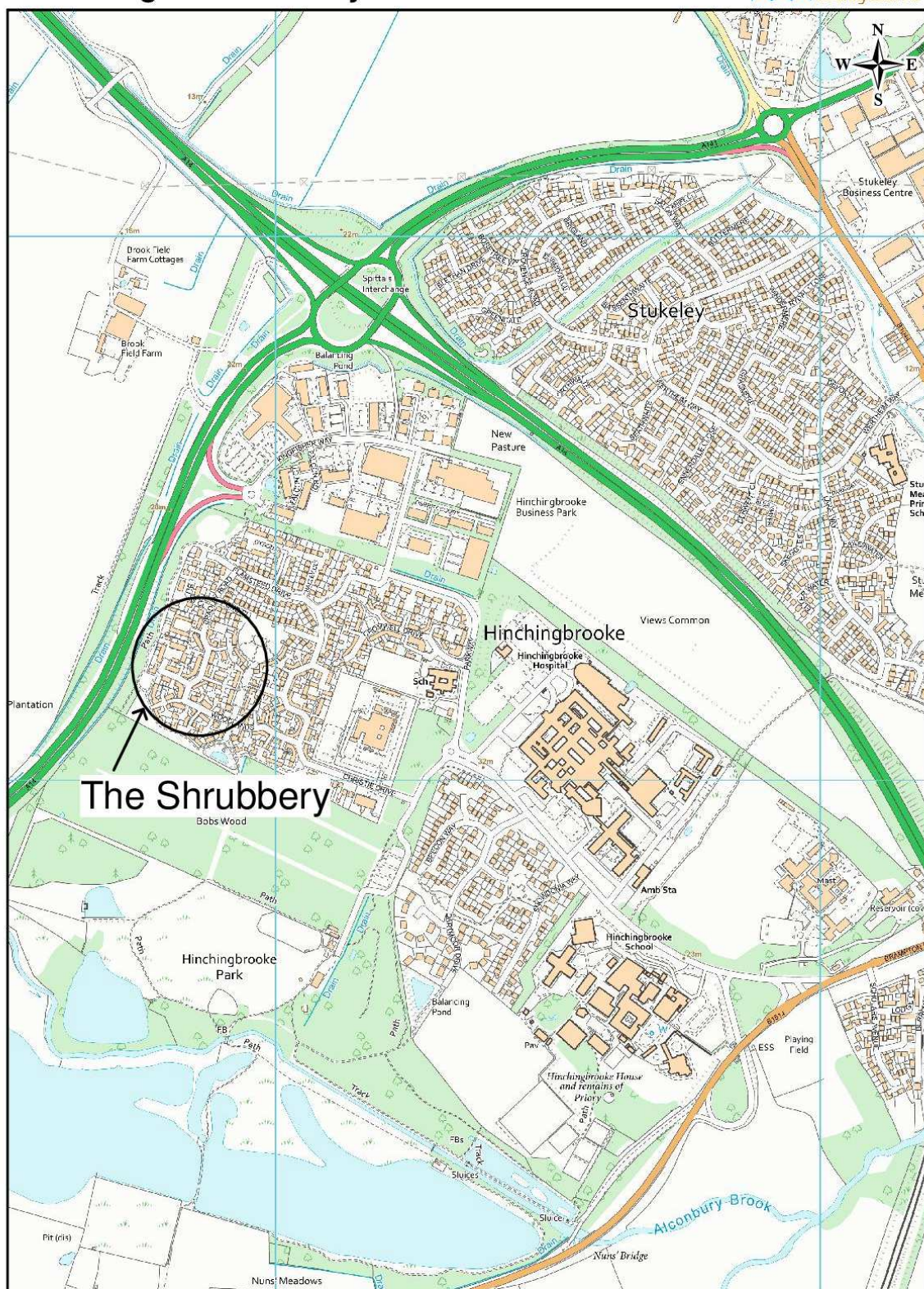
Explanation: There are no significant implications for this priority.

5. Source documents

Source Documents	Location
Draft Traffic Regulation Order Copies of written representations (redacted) received during the public notice period	policyandregulation@cambrdgeshire.gov.uk

