

Report of the Strategic Director Place, to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 22 September 2022

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Subject:

**JESMOND AVENUE, PROPOSED FORMAL BLUE BADGE PARKING PLACE -
OBJECTIONS**

Summary statement:

This report considers objections to the introduction of a formal Blue Badge Parking Place on Jesmond Avenue, Toller, Bradford.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

There are no issues arising from the Council's Equality & Diversity Strategy.

Ward: Toller

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Regeneration & Environment

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1. This report considers objections to the introduction of a formal Blue Badge Parking Place on Jesmond Avenue, Toller, Bradford.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. At its meeting on the 24 June 2021 this committee approved as part of its Safer Roads Programme, a scheme to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order on various roads throughout the Bradford West Constituency.
- 2.2. The Order has been promoted to resolve a number of requests for small areas of existing waiting restrictions to be amended or new restrictions to be introduced. The requests to resolve various traffic management issues have been raised by ward members, officers or local residents and businesses.
- 2.3. The Traffic Regulation Order was formally advertised between the 13 January and 4 February 2022. At the same time consultation letters and plans were posted to residents and businesses affected by the Order. This resulted in objections to some elements of the proposals. The objections were considered by this committee on the 24 March 2022 and it was resolved that some modifications be made to the Order as a result of objections being made to other aspects of the scheme.
- 2.4. This committee also resolved that consideration of the objections in respect of the proposed Blue Badge Parking Place on Jesmond Avenue be deferred to a future meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee to enable further consultation with ward members and a review of existing Blue Badge Parking provision on the street (the latter action being a resolution from the Area Committee meeting on 4 August 2022).
- 2.5. A summary of the points of objection and corresponding officer comments is tabulated below: -

Objectors concerns	Officer comments
<p>Jesmond Avenue (Drawing No. HS/TRSS/104773/COM-17A) First objector It is the residents of the property adjacent to the existing blue badge parking bay who are parking their without displaying a blue badge. This should be address before other residents are accused of wrongly using the bay. They often park outside their neighbour’s property who has a severely disabled son who regularly visits which causes unnecessary anxiety. The formal bay should be within the limits of the frontage of the applicant’s property. Making it a permanent disabled parking bay will require more space and will restrict direct access for the neighbours.</p>	<p>The current bay is an informal Blue Badge Parking Bay and is reliant on the good will of all car drivers to keep the space clear for Blue Badge holders and for users to park wholly within the bay. Making the bay official will only allow blue badge holders to park there but it requires the bay to be extended to a minimum length of 6.6 metres to conform with the Traffic Signs Regulation and General directions 2016. This will result in the bay encroaching onto neighbouring frontages and it is understandable there will be some impact on the neighbours. It is agreed that parking provision in the area does not meet the needs of the residents</p>

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This will have an impact on objectors son's mental wellbeing as this is the only place he visits and he has a close relationship with both the objector and his mother and this will equally impact the objector and worsen his anxiety.	and this is particularly pertinent for blue badge holders who need to be able to park close to their property and this can only be achieved with the introduction of a blue badge parking bay. The bay can be used by any blue badge holder.
<p>Second objector</p> <p>The current informal bay is not used as it should. The resident's vehicle is always parked outside of the parking bay lines. They also park a vehicle in the bay which is not used for the disabled resident.</p> <p>The property where the bay is located has 3 vehicles which are parked outside neighbouring properties and causes major issues for the neighbours.</p>	<p>The bay will only be able to be used by blue badge holders and they must park wholly within the bay markings.</p> <p>The council has no authority to restrict the number of cars a resident owns.</p>

3.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1. In addition to the objections detailed in para. 2.5 the Council has also received 3 representations supporting the proposal to introduce a blue badge parking place on Jesmond Avenue.
- 3.2. In accordance with the resolution for the Area Committee meeting on 4 August 2022, a review of existing Blue Badge Parking Places on Jesmond Avenue has been undertaken. It was found that there are 9 existing such parking places and all are still valid.

4.0 FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1. A budget of £17,000 has been allocated from the Safer Roads Budget for the 2021/22 Various Roads Traffic Regulation Order. The element of project at Jesmond Avenue can be delivered within budget.

5.0 RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1. There are no significant risks arising from this report.

6.0 LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1. There are no specific issues arising from this report. The course of action proposed is in general accordance with the Councils power as Highway Authority.

7.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant Sustainability implications arising from this report.

7.2. 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.

7.3. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

None.

7.4. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no implications on the Human Rights Act

7.5. TRADE UNION

None.

7.6. WARD IMPLICATIONS

Ward members have been consulted on the advertised Traffic Regulation Order.

7.7. AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

None

7.8. IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

None

7.9. ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

None

8.0 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1. None

9.0 OPTIONS

9.1. That the objections to the introduction of a formal blue badge parking bay on Jesmond Avenue be overruled and the Traffic Regulation Order be sealed and implemented.

