

Agenda Item No:

Report To: Joint Transportation Board

Date: Tuesday 9th September 2014

Report Title: Update on Disabled Persons Parking Bay Panel

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<p>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.</p>
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Key Decision: NO

Affected Wards: South Willesborough, Isle of Oxney, Weald Central, Wye

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.

Background

2. The Panel convened on Friday 1st August 2014 to provide recommendations to officers on whether to approve or decline applications for on-street Disabled Persons Parking Bays, two of which had been rejected at application and four of which had been contested during informal consultation.

Rejected applications – South Willesborough Ward

3. Two applications had been received from residents within South Willesborough Ward which did not meet the criteria for provision of a bay and so were declined by Officers prior to beginning informal consultation. Both applicants requested an appeal of this decision on the grounds that there were mitigating circumstances not taken into account by the criteria which affected their eligibility and need for a bay.
4. The Panel assessed the applications in light of the supplementary information provided by the applicants, but felt that pursuit of an application in either case could not be justified when the applicants did not meet the necessary criteria. The Panel therefore recommended that Officers uphold their original decisions to decline both applications.

Contested applications – Isle of Oxney Ward

5. Two applications from residents within Isle of Oxney Ward (Appledore and Wittersham) had received objections at informal consultation on various grounds principally focused on traffic conditions and the displacement of parked vehicles arising from the provision of a bay.
6. The Panel assessed both applications separately and determined that provision of a bay was warranted under the criteria set, and furthermore that in both cases the benefits a bay would provide for each applicant outweighed the merits of the objections received. The Panel recommended to Officers that both applications should be approved and that Disabled Persons Parking Bays should be implemented in both cases.

Contested application – Weald Central Ward

7. Objections were received to an application within Weald Central Ward (Pluckley) on various grounds including the displacement of parked vehicles and the suitability of highway conditions for provision of a bay.

8. The Panel assessed this application against the set criteria and the content of the objections, and felt that provision of a bay would be justified in providing a benefit not only to the applicant but also to other disabled residents living within the vicinity of the bay. The Panel recommended to Officers that the application should be approved and that a Disabled Persons Parking Bay should be implemented.

Contested application – Wye Ward

9. Objections had been received to an application within Wye on various grounds including concerns over the displacement of parked vehicles arising from provision of a bay.
10. The Panel assessed this application against the set criteria and the content of the objections, and felt that provision of a bay would result in minimal displacement of parked vehicles. The Panel recommended to Officers that the application should be approved and that a Disabled Persons Parking Bay should be implemented.

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