

**Annex B**

**OBJECTIONS / COMMENTS TO ADVERTISED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

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| <b>Scheme:</b>          | <b>BRACKNELL FOREST BOROUGH COUNCIL (DISABLED PARKING SPACES) (PHASE 1) ORDER 2017</b> |   |           |
|                         | <b>Disabled Parking Spaces</b>   |   |           |
| <b>Date Advertised:</b> | <b>29<sup>th</sup> June 2016</b>   | <b>No. of objections/comments Received:</b> | <b>13</b> |

| Objector                    | Summary of objection/comment  | Officers Comments  | Recommendation<br><small>Abandon/Modify/<br/>Proceed as advertised.</small> |
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| XXX XXXXXX<br>XX Hart Close | <p>XXX XXXXXX strongly objects to the provision of a disabled bay in Hart Close as X claims that the applicant will only let X or members of X family use it. Other residents in the road have disabled relatives and X XXXXX if they use the bay they will be subject to XXXXX XXXX XXX XXXXXXXXXXXX..</p> <p>XXX XXXXXX also believes the presence of the disabled parking bay will lead to problems with people parking across driveways.</p>  | <p>Information telling applicants that whilst the disabled parking bay is being installed as a result of their application, it can be used by anyone displaying a valid blue disabled badge is included in the application pack. A further reminder is sent to applicants prior to the bay being installed.</p> <p>The applicant currently parks their vehicle within this area of parking and therefore the ratio between the number of vehicles and the number of parking spaces will not alter and any significant change in parking behaviour is not anticipated.</p>  | <b>Proceed as advertised</b>  |
| XX X XXXXXX<br>XX Wheatley  | <p>XX XXXXXX strongly objects to the proposed disabled bay in Wheatley.</p> <p>XX XXXXXX states that X normally parks 3 cars in that area which would leave 1 for residents.</p> <p>XX XXXXXX adds that in supermarket car parks the disabled parking bays can be some distance from the doors so X asks why the proposed bay cannot be moved away from the parking area.</p> <p>XX XXXXXX asks what will happen if more people ask for a disabled bay? X also adds that there other disabled residents in the area who could park in the bay.</p> <p>XX XXXXXX asks what happens when they move and there are no other disabled residents in the area?</p> | <p>It is the Council's disabled parking policy that applicants must demonstrate significant mobility issues that have been acknowledged by medical professionals. Therefore, it is important that disabled parking bays are placed as close as possible to the applicants house.</p> <p>Should the Council receive additional disabled parking bay applications then these will be considered against the Council's policy. There is currently no upper limit on the number of disabled parking bays that can be placed within a road or area.</p> <p>Information telling applicants that whilst the disabled parking bay is being installed as a result of their application, it can be used by anyone displaying a valid blue disabled badge is included in the application pack. A further reminder is sent to applicants prior to the bay being installed.</p> | <b>Proceed as advertised</b>  |

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|                                       | <p>XX XXXXXX adds that X would have no objection to the disabled parking bays being re-positioned.</p>  | <p>If disabled parking bays are no longer required the Council can remove them in 2/3 weeks and the bay will revert to general use.</p> <p>The Council will be constructing a number of new parking spaces in Wheatley later in the year, including four in this particular parking area.</p>   |                                     |
| <p>XX X XXXXXX<br/>XX Wheatley</p>    | <p>XX XXXXXX would like to object to the proposed disabled parking bay for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) X is not aware of any resident who is registered disabled and owns &amp; drives a car;</li> <li>ii) The issue of parking for residents is already a cause of much frustration and tension</li> <li>iii) The residents were informed over 2 years ago the Council were to increase the parking by 3 spaces but this has never happened;</li> <li>iv) There have also been requests for other areas of this block to be addressed which have been refused/rejected.</li> </ul> <p>XX XXXXXX concludes by saying X has lived in Wheatley for over 20 years and is not aware of any resident requiring a disabled parking bay. X has also seen the rapid growth in the number of cars parking in the square which X believes is down to the rise in the number of HMOs.</p> | <p>The Council confirms that the applicant has met the criteria for the provision of a disabled parking bay, lives near to where the bay is proposed and this location was agreed with them.</p> <p>The applicant currently parks their vehicle within this area of parking and therefore the ratio between the number of vehicles and the number of parking spaces will not alter and any significant change in parking behaviour is not anticipated.</p> <p>The Council will be constructing a number of new parking spaces in Wheatley later in the year, including four in this particular parking area.</p>  | <p><b>Proceed as advertised</b></p> |
| <p>XX X XXXXXX<br/>X Forest Close</p> | <p>XX XXXXXX would like to object to the proposed disabled parking bay for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The new parking bay would be 3.6m wide and 6m long would not allow for another parking space alongside it;</li> <li>ii) It would be detrimental to the overall unique character of Forest Close;</li> <li>iii) The addition of the street furniture and the painted bay would be very unsightly, spoiling the landscaping to the front of all the properties;</li> <li>iv) X would not welcome the constant visits by parking enforcement officers</li> </ul> <p>XX XXXXXX concludes that there is limited parking in Forest Close, but with considerate parking by all neighbours the 'special' space would not be required.</p>   | <p>The Council confirms that the applicant has met the criteria for the provision of a disabled parking bay, lives near to where the bay is proposed and this location was agreed with them.</p> <p>XX XXXXXX is correct in quoting the dimensions for a standard disabled parking space. However, in residential situations the Council recognises the pressure on parking and normally marks out disabled parking bays so they take up no more space than a general use bay. Therefore, the parking space next to the proposed bay should not be adversely affected.</p> <p>Under new regulations disabled parking spaces can be installed without the need for both road markings and a separate sign. Therefore in this instance there will be no post and sign installed.</p> <p>In most cases disabled parking bays are relatively self-enforcing. Therefore, enforcement of disabled parking bays is carried out on an ad-hoc basis and would only be considered should the Council receive complaints that a bay is being regularly abused.</p> | <p><b>Proceed as advertised</b></p> |

