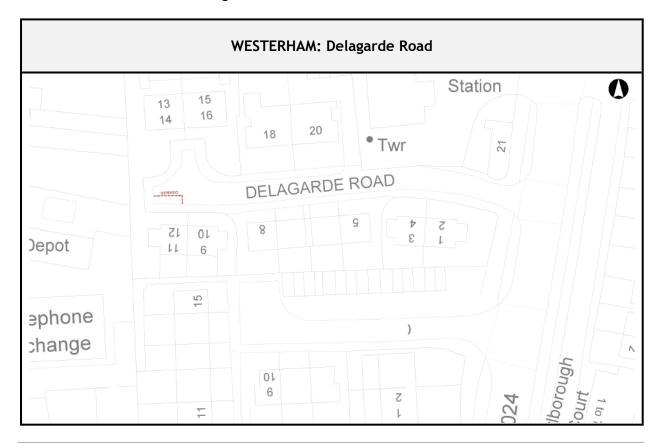
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INFORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSES

- 1. I would like the following observations to be considered with this application.
 - 1) The block of properties outside which the proposed space is shown consists of 4 Maisonettes. 3 of which are owned and rented by West Kent Housing and mine, which is privately owned (Leaseholder). Whilst I have no objection to the applicant requesting a blue badge space, I would prefer that it is not directly outside of the property I own as I believe that this could affect the resale of my private property in the future.
 - 2) My mother who lives at the property is in her 80s and I assist her with her weekly shopping deliveries. Whilst I do have a permit to park, I am not a blue badge holder so it means that I would not be able to park outside my property to carry the shopping in.

I have attached for you a suggested alternative location for the bay which if approved should be acceptable to all.

I am writing to you because we received a letter regarding an application for a disabled parking bay in our road - Delagarde Rd, Westerham.

Delagarde Road has very little parking as it is, we pay a yearly fee for the privilege of the few that are available! The neighbour that is requesting this space is not disabled - he recently built his own porch! There is just no need for a disabled bay - he has no trouble walking around. My family and my neighbours are totally against this and

would find it utterly disgraceful to grant this request.

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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.

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.