

Report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration to the meeting of Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 24 November 2016.

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Subject:

THE GROVE, BRADFORD – REQUEST FOR DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE (EXCEPTION TO POLICY)

Summary statement:

This report considers an application for a Disabled Persons Parking Place where the applicant does not meet all the Policy criteria.

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1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report considers an application for a Disabled Persons Parking Place where the applicant does not meet all the Policy criteria.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The resident of Flat1, 6 The Grove has submitted an application for a Disabled Persons Parking Place outside their property. The property consists of 3 separate flats and is based within a cul-de-sac where parking is at a premium. The demand for on-street parking is generated by adjacent houses and associated visitors. The applicant does have off-street parking provision in the form of a rear yard however this is for use by all occupants of the property and not for the applicants sole use and thereby relies on the availability of parking outside 6 The Grove to gain convenient access to their property.
- 2.2 The criteria for eligibility for a Disabled Persons Parking Place require that the applicant:
- i. Holds a Disabled Person's Blue Badge.
 - ii. Has a vehicle registered at their place of residence.
 - iii. Does not have accessible off-street parking e.g. hard standing or garage
 - iv. Receives either:
 - a) the Higher Rate Mobility component of Disability Living Allowance, or
 - b) the Higher Rate of Attendance Allowance
 - c) the Mobility component of a Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- 2.3 The applicant for Flat 1, 6 The Grove meets 3 of the 4 criteria listed in para. 2.2, but, as stated previously, does have the use of a hard standing area to the rear of the property. However, this is for use by all occupants of the property and not for the applicants sole use.
- 2.4 A plan showing the indicative location of a Disabled Persons Parking Place outside 6 The Grove is attached as Appendix 1.

3.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The applicant has ongoing medical conditions preventing him from walking more than 25 yards without experiencing severe discomfort. These conditions include a history of lung cancer, COPD, leg ulcers and diabetes type 2.
- 3.2 The applicant has stated the rear yard is used frequently by other occupants, their children and for domestics such as drying clothes etc thereby making it a general area for collective use.
- 3.3 As part of the Disabled Persons Parking Place application investigation process, officers undertake consultations with adjacent neighbours to determine if there are any objections to the proposal. This consultation is usually undertaken as a second stage, following successful verification of the criteria being met. In this instance, however, the consultation has already been undertaken (to avoid a scenario whereby the Area Committee approves the exception to



the policy but the application then meets with objections from neighbours, thus requiring a further report to the Area Committee). There were no objections from neighbouring properties.

4.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 A budget of £6,000 for the provision of Disabled Persons Parking Places across the Bradford East constituency has been approved as part of the 2016/17 Safer Roads schemes programme. If approved, this parking place would be implemented as part of the overall programme of Disabled Persons Parking Places in Bradford East.

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 The options contained in this report are within the Council's powers as Highway Authority and Traffic Regulation Authority.

7.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Due regard has been given to Section 149 of the Equality Act when determining the proposals in this report.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

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

None.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None

7.6 TRADE UNION

None



7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Ward members have been consulted on the application.

7.8 AREA COMMITTEE WARD PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.8.1 None

8.0 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 None

9.0 OPTIONS

9.1 That the Bradford East Area Committee approves an application for the installation of a Disabled Persons Parking Place at 6 The Grove as an exception to the policy.

9.2 That the Bradford East Area Committee refuses an application for the installation of a Disabled Persons Parking Place at 6 The Grove in accordance with the policy.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the Bradford East Area Committee determines whether or not to allow an exception to the Disabled Persons Parking Places policy for an application for 6 The Grove.

10.2 That the applicant be informed accordingly.

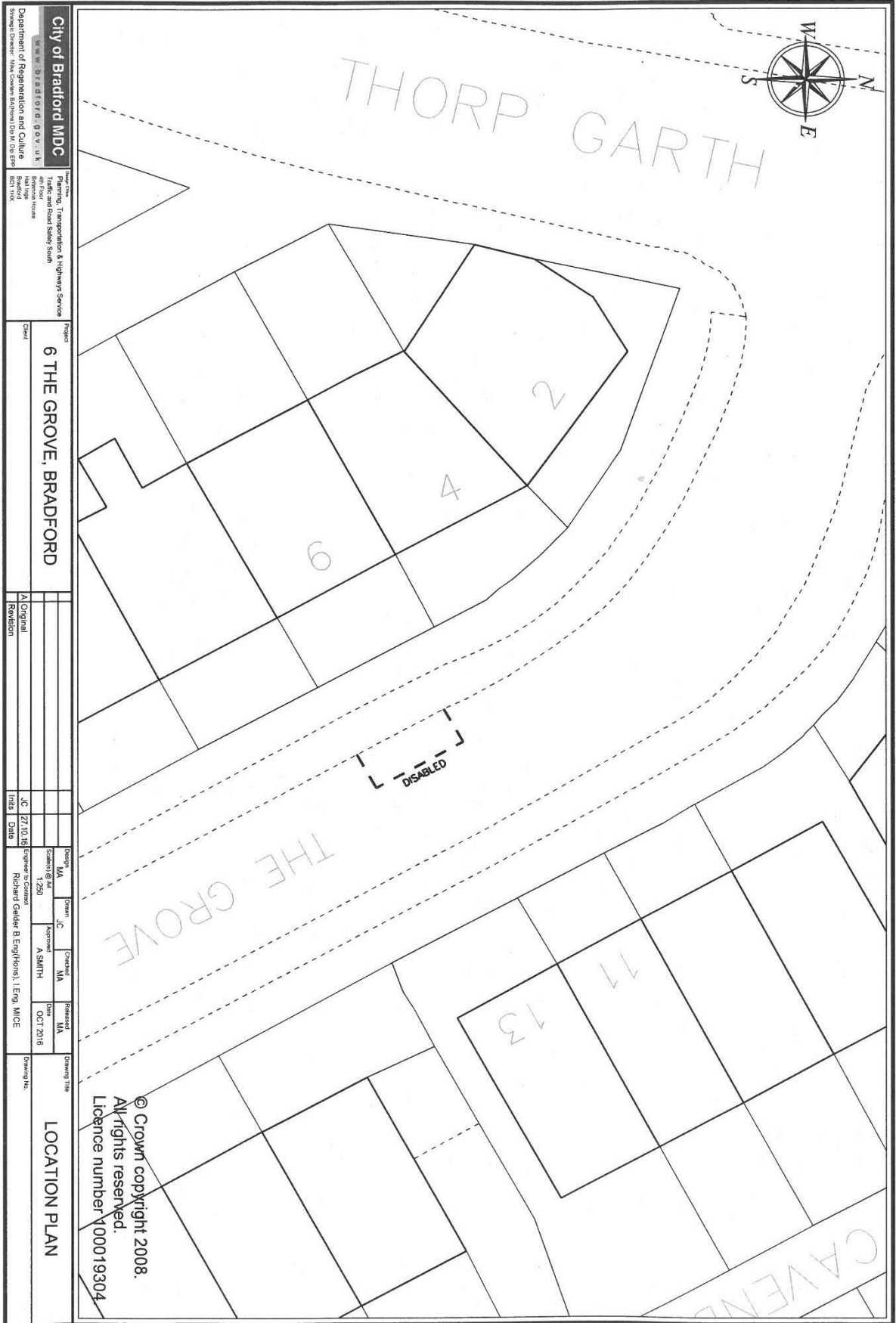
11.0 APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix A – Location Plan

12.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council File Ref:TDG/THS/BS/103329





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