

APPENDIX 2 - FOR DECISION

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Otford				
Warham Road, south side, just west of Sevenoaks Road	2	<p>The proposed parking bay will prevent us parking outside our own property.</p> <p>The applicant rarely uses his car and often parks it outside his garage for long periods.</p> <p>The proposed parking bay will prevent non-driver neighbours with mobility difficulties from being collected/dropped off outside their home, due to the presence of the parking bay and existing double yellow lines nearby.</p>	<p>The minimum length for a standard disabled persons parking bay (DPPB), set nationally by the Department for Transport, is 6.6m. The frontages of the terraced residential properties in this section of Warham Road are narrower, which inevitably means that part of the parking bay will extend beyond the limits of the applicants frontage.</p> <p>The off-street parking area that is available to the applicant is located some distance from the applicant's home, which is unsuitable due to the applicant's disability.</p> <p>Vehicles can wait on the nearby double yellow lines whilst setting down and picking up neighbours.</p> <p>The parking bay would also be available for other blue badge holders to use.</p>	That the Board approves the application and that the objectors be advised of the Board's decision.

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West Kingsdown				
Oaklands Close, north side opposite nos. 36/37	1	Fully sympathises and understands the application, but parking space is at a premium in the section of road, with some addresses having numerous vehicles. Only know of two houses that may have requested the bay, both of whom have garages, and neither of whom park their vehicle in the road, so the bay will only be used for loading and unloading on infrequent occasions during the day when generally space is readily available	The applicant's spouse is the driver of the vehicle that would use the parking bay, but the applicant requires the assistance of her spouse to walk between the vehicle and their home. Oaklands Close is too narrow for a vehicle to be double-parked whilst the applicant is transferred to/from the vehicle without causing congestion. The off-street parking area that is available to the applicant's spouse is located some distance from their home, which is unsuitable due to the applicant's disability.	That the Board approves the application and that the objector be advised of the Board's decision.

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Westerham				
Hartley Road, in layby on south side, west of Madan Road	0	Not applicable	The disabled applicant is a child, but due to extenuating circumstances, this application has been allowed to proceed to the informal consultation stage. This is because, although the parent/driver is able to "double park" the vehicle for a short period whilst the child is transferred to or from the vehicle, without causing or contributing to traffic congestion, the child cannot be left unaccompanied in the home whilst the parent finds a parking space.	That, in the absence of objections, the Board approves the application.