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| <p>XX X XXXXXX<br/>Forest Close</p> | <p>XX XXXXXX is the XXXXXXXX of the XXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX, and X objects to the proposal of a disabled parking bay.</p> <p>XX XXXXXX states X does not believe that the position is the most suitable and that the parking spaces at the rear of the properties would be more beneficial.</p> <p>XX XXXXXX states that at an AGM of the residents association the applicant asked if the space outside their house be kept free for their use. This was agreed and in XX XXXXXX opinion has been widely observed.</p> <p>XX XXXXXX states that believes that a disabled space will actually remove the space next to it given the dimensions required.</p> <p>XX XXXXXX adds that if the applicant stops driving then the residents are stuck with a disabled bay.</p> <p>XX XXXXXX states that as the bay is not reserved for the applicants X will tell XXX parents to park in it when they visit.</p> <p>XX XXXXXX asks what the legal implications of XXX parking there without a blue disabled badge?</p> <p>XX XXXXXX adds that X believes that this application has come about because of the recent agreement with the Council to resurface the Close in association with the upcoming works on A329 London Road.</p> <p>XX XXXXXX concludes by stating that X and X family have lived in Forest Close for XX years. X states that residents have an unwritten courteous code towards each other which X feels is applied most of the time. X feels the disabled parking bay will be more destructive than constructive.</p> <p>In a separate email, XX XXXXXX asks that the history of the Close be taken into account. They were initially owned by the Crown and were built to commemorate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1954. When XX XXXXXX purchased X property in XXXX, there were covenants attached to the deeds whereby the front aspect of the properties could not be altered. X states the Residents Association have tried to uphold these covenants. X feels that a disabled bay and sign will completely spoil and cheapen the area.</p> | <p>The Council confirms that the applicant has met the criteria for the provision of a disabled parking bay, lives near to where the bay is proposed and this location was agreed with them.</p> <p>Whilst the applicant does have a garage and allocated parking to the rear of their property they have to negotiate 5 steps to access their rear entrance. The proposed parking bay to the front will provide a level access to their property.</p> <p>In residential situations the Council recognises the pressure on parking and normally marks out disabled parking bays so they take up no more space than a general use bay. Therefore, the parking space next to the proposed bay should not be adversely affected.</p> <p>If disabled parking bays are no longer required the Council can remove them in 2/3 weeks and the bay will revert to general use.</p> <p>Information telling applicants that whilst the disabled parking bay is being installed as a result of their application, it can be used by anyone displaying a valid blue disabled badge is included in the application pack. A further reminder is sent to applicants prior to the bay being installed.</p> <p>Any car parked in the space without displaying a valid blue disabled badge would be liable to receiving a Penalty Charge Notice from the Council's Parking Enforcement Officers.</p> <p>This application was received several months prior to the re-surfacing works being considered.</p> <p>Under new regulations disabled parking spaces can be installed without the need for both road markings and a separate sign. Therefore in this instance there will be no post and sign installed.</p> | <p><b>Proceed as advertised</b></p> |
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| <p>XXX X XXXXXX<br/>Forest Close<br/>(via email)</p> | <p>XXX XXXXXX wishes to object the proposed disabled parking bay in the vicinity of X property.</p> <p>XXX XXXXXX states that there has always been an informal agreement between the residents that the space in front of no. X be kept clear due to their disability. XXX adds that this has been minuted at a meeting of the Residents Association AGM.</p> <p>XXX XXXXXX adds that all of the properties in Forest Close have private garages with direct access to the rear of their properties. XXX XXXXXX claims that the distance from the proposed disabled parking space is further than if the applicant was parked in their allocated space.</p>  | <p>Whilst the applicant does have a garage and allocated parking to the rear of their property they have to negotiate 5 steps to access their rear entrance. The proposed parking bay to the front will provide a level access to their property.</p>  | <p><b>Proceed as advertised</b></p> |
| <p>XX X XXXXXXXX<br/>X Forest Close</p>              | <p>XX XXXXXXXX would like to raise the following objections to the proposed disabled parking space:</p> <p>I) At the rear of the applicants house there is a garage and 2 parking spaces which are for the use of the applicant. The applicant regularly park one of their cars in these spaces and there is lots of room and the ground is flat and stable. XX XXXXXXXX believes that these spaces are a very similar distance to the location of the proposed disabled bay. In addition, XX XXXXXXXX has observed the applicant using their back entrance on far more occasions than the front.</p> <p>II) XX XXXXXXXX is also concerned about the detrimental appearance of the painted lines and signage would cause for all the residents in Forest Close. X does not believe this is necessary as most of the time the residents leave the space free for the applicant and for the majority of the time the applicants car is parked in that space anyway;</p> <p>III) XX XXXXXXXX is also concerned that that a sign and post would need to be erected to indicate the disabled space. X states that only the carriageway is adopted whilst the footway and garden areas are private. As such any post or sign located in these areas would need the permission of the residents.</p> | <p>The Council confirms that the applicant has met the criteria for the provision of a disabled parking bay, lives near to where the bay is proposed and this location was agreed with them.</p> <p>Whilst the applicant does have a garage and allocated parking to the rear of their property they have to negotiate 5 steps to access their rear entrance. The proposed parking bay to the front will provide a level access to their property.</p> <p>Under new regulations disabled parking spaces can be installed without the need for both road markings and a separate sign. Therefore in this instance there will be no post and sign installed.</p> | <p><b>Proceed as advertised</b></p> |
| <p>XX &amp; XXX XXXXXXXX<br/>XX Vandyke</p>          | <p>XX &amp; XXX XXXXXXXX would like to object to the proposal to install an additional disabled bay in Vandyke.</p> <p>They state that there are already 2 existing disabled bays in this location that are no longer used having being allocated to individuals who no longer reside in Vandyke. They state it</p>   | <p>The Council has recently contacted the residents in this area of Vandyke with regards to comments concerning the use of the existing two disabled parking bays. To date the Council has received no replies to the proposal to remove the bays and therefore they will be removed within the next 2/3 weeks.</p>  | <p><b>Proceed as advertised</b></p> |

