

APPENDIX 3 – FOR DECISION

Applications for disabled persons’ parking bays that have been the subject of an informal consultation with neighbours, including a summary of objections received, and Officer comments/recommendations

Location for Proposed Disabled Persons’ Parking Bay	No. of Objections Received	Overview of Objectors Comments	Officers’ Comments	Officers’ Recommendation
Dunton Green				
London Road, south west side, north west of Barretts Road	2	<p>Proposed location of the parking bay is between a bus stop and a zebra crossing.</p> <p>There are no disabled persons on this side of the road.</p> <p>Proposed location of the parking bay is outside a shop and will cause loading difficulties.</p> <p>The shop rarely has disabled customers.</p> <p>Parking bay would be better located outside parade of shops on other side of railway bridge or in sports ground car park.</p> <p>If disabled person was driving the car, which should be parked in the direction of the traffic flow, it would be difficult to get in and out of the car on to a very busy road.</p>	<p>The applicant resides on the north east side of the road, where there are double yellow line restrictions. The proposed location for the bay is in the nearest available parking space to the applicant’s home, which is on the south west side at the end of the zig zag markings of a nearby zebra crossing.</p> <p>The bay is unlikely to create additional operational difficulties to the crossing or the nearby bus stop or loading/unloading difficulties, as parking already takes place in the location.</p> <p>If there is not space available for loading/unloading due to parking on the unrestricted south west side, then delivery vehicles are able to load/unload from the double yellow line restrictions on the north east side.</p> <p>The application is for a bay to be installed on the public highway. The sports centre car park is not part of the public highway.</p> <p>The applicant already parks on the south west side, and will therefore be accustomed to getting in and out of the car on this busy road.</p>	<p>Approve application and install disabled persons’ parking bay. Advise applicant and objectors of Board’s decision.</p>

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Edenbridge				
Park Avenue, north side, east of Cedar Drive	None		KCC's personal and location criteria met.	Approve application and install disabled persons' parking bay. Advise applicant of Board's decision.

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Halstead				
Station Road, east side, south of Clarks Lane	None		KCC's personal and location criteria met.	Approve application and install disabled persons' parking bay. Advise applicant of Board's decision.

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Hextable				
Plantation Road, west side, between Top Dartford Road and Lower Road	7	<p>Parking is at a premium in this road. There is always an opportunity to park in immediate vicinity.</p> <p>Applicant has not been observed to experience walking difficulties.</p> <p>The road is narrow and vehicles have to park half on footway.</p> <p>Footway parking already causes difficulties for pedestrians, especially those with pushchairs and wheelchairs. Vehicles parked on the road cause difficulties for emergency services.</p> <p>Applicant was disabled badge holder prior to living in property and would have understood parking difficulties before moving in.</p> <p>Applicant is not a permanent resident of the address.</p> <p>Resident has an oversized, larger than average car.</p> <p>The applicant does not have the need for wheelchair access.</p> <p>Size of parking bay would extend across large part of neighbour’s frontage.</p>	<p>This application was allowed to proceed to the informal consultation stage in error.</p> <p>The applicant meets KCC’s personal assessment criteria, but the application would usually have been refused on following the initial site assessment because the requested location does not meet KCC’s current locational criterion relating to the road width.</p> <p>This criterion requires that the carriageway must be wider than 5.5m. This figure is calculated from the minimum allowable bay width set by national standards of 1.8m added to the minimum lateral clearance requested by the Kent Fire and Rescue Service of 3.7m.</p> <p>The section of Plantation Road concerned is less than 5m wide.</p>	<p>Refuse application on grounds that KCC’s location assessment criteria not met, and advise applicant and objectors of Board’s decision.</p>

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Swanley				
Walnut Way, southern corner of cul-de-sac fronting nos. 62-76	1	The applicant thinks he owns the corner parking space and does not move his vehicle for weeks at a time. The location of the proposed parking bay will not benefit any other resident. The bay should be placed in a more central position to help other elderly residents with their mobility.	The proposed location for the disabled persons' parking bay is in the nearest available parking space to the applicant's home. Provided that the applicant's vehicle has a valid road fund licence, there is nothing to prevent it being parked in this unrestricted parking area. If approved, any vehicle displaying a valid disabled persons' blue badge can park in the parking bay.	Approve application and install disabled persons' parking bay. Advise applicant and objectors of Board's decision.