

Report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture to the meeting of Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 15th October 2014.

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Subject:

PROPOSED FORMAL DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES AND THE REVOCATION OF REDUNDANT FORMAL DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES IN THE BRADFORD EAST CONSTITUENCY.

Summary statement:

This report seeks approval for the preparation and advertisement of a Traffic Regulation Order for formal Disabled Persons Parking Places at locations where: -

- i) Informal Disabled Persons Parking Places have been implemented but the applicants have issues with the enforcement of the facility, and have requested a formal Disabled Persons Parking Place;
- ii) A formal Disabled Persons Parking Place requires relocation;
- iii) It is proposed to remove existing redundant formal Disabled Persons Parking Places at various locations in the Bradford East Constituency.

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1.0 SUMMARY

1.1. This report seeks approval for the preparation and advertisement of a Traffic Regulation Order for Formal Disabled Persons Parking Places at locations where:

i.Informal Disabled Persons Parking Places have been implemented but the applicants have issues with the enforcement of the facility, and have requested a formal Disabled Persons Parking Place;

ii. A formal Disabled Persons Parking Place requires relocation;

iii. It is proposed to remove existing redundant formal Disabled Persons Parking Places at various locations in the Bradford East Constituency.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In 2005 the Bradford East Area Committee approved changes to the process of providing Disabled Persons' Parking Places (DPPP) to give a more flexible service and reduce the time taken to provide space. New DPPP's in residential areas are now normally installed as 'advisory' and do not have the backing of the Council's Parking Services enforcement. However, in the situation where the advisory marking is being ignored by other drivers parking in the space, a formal DPPP can be implemented. These require the backing of a Traffic Regulation Order to allow parking offices enforcement and a 'Blue Badge Holders Only' plate is installed adjacent to the bay.
- 2.2 Formal DPPP's are longer than Advisory spaces; 6.6 metres compared with the average 5.4 metre long advisory space (which can vary dependant on property frontage width). This can lead to concerns from neighbours, since the larger space may encroach in front of neighbouring properties. A change to a formal space would require a re-consultation with affected residents, as well as the formal advertisement in the local press on the proposed location. Any objections have to be considered by the Area Committee. The only source of funding available is from the Bradford East Area Committee Traffic Measures budget on an annual basis. To minimise legal costs a batch of similar requests is processed at the same time, and therefore it can take a year to eighteen months before a formal Disabled Persons Parking Place can be provided.
- 2.3 The Council has received concerns from residents with existing informal DPPP's at Rowanberry Close and Upper Moscar Street, where they are having difficulties using the space due to visitors to the area parking in the bay, and they have requested that formal DPPP's be implemented. The location of the parking places are shown on drawing no's R/BE/102741/4A-5A attached as Appendices 1 and 2.
- 2.4 A request has also been received for a formal DPPP to be relocated on Byron Street where a resident has moved house. The location is shown on drawing no. R/BE/102741/6A attached as Appendix 3.

2.5 There are a number of locations across the Bradford East Constituency where formal DPPP's have been installed but are no longer required by the current occupier or the previous occupier has now moved. The bay markings and poles have been removed but the existing TRO relating to these redundant formal spaces still needs revoking. The locations of the formal DPPP's to be revoked are listed in Appendix 4.

3.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Ward Members will be consulted. The TRO will be formally advertised following consultations with affected residents and any objections reported to this committee.

4.0 FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 A budget of £4000 has been allocated from the Bradford East Area Committee Traffic Measures schemes programme for 2014/15.

5.0 RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 Failure to provide formal DPPP's where informal facilities are being ignored would lead to ongoing neighbour disputes.

6.0 LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 An informal DPPP relies on respect and understanding between neighbours who recognise and support the special needs of an individual in their community. A formal DPPP is supported by a Traffic Regulation Order and gives the enforcing authority the power to intervene if the need arises. The actions proposed are in general accordance with the Council's powers as Highway Authority and Traffic Regulation Authority.

