WARDS: Lye & Wollescote, Wollaston & Stourbridge West

AGENDA ITEM

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DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

STOURBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE - 9TH FEBRUARY 2004

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT

PROPOSALS FOR DISABLED PARKING PLACES PROGRAMME E

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consult and invite comments from Committee regarding requests to be included in Programme E of the onstreet Disabled Parking Places scheme.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Traffic Regulation Orders for the establishment of parking places near the homes of registered disabled persons are introduced twice every year.
- 2.2 These reserved spaces are provided for named individuals who do not have off-street parking facilities and whose level of disablement qualifies them for registration as Blue Badge holders. One permit is issued for each parking place, which is marked out on the carriageway as a white 'box'.
- 2.3 In the six month period up to April 2003, 4 applications in your Committee's area were received.
- 2.4 Appendix A shows the list of applications in your Committees area which were not objected to, and which are recommended for introduction.
- 2.5 Appendix B displays the objections which have been made to an application in your Committee's area, where it is recommended that the application should not succeed.
- 2.6 Appendix C shows existing parking places which need to be revoked.

2.7 <u>Consultation</u>

- 2.7.1 Letters regarding the applications were sent to the Police on 13th August 2003.
- 2.7.2 The proposals were published in the "Express and Star" newspaper on 10th November 2003 and also on-street between 10th November and 3rd December 2003.

2.8 Sustainable Transport

The introduction of on-street Disabled Parking Places assists registered disabled persons to park near their homes and to live in the community.

3.0 PROPOSALS

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Lead Member for Transportation be advised that the schemes detailed in Appendix A (which have not been objected to) should be introduced as advertised.
- 3.2 It is also proposed that the Committee advises the Lead Member for Transportation that the site shown in Appendix B should not succeed.
- 3.3 It is also proposed that the Committee advises the Lead Member for Transportation that the sites shown in Appendix C should be revoked.

4.0 FINANCE

4.1 Implementation of on-street Disabled Parking Places Orders is estimated at £200 each and, subject to funding being made available, would be funded from the Highways Capital Budget.

5.0 LAW

5.1 On-street Parking Places reserved for permit holders are made under Section 45(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

6.1 The proposals contained within this report are intended to benefit registered disabled persons. They comply with the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy.

7.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 That Members support the proposals contained in paragraph 3.0 of this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

13.8.03 Letter to Police

10.11.03 Notices of advertised proposals

18.8.03 Letter to Members.

APPENDIX A

STOURBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE

THE BOROUGH OF DUDLEY (DISABLED PARKING PLACES) (APRIL 2003) (PROGRAMME E) ORDER 2003

SITES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN OBJECTED TO AND WHICH ARE RECOMMENDED FOR INTRODUCTION

- (i) 25 Pearson Street, Lye, Dudley MBC
- (ii) 56 Crabbe Street, Lye
- (iii) 8 Bridle Road, Wollaston, Stourbridge, DY8 4QE

APPENDIX B

STOURBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE

THE BOROUGH OF DUDLEY (DISABLED PARKING PLACES) (APRIL 2003) (PROGRAMME E) ORDER 2003

SITES WHICH HAVE BEEN OBJECTED TO, WHERE IT IS RECOMMENDED THE OBJECTIONS ARE UPHELD

Objector	Address of Applicant	Points Made by Objector	Council's Comments
Petition from 22 residents of Wheeler Street	34 Wheeler Street, Stourbridge	Applicant is away a lot because of job, space would be empty for days at a time.	If space is to be left empty for long periods of time, recommended that objections are upheld.
		Applicant applied for space before she moved in - not fair on long-term residents.	
		If space not positioned properly could lose more than one space in the street.	
Resident of Wheeler Street	34 Wheeler Street, Stourbridge	Applicant is away for days at a time during which space will be empty.	If space is to be left empty for long periods of time, recommended that objection is upheld.

<u>APPENDIX C</u>

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PLACES TO BE REVOKED

- 13 Pearson Street, Wollescote
- 12 Heathfield Gardens, Stourbridge DY8 3YD
- 1 Connops Way, Lye
- 11B Lion Street, Stourbridge
- 3 Bredon Avenue, Lye.