

WARDS: Belle Vale, Halesowen South

AGENDA ITEM NO 15

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

HALESOWEN AREA COMMITTEE - 2ND FEBRUARY 2005

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT

PROPOSALS FOR DISABLED PARKING PLACES PROGRAMME G

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 G 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 April 2004, 6 applications in your Committee's area were received. However, one application has been withdrawn as that applicant was not disabled, which reduces the number of applications to 5.

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 shows places which have been objected to, where it is recommended that the objections are overruled.

2.6 Consultation

2.6.1 Letters regarding the applications were sent to the Police on 24th August 2004.

2.6.2 The proposals were published in the "Express and Star" newspaper on 27th October 2004 and also on-street between 27th October and 22nd November 2004.

2.6.3 Members were consulted by letter on 24th August 2004 and no objection were received.

2.7 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 Cabinet 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 Cabinet Member for Transportation that the objection to the sites shown in Appendix B should be overruled and the sites introduced as advertised.

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:-

24.08.04 Letter to Police

27.10.04 Notices of advertised proposals

24.08.04 Letter to Members.

APPENDIX A

HALESOWEN AREA COMMITTEE

THE BOROUGH OF DUDLEY (DISABLED PARKING PLACES) (APRIL 2004)
(PROGRAMME G) ORDER 2004

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

- (i) 41 Bloomfield Street North, Halesowen
- (ii) 114 John Street, Halesowen
- (iii) 30 Lockington Croft, Halesowen

APPENDIX B

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ORDER 2004

PLACES WHICH HAVE BEEN OBJECTED TO WHERE IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE
OBJECTIONS ARE OVERRULED

Applicants Address	Objector	Reasons for Objection	Council's Recommendations
77 Blackberry Lane Halesowen	Resident of Blackberry Lane	(i) Concerned that the parking space will obstruct access. (ii) Alleged that applicant does not live at property for part of year.	Space will cover applicants frontage only Applicant had been ill and away for recuperation – not permanent . Recommend objection overruled.
61 Cobham Road, Halesowen	Resident of Stourbridge Road Halesowen	Strongly objects as two other residents of Cobham Road have been turned down for places as they have garage. Points out that applicant has garage and should therefore be refused. Objector does not live in Cobham Road.	Applicants garage is remote from house and up a slope. Applicant cannot physically use garage. Each application is dealt with on an individual basis. Recommend objection overruled.