7.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 **EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 states that the Council must, in the exercise of it functions "have due regard to the need to eliminate conduct that is prohibited by this Act, advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and fostering good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. For this purpose section 149 defines "relevant protected characteristics" as including a range of characteristics including disability, race and religion.

As stated above an informal DPPP relies on respect and understanding between neighbours who recognise and support the special needs of an individual with disabilities in their community. A DPPP is supported by a Traffic Regulation Order and gives the enforcing authority the power to intervene if the need arises. It is therefore considered that in writing this report due consideration has been given to implications the Equality Act 2010.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant sustainability issues.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

There is no impact on the Council's own and the wider District's carbon footprint and emissions from other greenhouse gasses arising from this report.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

The provision of a DPPP should not create any road safety hazards.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no implications on the Human Rights Act.

7.6 TRADE UNION

There are no Trade Union implications.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Ward Members have previously been consulted on the informal DPPP.

7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The implementation of DPPPs supports priorities within the Bradford East Area Committee Action Plan.

8.0 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 None.

9.0 OPTIONS

Members may propose a different course of action to the proposed recommendations and, in that case, will receive appropriate guidance from officers.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That approval be given to process, advertise, and implement a Traffic Regulation Order for On-Street Parking Places for formal Disabled Persons Parking Places at locations detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report.
- 10.2 That approval be given to process, advertise, and implement a Traffic Regulation Order for an On-Street Parking Place for a formal Disabled Persons Parking Place to be relocated as detailed in Appendix 3 of this report.

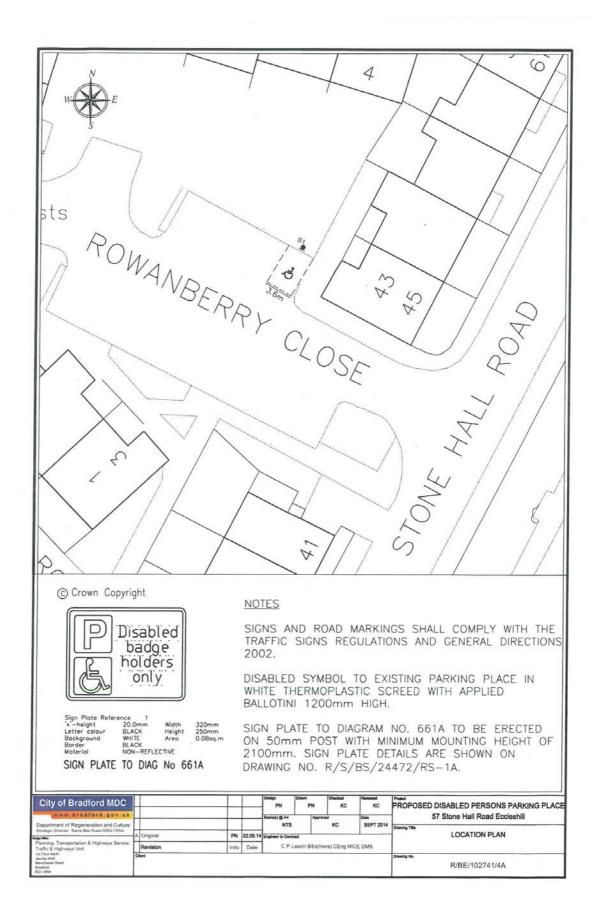
- 10.3 That approval be given to process, advertise, and implement a Traffic Regulation Order for the revocation of redundant formal Disabled Persons Parking Places at the locations detailed in Appendix 4 of this report.
- 10.4 That any valid objections to the Traffic Regulation Order be submitted to this committee for consideration or, in the event of there being no valid objections, the Order be sealed and implemented as advertised.

