

Meeting of:- Witham Area Committee

On:- 7 November 2006

Agenda Item No.:-

Topic:- Proposed disabled parking bay on Beech Road adjacent to 477 Rickstones Road Rivenhall

Type of Report:- Non-Key Decision

Executive Summary:- To consider objections received as a result of the formal advertising of the proposed Disabled Parking Bay in Beech Road adjacent to 477 Rickstones Road, Rivenhall, Witham

Consultation/Representations:-

Braintree District Council supports the proposal.

The County Member supports the proposal.

Essex Police support the proposal.

Policy:- The County Council's Pedestrian and Mobility Policy is to provide disabled parking facilities where possible when it is proven to be necessary.

Background:- Mr Dean has requested a disabled parking bay be provided as close as possible to his home at 477 Rickstones Road, Rivenhall. He is registered disabled and has been assessed by Essex County Council Occupational Therapy Team.

OBJECTOR	GROUND	AREA MANAGER COMMENTS
Mrs J Kempster	Limited parking in the area. Other blue badge holders would not be able to use it.	Although proposed bay being essentially provided for use by applicant it can be used by anyone displaying a blue badge.
T Bacon & K Darkin	Proposed sight may hinder access to garages. Existing disabled bay in Beeches Road. Impact on already limited parking. Have regularly seen applicant walking to Morrisons store and to Oak Road distances of approx ½ - 1¼ miles do not feel they need to park closer to home.	Anyone applying for a disabled parking bay they would have to be assessed by Social Services. Existing disabled parking bay in Beeches road has been removed.
Mr & Mrs Prime	Would reduce already limited parking and hinder access to garages. Applicant uses space left for him by other residents as a goodwill gesture.	Existing bay now removed. Proposed location of new bay would not hinder access to garages. Applicant had been assessed by Social

	Applicant regularly uses public transport. Oldest residents in street and use space for loading and unloading. Already one disabled bay in Beeches Road.	Services. Any resident is able to apply for their own disabled bay if they feel they meet the required criteria.
Mr & Mrs Little	Feels car will be left there for long periods therefore preventing other residents using space.	Applicant aware that anybody that holds a blue badge has the right to use the bay.
Mrs Scannell	Feels applicant does not require the bay. Has witnessed applicant carrying out tasks that would not be consistent with those of a blue badge holder. Would restrict limited parking further.	Anyone applying for a disabled parking bay would have to be assessed by Social Services. Transport department do not have medical expertise to comment on applicants condition. Existing disabled parking bay in Beeches road has been removed.

Recommendation:- That notwithstanding the above objections an order be made subject to and in accordance with the County Council's standard order making procedures.

Background Papers:- Letters of objection from Mr & Mrs Little dated 24 February 2006 and 15 August 2006, Mr & Mrs Prime dated 6 February 2006, 9 February 2006 and 12 August 2006, T Bacon and K Darkin dated 10 February 2006 and 10 March 2006 Mrs Kempster dated 10 August 2006 and 18 August 2006 and by E-Mail from The Scannell Family dated 24 September 2006.

Financial Implications:- LDB 2006/7 (Locally Determined Budget)

Equalities Implications:- N/A

Legal Implications:- Will provide a legally enforceable restriction.

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