Appendix 1: Location Plan

Cambridgeshire County Council



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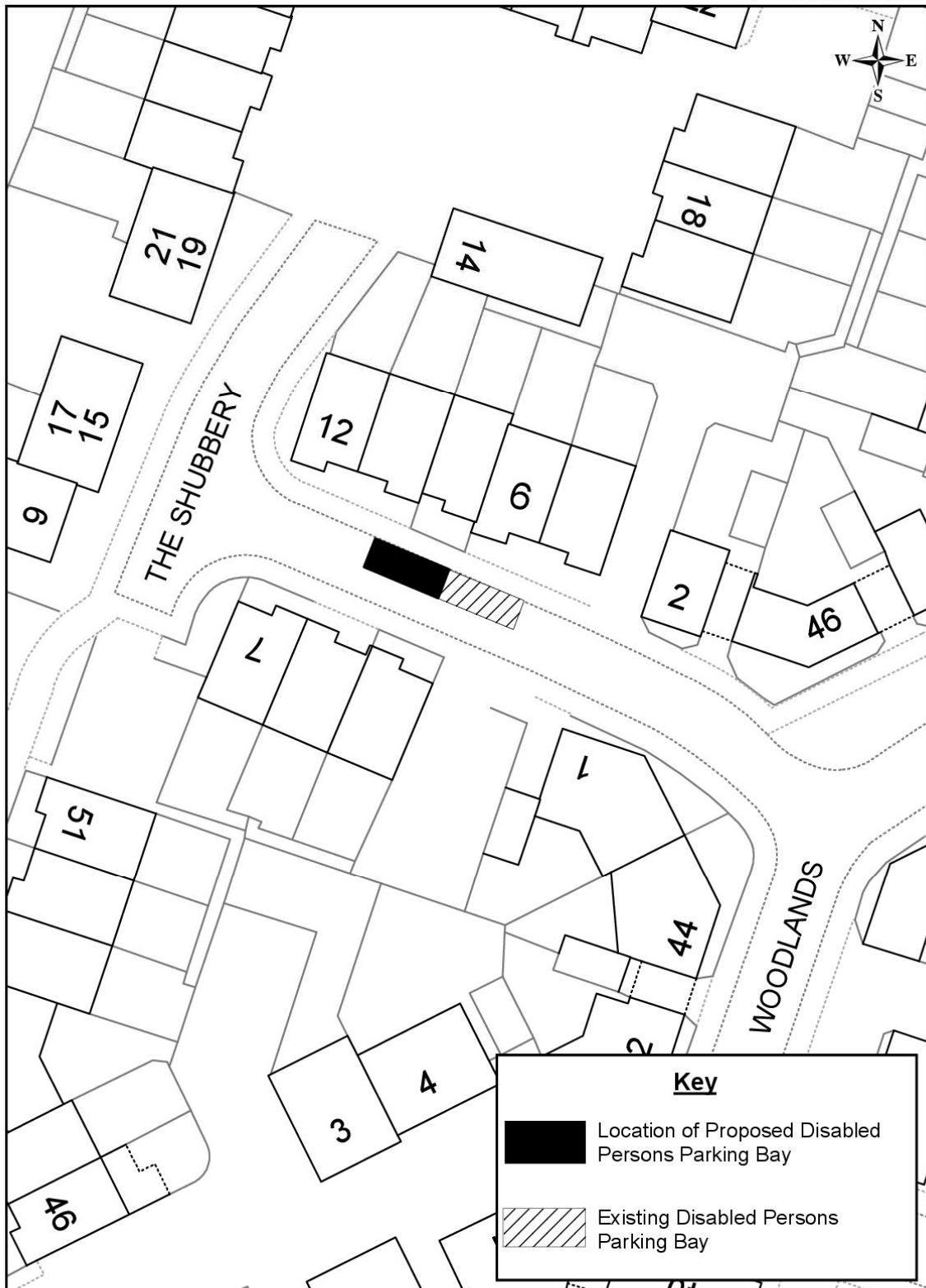
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Appendix 2: Plan showing proposed installation of disabled persons parking bay in The Shrubby

Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Bay: The Shrubby, Huntingdon



