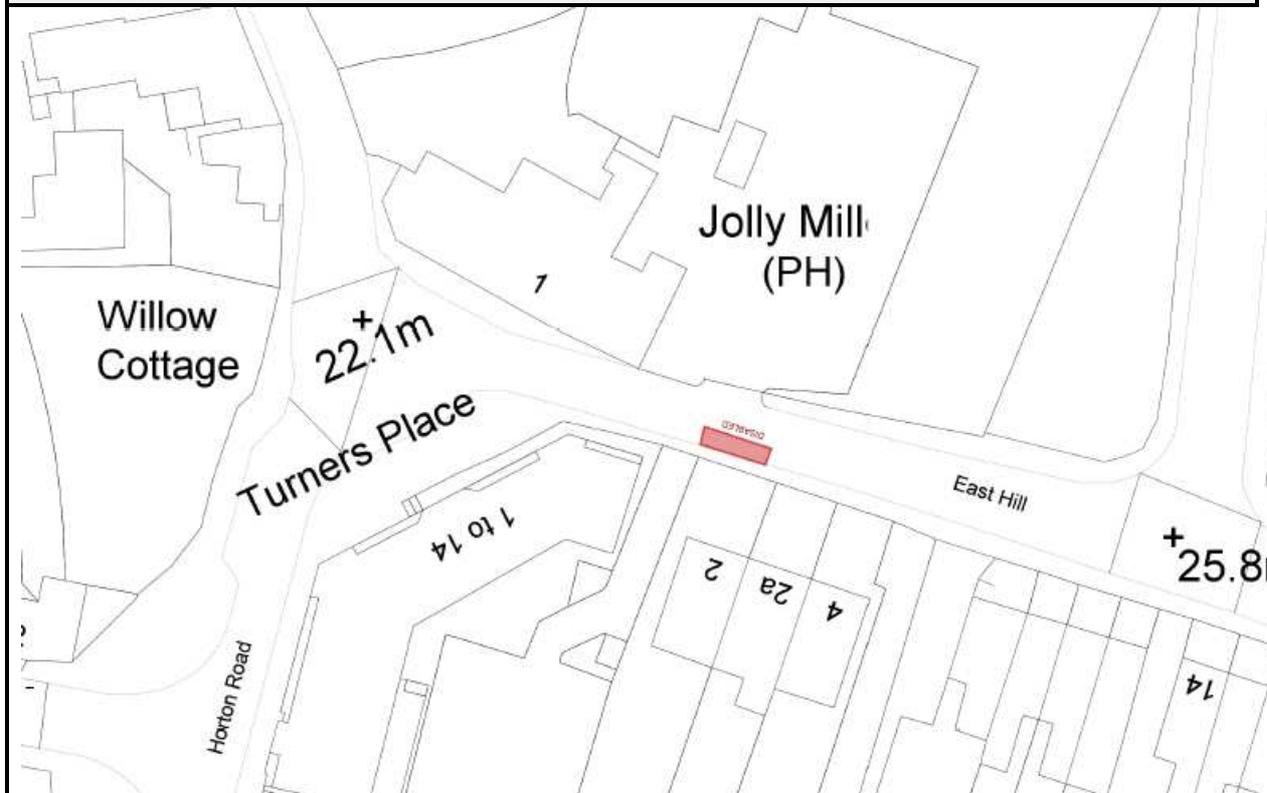


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SOUTH DARENTH: East Hill



INFORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSES

None

OFFICERS' COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION

COMMENTS

No responses were received to the informal consultation.

RECOMMENDATION

In the absence of any responses to the informal consultation, it is recommended that the Board approves the application, and an interim blue badge (disabled persons') parking bay be marked.

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SUNDRIDGE: New Road



INFORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSES

1	<p>We are emailing you regarding the letter we received about the above application and we would like to have the following concerns considered before a decision is made. We are residents of Park Terrace which backs onto the bungalows in New Road and have no allocated parking. We have lived here now for over 15 years and in that time the parking has become progressively worse. Everyone in Park Terrace has a car (6 properties in total) 4 of those are a 2 car family and all rely on parking in New Road, and have all lived here for many years (other than one family in Park Terrace we have all lived/rented here for longer than the tenants in the bungalows). Our concern is that by making an area in the lay-by a blue badge parking bay it will make parking even more of a nightmare for us all. It's not just residents of Park Terrace who park in this short stretch of New Road, also several residents that live on Main Road. In the past they have been given tickets for pavement parking which has led to them parking in New Road. And then to factor in when workmen/trade, friends or family may be visiting just adds to it. If one of those happens to be a blue badge holder I assume they also have a right to park there if this does go ahead? We are respectful of our neighbours and all try to park respectfully but by allowing a blue badge bay it will mean that if all other places</p>
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	<p>are taken and the resident in question is out we will have an empty space that cannot be used. These are public roads, it's a public lay-by and we pay our road taxes. It may seem like a small thing but it causes an incredible amount of stress to come home in the evening and be unable to park near your home. So for that reason alone I would like serious consideration to be given to our concerns and we would prefer for the lay-by to remain a public parking space.</p>
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OFFICERS' COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION

COMMENTS

Applications for blue badge (disabled persons') parking bays are often made because a disabled resident experiences problems parking near their home, which due to limited mobility can reduce accessibility and social inclusion. In the response received during the informal consultation, it is confirmed that parking space is at a premium at certain times in the section concerned, but much of New Road has no parking controls, so alternative parking is available for other residents to use, albeit a short distance away. This application for a blue badge parking bay meets KCC's personal and locational assessment criteria, so unless there are compelling reasons to do so, it would be difficult for the Board not to approve it, as this could be contrary to the Equalities Act.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approves the application, and an interim blue badge (disabled persons') parking bay be marked.