9.2. That the objections to the introduction of a formal blue badge parking bay on Jesmond Avenue be upheld and this element removed from the 2021/22 Bradford West various sites Traffic Regulation Order.

9.3. Councillors may propose an alternative course of action on which they will receive appropriate officer advice.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1. That the objections to the introduction of a formal blue badge parking bay on Jesmond Avenue be overruled, the bay be introduced as shown on drawing No. HS/TRSS/104773/COM-17A and the Traffic Regulation Order be sealed and implemented.

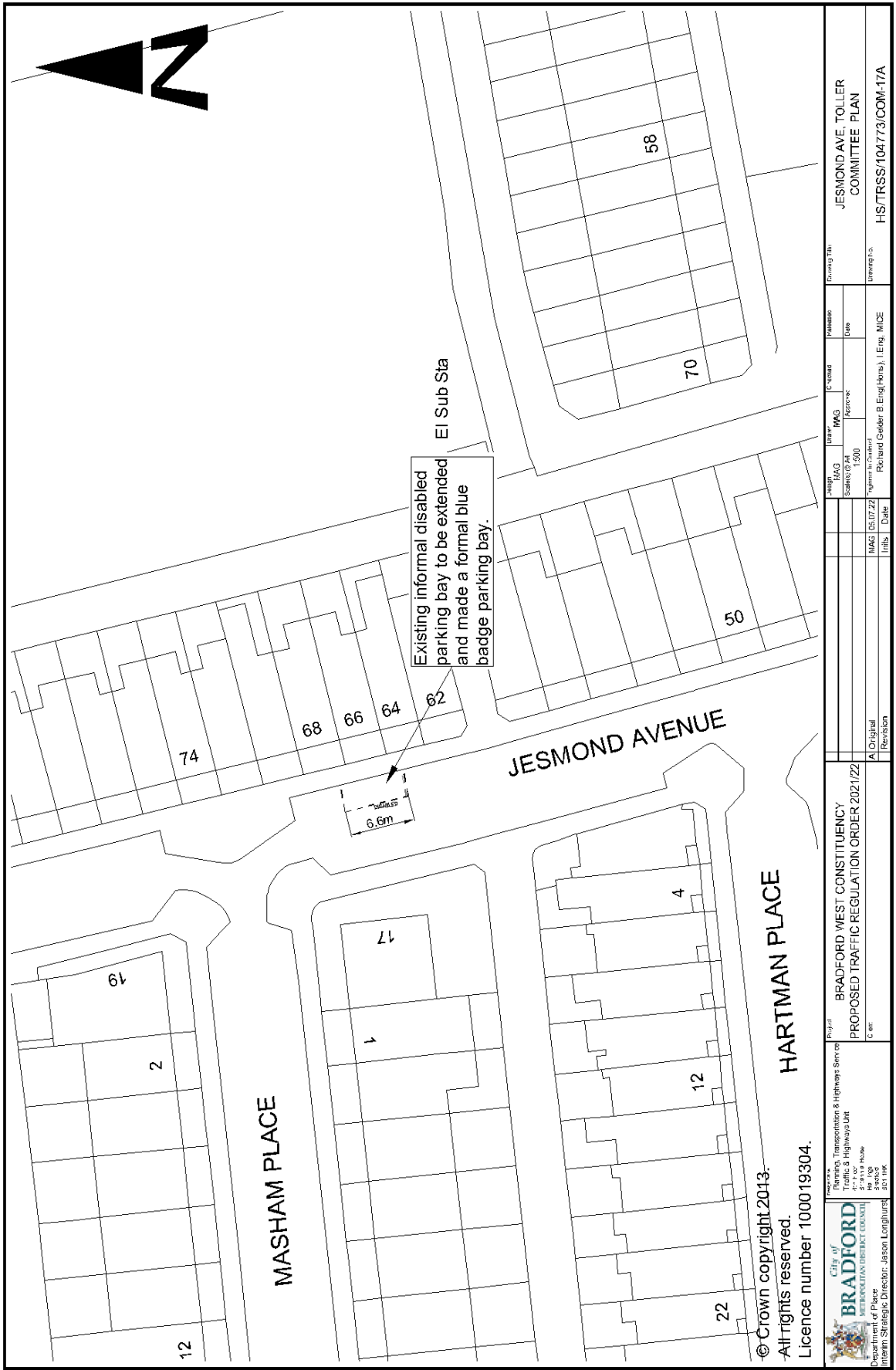
10.2. That the objectors be informed accordingly.

11.0 APPENDICES

11.1. Appendix 1 – Drawing No. HS/TRSS/104773/COM-17A

12.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1. None



Existing informal disabled parking bay to be extended and made a formal blue badge parking bay.

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