

Report of the Strategic Director, Place to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 20 September 2017

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Subject:

**ABERDEEN TERRACE, BRADFORD – REQUEST FOR A 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

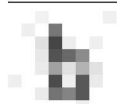
- 1.1 This report considers an application for a Disabled Persons Parking Place where the applicant does not meet all the Policy criteria.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council has received an application for a Disabled Persons Parking Place from the occupants of 20 Aberdeen Terrace. There are two residents at this address, who live independent of each other. Both are registered disabled and in ownership of mobility vehicles. There is a drive at this property, which is sufficient to park a single vehicle on; this results in the other registered vehicle being parked on street which often conflicts with other residents'/visitors' parking.
- 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, and
 - 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 meets 3 of the 4 criteria listed in para. 2.2, but, as stated previously, does have the use of a driveway. However, this can only accommodate 1 vehicle and there are 2 mobility vehicles registered at the property.
- 2.4 A plan showing the indicative location of a Disabled Persons Parking Place outside 20 Aberdeen Terrace is attached as Appendix 1.

3.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The applicant has ongoing medical conditions preventing her from being able to support herself independently and relies on the use of a wheel chair. The applicant is also visually impaired.
- 3.2 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 £10,000 for the provision of Disabled Persons Parking Places across the Bradford West constituency has been approved as part of the 2017/18 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 West.

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 gases 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 West Area Committee approves an application for the installation of a Disabled Persons Parking Place at 20 Aberdeen Terrace as an exception to the policy.

9.2 That the Bradford West Area Committee refuses an application for the installation of a Disabled Persons Parking Place at 20 Aberdeen Terrace in accordance with the policy.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the Bradford West Area Committee determines whether or not to allow an exception to the Disabled Persons Parking Places policy for an application for 20 Aberdeen Terrace.

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:HS/TRSS/103797