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|   | <p>would be more appropriate to re-allocate one of the existing bays than creating a new one.</p> <p>They add there is already a serious parking problem in Vandyke, with people parking on grass verges and removing another standard bay will only exacerbate this problem.</p> <p>They suggest the Council and Bracknell Forest homes should investigate ways of getting residents to use their garages for parking rather than storage.</p>  | <p>The garages in this area are owned and maintained by Bracknell Forest Homes and are therefore independent of the Council. Therefore, any suggestion regarding restrictions on their use would need to be directed to them.</p>   |                                     |
| <p>XX &amp; XXX XXXXXX<br/>XX Bay Road</p>              | <p>XX &amp; XXX XXXXXX agree with helping anyone with a disability however they object to the proposed disabled parking bay in Bay Road.</p> <p>XX &amp; XXX XXXXXX state that there are 7 houses in their row with only three dedicated parking spaces. The vast majority of houses have more than one car and some have three.</p> <p>XX &amp; XXX XXXXXX state that it is a 'free for all' to park in one of three off road spaces in an evening. They accept that is on-street parking on Bay Road itself but having had their vehicles damaged on three separate occasions this is something they try to avoid.</p> <p>XX &amp; XXX XXXXXX suggest that a dedicated parking space is constructed on verge near to the garage area.</p> <p>XX &amp; XXX XXXXXX have applied to the Council to turn their front garden into a driveway but this was refused so they feel that the limited parking spaces available should be for all residents.</p> | <p>The applicant currently parks their vehicle within this area of parking and therefore the ratio between the number of vehicles and the number of parking spaces will not alter.</p> <p>The feasibility of installing a number of new parking spaces to the rear of the garage area has been investigated by the Council. The Council currently has an annual programme of parking improvement schemes in residential areas where roads are prioritised. We can confirm that these new spaces are on this list however given current funding levels it is likely to be several years until further work can be carried out.</p> <p>The Council's policy for the provision of residential disabled parking spaces allows for the installation in existing parking areas or on-carriageway. There is currently no provision or budget for the allocation of new parking areas for disabled parking bays.</p> <p>Placing the disabled parking bay on Bay Road itself was considered however this was discounted due to safety grounds and ease of access to the applicants property.</p> | <p><b>Proceed as advertised</b></p> |
| <p>XX X XXXXXXXX<br/>Clintons Green<br/>(via email)</p> | <p>XX XXXXXXXX objects to the proposed disabled bay in Clintons Green if there is no provision to increase the number of parking spaces for other residents</p>  | <p>The applicant currently parks their vehicle within this area of parking and therefore the ratio between the number of vehicles and the number of parking spaces will not alter.</p> <p>The Council's policy for the provision of residential disabled parking spaces allows for the installation in existing parking areas or on-carriageway. There is currently no provision or budget for the allocation of new parking areas for disabled parking bays.</p>   | <p><b>Proceed as advertised</b></p> |
| <p>XXX X XXXXXXXXXX<br/>XX Bishopdale</p>               | <p>XXX XXXXXXXXXX strongly objects to the proposed disabled parking bay outside her house.</p> <p>XXX XXXXXXXXXX states that the applicant has a garage and</p>  | <p>The Council confirms that the applicant has met the criteria for the provision of a disabled parking bay, lives near to where the bay is proposed and this location was agreed with them.</p>  | <p><b>Proceed as advertised</b></p> |