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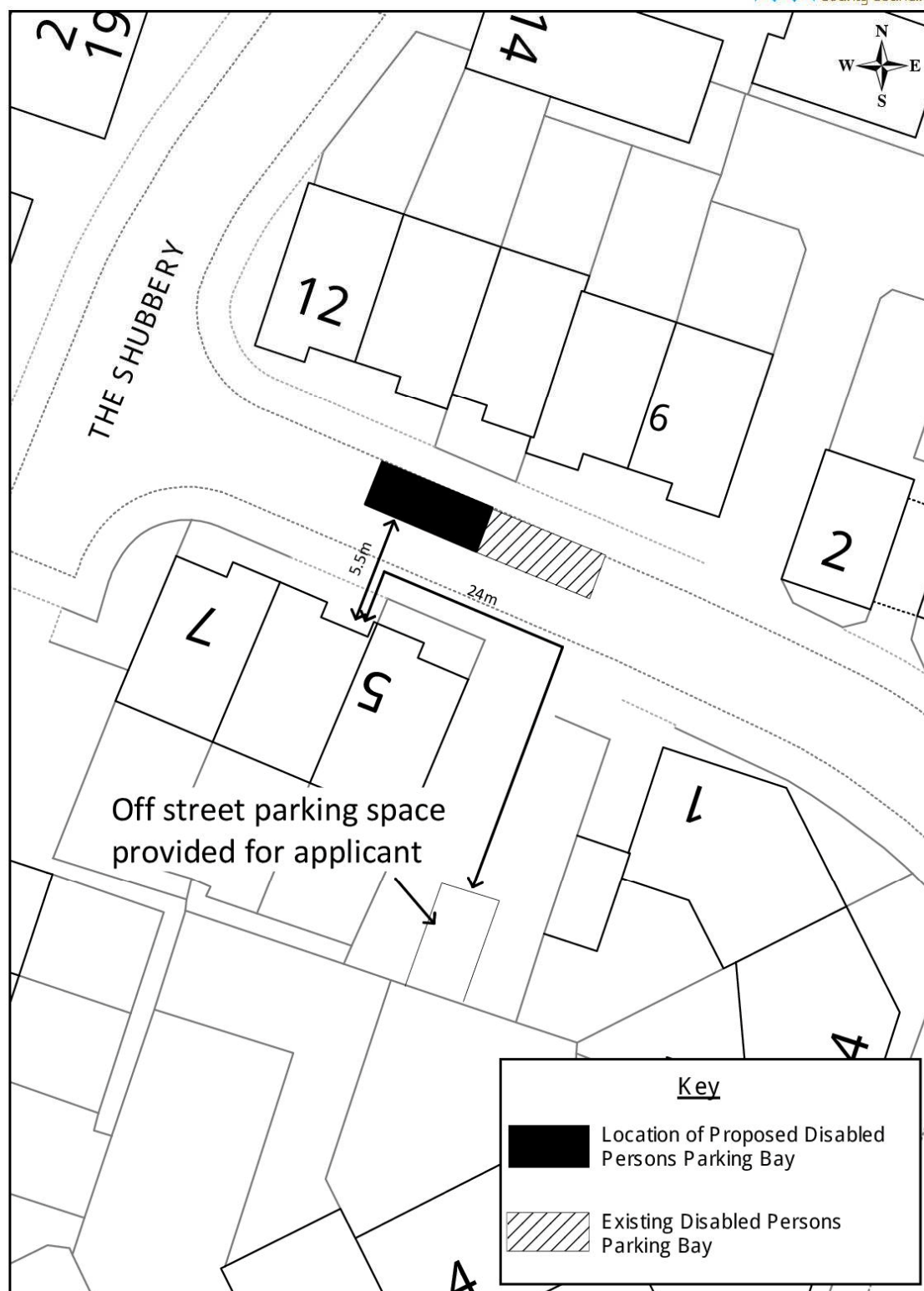
Appendix 3: Comments received during the statutory consultation to the proposed installation of a disabled persons parking bay in The Shrubbery

No.	Summary of Objection / Comments	Officer Response
1.	<p>I am writing regarding a proposed Disabled Persons Parking Place outside number 8 The Shrubbery, Huntingdon reference PR0677. As a resident at ■ The Shrubbery I would like to comment on the above proposal. Myself and my partner have two vehicles one of which is parked in our allocated parking space in a car port at the rear of the property and one outside the front of our house. Both our adjacent neighbours do not have vehicles and number 6 has the existing disabled parking space. Our neighbours opposite at number 3 who have one vehicle parked in the car park at the side of their house and our neighbours at number 7 have two vehicles one of which is parked in the car park where number 3 parks and one is outside the front of our house. Our neighbours at number 5 who have got a new vehicle with a disabled sticker on whom I am assuming have applied for the disabled parking space have 4 vehicles. They have an allocated parking space in the same car park as number 3 and 7 which is a very short distance from their front door. Firstly if they have an allocated parking space as well as a disabled parking space which if it is essential I feel strongly that they should find alternative parking for their other two vehicles rather than parking all of them in front of our house as they frequently are doing which is unfair on other residents who have equal rights to be able to park there. Secondly has an assessment been made for the need for a disabled parking space? I hope you are able to help with this matter to ensure</p>	<p>I confirm receipt of your email regarding the proposed disabled persons parking bay outside of 8 and 10 The Shrubbery, Huntingdon.</p> <p>When we receive an application for a disabled persons parking bay the locality is assessed for its suitability, usually we would not grant a bay if the applicant has access to off street parking unless there were reasons why this off street parking facility could not be used. In this case due to their disabilities the applicant has difficulties walking from the off street parking space to their property especially if they have to carry items such as shopping. Due to the narrow width of the carriageway and the existing parking arrangements we are unable to install a disabled parking bay on the road outside of the applicants house and are therefore proposing to install it opposite having taken into consideration that most of the nearby properties have access to an off street parking space.</p> <p>Blue badge holders may not be able to walk/travel long distances and if a parking space is not available near to their home address this may prevent them from going out, having a disabled persons parking bay near to the applicant's property can therefore play an important role in maintaining the applicant's independence.</p> <p>I do however sympathise with the difficulties you have raised for those households that have more than one vehicle given that only one space is provided in the off street parking areas and understand your grievance with vehicles being continually parked outside of your property. I appreciate that everybody would like to park outside of their own property, however the road is public highway and unless it is subject to parking restrictions anyone can park on the public highway if it safe to do so.</p>

	<p>fairer parking in an already over populated area with a lack of parking and also that the need for a disabled space is essential when allocated parking is only a short distance from the property and when parking in disabled spaces in car parks there would be a longer distance from the parking to the shop, restaurant etc.</p>	
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Appendix 4: Plan showing proposed disabled persons parking bay and location of applicants off street parking place

Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Bay: The Shrubbery, Huntingdon



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