

Agenda Item No: 6
Report To: Joint Transportation Board
Date: Tuesday 11th March 2014
Report Title: Update on Disabled Persons Parking Bay Panel
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Summary:	This report details the recommendations of the Disabled Persons Parking Bay Panel regarding several contested disabled persons parking bay applications discussed at the Panel's most recent meeting.
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Key Decision: NO

Affected Wards: Victoria (Ashford) & Saxon Shore

Recommendations: **That the content of the report be noted and approved.**

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Purpose of the Report

1. This report details the recommendations of the Disabled Persons Parking Bay Panel regarding several contested disabled persons parking bay applications discussed at the Panel's most recent meeting.

Contested Applications

2. The Panel convened on Thursday 6th February 2014 to determine whether to approve or decline 2 applications for on-street Disabled Persons Parking Bays that had been contested during informal consultation.
3. The applicant in each case submitted evidence demonstrating that they met the criteria necessary for provision of a bay in each case, and so objections on grounds of eligibility have not been taken into consideration.

Application 1 – Victoria (Ashford) Ward

4. Objections were received to this application on various grounds; however none of the objections cited increased traffic congestion or displacement of parked vehicles as grounds for declining the application. In response to the objections received, the applicant reaffirmed their need for a disabled persons parking bay in light of increased numbers of vehicles parking in the area.
5. The Panel recommended that the application should be approved and that a Disabled Persons Parking Bay should be implemented.

Application 2 – Saxon Shore Ward

6. Objections were received to this application on various grounds principally relating to displacement of traffic into unsuitable locations and the effect that the provision would have on the parking amenity of other residents in the area. In response to the objections received the applicant reaffirmed their need for a disabled persons parking bay in light of recent changes in the normal parking arrangements within the area.
7. The Panel determined that the implementation of a Disabled Persons Parking Bay would displace vehicles into potentially dangerous locations, and recommended that the application be declined.

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