

**Halesowen Area Committee – 14 September 2005**

**Report of the Director of the Urban Environment**

**Objections to Disabled Parking Places – Programme H**

**Purpose of Report**

- 1.0 The purpose of this report is to inform Committee of the objections received to applications in their area for disabled parking places in Programme H of the on-street disabled parking places scheme.

**Background**

- 2.0 Traffic Regulation Orders for the establishment of parking places near the homes of registered disabled persons are introduced approximately twice every year.
- 2.1 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”.
- 2.2 In the 6 month period up to January 2005, 31 applications in total were received, 7 of which are in your Committee’s area.
- 2.3 In order to speed up the process for applicants, in June 2003, the Cabinet Member for Transportation agreed that sites that were not objected to, could be implemented without reporting to Area Committee, subject to prior consultation with Ward Members. Consultation was duly carried out as detailed in paragraph 2.7 and no objections from Members were received.
- 2.4 Programme H is the first programme, where the unopposed applications will be made as an “Order in Part”. This means that those applications which are not objected to can be implemented as a separate Order via Decision Memo, negating the need to pass through the Committee process and thereby speeding up the implementation of unopposed applications by several months. For this programme (programme H) and future programmes therefore, only applications which receive objections will be reported to Area Committees.

- 2.5 Of the 7 applications in your Committee's area, 2 received objections. The objections to the application at 116 Nimmings Road were made in the form of a petition signed by 13 residents of Nimmings Road. Two letters of objection were received to the application at 51 Long Innage.
- 2.6 Appendix A lists these objections and it is recommended that the objections should be upheld and the applications should not succeed.
- 2.7 **Consultation**
- 2.7.1 Letters regarding the applications were sent to the Police on the 23rd March 2005, replies were received on the 6th April 2005 (Police South) and 21st April 2005 (Police North). No objections were received.
- 2.7.2 The proposals were published in the "Express & Star" newspaper on 31st May 2005 and also on-street between 31st May and 24th June 2005. Objections received are reported in paragraph 2.5 and listed in Appendix A.
- 2.7.3 Members were consulted by letter on the 23rd March 2005 and no objections were received.
- 2.8 The introduction of on-street disabled parking assists registered disabled persons to park near their homes and to live in a community.

## **Finance**

- 3.1 Implementation of On-Street Disabled Parking Places Orders is estimated at £500 each and, subject to funding being made available, would be funded from the Highways Capital Budget.

## **Law**

- 4.1 On-street parking places reserved for permit holders are made under Section 45(2) of the road Traffic Regulations Act 1984.
- 4.2 Orders in part are made under the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England & Wales) Regulations 1996.

## **Equality Impact**

- 5.1 The proposals contained within this report are intended to benefit registered disabled persons. They comply with the Council's equal opportunities policy.

## **Recommendation**

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Transportation be advised that the objections to 116 Nimmings Road and 51 Long Innage be upheld and the applications should not succeed.

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## **List of Background Papers**

23/3/2005 Letter to Police  
31/5/2005 Notices of advertised proposals  
23/3/2005 Letter to Members

## HALESOWEN AREA COMMITTEE

THE BOROUGH OF DUDLEY (DISABLED PARKING PLACES)  
(JANUARY 2005) (PROGRAMME H PART 2) ORDER 2005SITES WHICH HAVE BEEN OBJECTED TO WHERE IT IS  
RECOMMENDED THE OBJECTIONS ARE UPHELD

Address of Applicant	Objector	Points made by Objector	Council's Comments
116 Nimmings Road	Petition from 13 residents of Nimmings Road	<p>i) Not appropriate for tenant of rented accommodation to have space</p> <p>ii) Applicant not at home for large proportion of week and weekends</p> <p>iii) Applicant seen jogging across road. Can walk unaided and carries books, etc., to car</p> <p>iv) Parking very difficult people park half on footway. If space means vehicle fully in road, will cause obstruction.</p>	<p>Applicant meets criteria. Space can be revoked if applicant leaves.</p> <p>If applicant largely away from address, implementation of space would not be fair to other residents.</p> <p>Applicant is a blue badge holder.</p> <p>Nimmings Road busy road. Location of space not ideal</p>
51 Long Innage	Resident of Long Innage	Applicant has garage and drive which are used.	Applicant claimed it was difficult to use them.
	Resident of Long Innage	Applicant only has one car and off road parking for two, space not justified.	Applicant claimed it was difficult to use them.