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|   | <p>is clearly able to walk long distances as they take their dogs for long walks.</p> <p>XXX XXXXXXXXX adds that the relationship between the applicant and XXXXXXXX is not good and feels that the proposed bay would frustrate this further.</p> <p>XXX XXXXXXXXX states that X does not drive at present but relies on carers who can never find anywhere to park.</p> <p>XXX XXXXXXXXX asks why X part of Bishopdale was left out recent plans for increased parking provision. X states that the grass verge area by the garages could be converted into 2 disabled parking bays.</p>  | <p>The feasibility of installing a number of new parking spaces in Bishopdale has been investigated by the Council. The Council currently has an annual programme of parking improvement schemes in residential areas where roads are prioritised. We can confirm that these new spaces are on this list, however given current funding levels it is likely to be several years until further work can be carried out.</p>   |                                     |
| <p>XX X XXXXXXXX<br/>XX Ashridge Green</p>      | <p>XX XXXXXXXX states that X and X neighbours are in agreement that it is unacceptable to take away parking bay unless new bays are constructed.</p> <p>XX XXXXXXXX adds that X has lived in X house for XX years and parking is a major problem.</p>   | <p>The applicant currently parks their vehicle within this area of parking and therefore the ratio between the number of vehicles and the number of parking spaces will not alter.</p> <p>Due to planning restrictions regarding the provision of green spaces and tree protection, the Council is not able to extend the current parking area further into the green space.</p> <p>The Council's policy for the provision of residential disabled parking spaces allows for the installation in existing parking areas or on-carriageway. There is currently no provision or budget for the allocation of new parking areas for disabled parking bays.</p>  | <p><b>Proceed as advertised</b></p> |
| <p>XX &amp; XXX XXXXX<br/>XX Ashridge Green</p> | <p>XX &amp; XXX XXXXX have lived in Ashridge Green for X years and in this time they have noticed that parking is particularly bad and have on numerous occasions found themselves blocked in.</p> <p>XX &amp; XXX XXXXX are open to the idea of disabled parking spaces for those who desperately need them. Whilst they agree with the provision of the existing disabled bay they feel that the proposed one is more of a convenience. The add if there were no existing issues of parking within the road they would support it but given the existing situation they fell this outweighs the proposal which make the parking issues worse.</p> | <p>The Council confirms that the applicant has met the criteria for the provision of a disabled parking bay, lives near to where the bay is proposed and this location was agreed with them.</p> <p>The applicant currently parks their vehicle within this area of parking and therefore the ratio between the number of vehicles and the number of parking spaces will not alter.</p> <p>Due to planning restrictions regarding the provision of green spaces and tree protection, the Council is not able to extend the current parking area further into the green space.</p> <p>The Council's policy for the provision of residential disabled parking spaces allows for the installation in existing parking areas or on-carriageway. There is currently no provision or budget for the allocation of new parking areas for disabled parking bays.</p> | <p><b>Proceed as advertised</b></p> |

