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Report of the Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 17 September 2014

Subject:

DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE

Summary statement:

This report seeks approval to advertise a Traffic Regulation Order for a Disabled Persons Parking Place on Jesmond Avenue, Bradford

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:



City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council



1.0. SUMMARY

1.1. This report seeks approval to advertise a Traffic Regulation Order for a Disabled Persons Parking Place on Jesmond Avenue, Bradford

2.0. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. A Policy on the provision of Informal Disabled Persons Parking Places (DPPP) was approved by this Committee on 27 July 2006. Informal DPPPs are indicated by advisory carriageway markings only and are not legally enforceable by either the Council Wardens or the Police. The success of informal parking places relies on local people being community minded enough to park elsewhere if they are not blue badge holders. The policy states that if problems are being caused for disabled people because an informal parking place is not being respected the matter is referred back to the Area Committee and a formal Traffic Regulation Order sought.
- 2.2. An informal parking place at 76 Jesmond Avenue was provided in February 2014. This location has been brought to our attention by the resident because it is being used by non blue badge holders. A location plan of the existing DPPP Drawing No. R/S/BW/102313/13A is attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.3. It would be possible to promote a Traffic Regulation Order to create a formal DPPP at this location. The length of the parking place will have to be extended to 6.6 metres to comply with the current Regulations. Any objections received to this Traffic Regulation Order would need to be referred back to this Area Committee for members to determine an appropriate course of action.

3.0. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1. The houses on Jesmond Avenue are terraced with very few having off street parking. On-street parking spaces are therefore at a premium and the residents often have to park their vehicles away from their homes, sometimes in neighbouring streets. Parking issues on Jesmond Avenue are an ongoing problem for all residents and have been reported to the Council on a number of occasions.
- 3.2. The length of the existing parking place outside 76 Jesmond Avenue is 5 metres (approximately the width of the frontage of the property) extending it to 6.6 metres to comply with the current regulations would encroach further onto the frontage of the neighbouring properties. See drawing R/S/BW/102701/CON-5A attached as Appendix 2.

4.0. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1. A budget of £3000 has been allocated in the Safer Roads Capital Programme to provide disabled persons parking places.

5.0. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1. There are no significant risks arising out of the implementation of the proposed recommendations.

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.

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.

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 formal 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 this report is compliant with 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 been consulted on formalising the Disabled Persons Parking Place. Any comments they wish to make will be reported verbally to the committee.

7.8. AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The implementation of Disabled Persons Parking Places supports priorities within the Bradford West Area Committee Action Plan.

8.0. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1. None.

9.0. OPTIONS

- 9.1. That approval is given to prepare and advertise a Traffic Regulation Order for a legally enforceable Disabled Persons Parking Place at 76 Jesmond Avenue. That any valid objections to the Order be submitted to the Bradford West Area Committee for consideration or in the event of there being no valid objections the Order be sealed and implemented as advertised.
- 9.2. That the request to formalise the Disabled Persons Parking Place be refused and the current informal parking place be retained.
- 9.3. Members may propose a different course of action to those listed and, in that case, will receive appropriate guidance from officers.

10.0. RECOMMENDATIONS

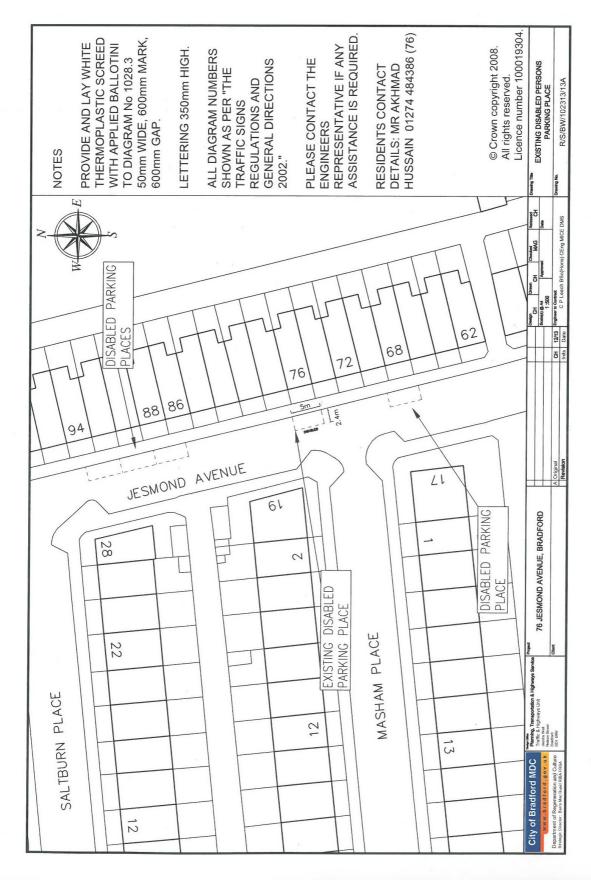
- 10.1. That the option to prepare and advertise a Traffic Regulation Order for a legally enforceable Disabled Persons Parking Place at 76 Jesmond Avenue be approved.
- 10.2. That any valid objections to the Order be submitted to the Bradford West Area Committee for consideration or in the event of there being no valid objections the Order be sealed and implemented as advertised.

11.0. APPENDICES

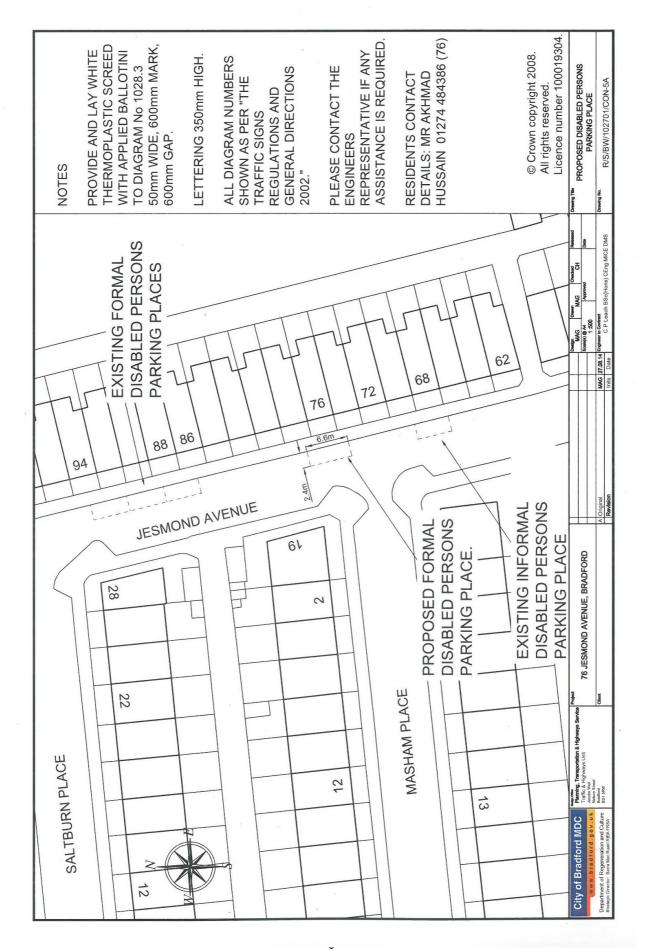
- 11.1. Appendix 1 Drawing No. R/S/BW/102313/13A
- 11.2. Appendix 2 Drawing No. R/S/BW/102701/CON-5A

12.0. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1. City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council File Reference R/S/BW/102701



APPENDIX 1



APPENDIX 2