

WARDS: Kingswinford North & Wall Heath, Kingswinford South, Quarry Bank and Cradley, Wordsley, Brierley Hill, Brockmoor & Pensnett

AGENDA ITEM NO.

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE – 5 JUNE 2003

REPORT OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT

PROPOSALS FOR DISABLED PARKING PLACES PROGRAMME D

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 D of the on-street 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 September 2002, 11 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 applications in your Committee's area, where it is recommended that the objections should not succeed, and that the schemes should be introduced as advertised.
- 2.6 Appendix C presents the objections which have been made to applications in your Committee's area, where it is recommended that the objections should succeed, and that no further action should be taken.
- 2.7 Consultation
- 2.7.1 Letters regarding the applications were sent to the Police on 4th March 2003.

- 2.7.2 The proposals were published in the “Express and Star” newspaper on 18th December 2002 and also on-street between 18th December 2002 and 14th January 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 PROPOSAL

- 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.

- 3.2 It is further proposed that the Committee advises the Lead Member for Transportation that the objections shown in Appendix B should not succeed and that these schemes should be introduced.

- 3.3 It is also proposed that the Lead Member for Transportation be recommended that the objections shown in Appendix C should succeed and that no further action should be taken regarding these schemes.

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 proposal contained in paragraph 3.0 of this report.

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Background documents used in the preparation of this report:-

18.12.02 - Notices of advertised proposals.

4.3.03 - Letter to Police.

APPENDIX A

BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE

THE BOROUGH OF DUDLEY (DISABLED PARKING PLACES) (SEPTEMBER 2002)
(PROGRAMME D) ORDER 2003

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

- (i) 4 Hazel Road, Kingswinford, DY6 8EZ
- (ii) 57 William Street, Brierley Hill, DY5 3XH
- (iii) 53 Blaze Hill Road, Wall Heath, DY6 0LB
- (iv) 64 Wartell Bank, Kingswinford, DY6 7QJ
- (v) 31 Victoria Road, Quarry Bank, Brierley Hill, DY5 1DD
- (vi) 25 Barnett Street, Wordsley, DY8 5QL
- (vii) 4 Hazel Road, Kingswinford, DY6 8EZ.

APPENDIX B

BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE

THE BOROUGH OF DUDLEY (DISABLED PARKING PLACES) (SEPTEMBER 2002) (PROGRAMME D) ORDER 2003

SITES WHICH HAVE BEEN OBJECTED TO WHERE IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT SCHEMES BE INTRODUCED

Objector	Address of Applicant	Points Made by Objector	Council's Comments
Two residents of Tennyson Street, Pensnett	53 Tennyson Street, Pensnett DY5 4HY	(1) Although applicant hurt back in an accident, she drives, walks, lifts heavy objects and takes large dog for walks.	Objections based on personal views of objectors. Applicant registered disabled, because of medical evidence.
A resident of Tennyson Street, Pensnett	53 Tennyson Street, Pensnett DY5 4HY	(1) Applicant clearly capable of carrying heavy bags, such as cement and building materials from car to property. (2) If tenant of No. 53 requires a wheelchair, why is she able to take dog for walks and drive a standard car, rather than a wheelchair compatible car?	Objections based on personal views of objectors. Applicant registered disabled because of medical evidence. Recommended that objections be overruled and scheme be introduced as advertised.
Two residents of Ash Crescent, Kingswinford	46 Ash Crescent, Kingswinford, DY6 8DJ	(1) Have gone to expense of dropping kerb outside own home. (2) Tenant of 46 Ash Crescent parks his car halfway between his premises and No. 48, which is opposite objector's address. (3) Does not object	Recommend that objections be overruled. However, scheme <u>must</u> be directly in front of No. 46 Ash Crescent, Kingswinford.

		providing Disabled Parking Place is directly outside house No. 46.	
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APPENDIX C

BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE

THE BOROUGH OF DUDLEY (DISABLED PARKING PLACES) (SEPTEMBER 2002) (PROGRAMME D) ORDER 2003

SITES WHICH HAVE BEEN OBJECTED TO WHERE IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN

Objector	Address of Applicant	Points Made by Objector	Council's Comments
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Two residents of Tennyson Street, Pensnett	55 Tennyson Street, Pensnett, DY5 4HG	<p>(1) Objector accepts that applicant has an elderly relative living with her, the relative walks up a steep hill to the local pub.</p> <p>(2) To apply for a parking space for a vehicle owned by applicant's mother is totally unjust.</p> <p>(3) According to Collins Dictionary "disabled" means "bedridden, crippled, handicapped, immobilised, paralysed".</p> <p>(4) All of the above words mean that applicant is unfit to drive any vehicle.</p> <p>(5) Objector has a daughter who is registered, but would not abuse system by applying for a parking space.</p>	<p>Applicant does not possess car. No vehicle is regularly kept at applicant's home overnight.</p> <p>Objector has a daughter who is registered disabled.</p> <p>Recommended that objections be acceded to, and that no further action be taken.</p>
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		(6) Two traffic calming measures in this section of Tennyson Street. Objector and neighbours have to park away from properties.	
A resident of Tennyson Street, Pensnett	55 Tennyson Street, Pensnett	<p>(1) Why does applicant require a Disabled Parking Place, when she doesn't own a car.</p> <p>(2) Applicant's car is owned by someone else.</p> <p>(3) Applicant seems to have no disability which would affect her parking normally within street.</p> <p>(4) If proposals introduced, where are other tenants expected to park own cars.</p>	Applicant does not possess a car which is kept at her home overnight. Recommended that objection be acceded to, and that no further action be taken.
Police	82 Blewitt Street, Pensnett, DY5 4AL	<p>(1) Placing a parking bay outside this address would have no effect on traffic.</p> <p>(2) Being a cul-de-sac, all other residents would have to reverse out of their road all the time, as the address is on the road's turning place.</p>	It is recommended that Police objections be upheld, and that no further action be taken.