## Local Member comments

### *Ascot ward (Forest Close)*

Cllr Mrs D Hayes - visited the site last week - you have given just and logical reasoning. No probs with installation

Cllr T Virgo – No response was received

### *Bullbrook ward (Bay Road)*

Cllr Ms K Miller - I think it is important when the executive member makes this decision that he appreciates the impact this will have on all the affected residents, particularly considering the difficulties parking in areas like bay road. Where there are parking difficulties I do not see how we can justify further restricting the already limited parking. Whilst I appreciate the importance of assisting disabled residents, there are limits to how much we can do in areas with limited capacity without severely impacting the majority of residents.

I disagree with the officer's comment that the ratio will not change. Although the number of cars and spaces remains the same, the number of spaces available to the objector will reduce and the effective capacity of the road will reduce. The objector will go from having 3 potential spaces to park in, to 2, a reduction of a third from their perspective (actual availability reduces from  $3/x$  to  $2/x$  where  $x$  is the number of cars. Even where the number of cars reduces by 1 due to use of the disabled bay, the ratio is adversely impacted). Additionally, even if the disabled bay is free then they will not be permitted to park in it. This would reduce the utilisation of the parking in the road, as the reality is that the disabled bay would be likely to spend more time empty than it currently does. This would decrease the utilisation of available parking, meaning that what parking there is would be less efficiently used, likely resulting in additional frustration to residents and potential knock on effects with anti social behaviour.

If the executive member is minded to approve the disabled bay then I think it should be on the condition that additional parking is provided to the affected residents, either in the form of facilitating driveways or creating additional bays to offset the impact on residents. My view is that this approach should be applied in all roads on the priority list or where there are significant parking difficulties.

Cllr R Angell - Seen Cllr Miller reply and agree with her comments.

### *Great Hollands North ward (Vandyke & Wheatley)*

Cllr Mrs M Temperton - I have no objections to the proposed new disabled parking bays. Parking is a huge problem in both these roads but as you check that the existing bays are still needed, and when not, are removed, then new requests must be honoured.

Cllr Dr P Hill - I've no objections to the proposed disabled parking spaces. There are parking issues across Great Hollands and sadly these are sadly down to Bracknell Forest Homes lack of investment/engagement.

*Priestwood & Garth ward (Ashridge Green, Clintons Green & Hart Close)*

Cllr Mrs T McKenzie-Boyle - I have a great deal of sympathy with the residents who have bothered to respond. The parking in these roads is at a premium. May I point out that some of the green space is managed by Bracknell Forest Homes and I am sure with negotiations some of it can be utilised pragmatically to alleviate the problem of lack of parking.

However we have to be mindful that there are residents who are in desperate need to be able to park near their homes. Therefore to be equitable, enforcement must be applied if the advertised is proceeded with to ensure that the disabled parking bays are in fact used by those who have a valid blue badge.

Cllr A Finch - I agree with Cllr McKenzie-Boyles comments

Cllr G Birch - No response was received

*Wildridings & Central ward (Bishopdale)*

Cllr Mrs D Hamilton - do we already have a disabled bay near this address or are there none If one is near it I thought we had filled our obligations as a council if one is near it ? Secondly if it is not then we must provide one . Residents in Bishopdale are already using the grass area behind there house on the ring to park . Parking in all these roads are dreadful . I can understand resident is upset. Is there a slim possibility of a dropped Kerb into the applicants address ? Otherwise I can imagine where we would be as a Council if we refused disabled parking that was needed . I notice that finally dropped kerbs are been allowed in Wildridings chalet style houses such as in Rosedale where there is a garage into the back garden . I'm sure others will follow . Could this work for the applicant ? Please can we explore all avenues before we take a public road space away ?

BFC engineers response - In answer to your questions, there is no existing disabled parking provision near to the applicant, and their property does not have access to an adjacent carriageway so it would not be possible to provide a dropped kerb access.

Cllr M Skinner - No response was received