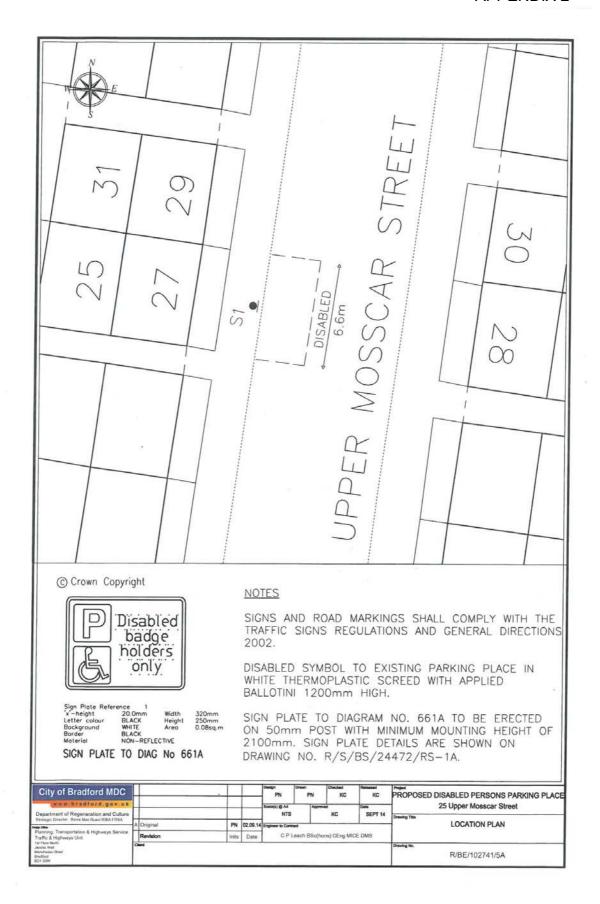
11.0 APPENDICES

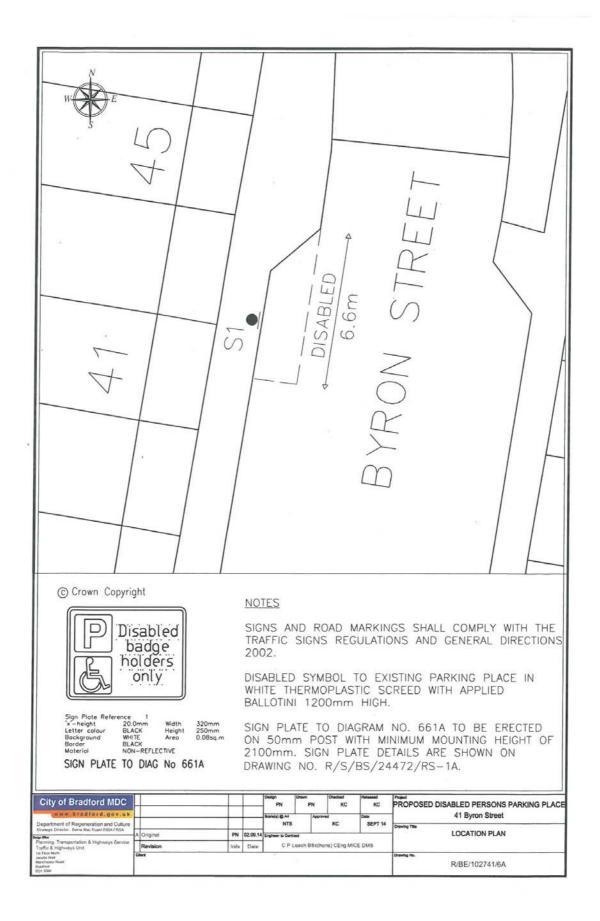
- 11.1 Appendix 1 Rowanberry Close (for 57 Stone Hall Road), Drawing No R/BE/102741/4A
- 11.2 Appendix 2 Upper Moscar Street, Drawing No R/BE/102741/5A
- 11.3 Appendix 3 Byron Street, Drawing No. R/BE/102741/6A
- 11.4 Appendix 4 A list of locations where TRO's need to be revoked for redundant Disabled Persons Parking Places by Ward.

12.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council File Reference R/S/BE/.102741







A LIST OF LOCATIONS WHERE TRO'S NEED TO BE REVOKED FOR REDUNDANT FORMAL DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES, BY WARD

Bowling & Barkerend 39 Byron Street

Bradford Moor 199 Sandford Road 16 Curzon Road