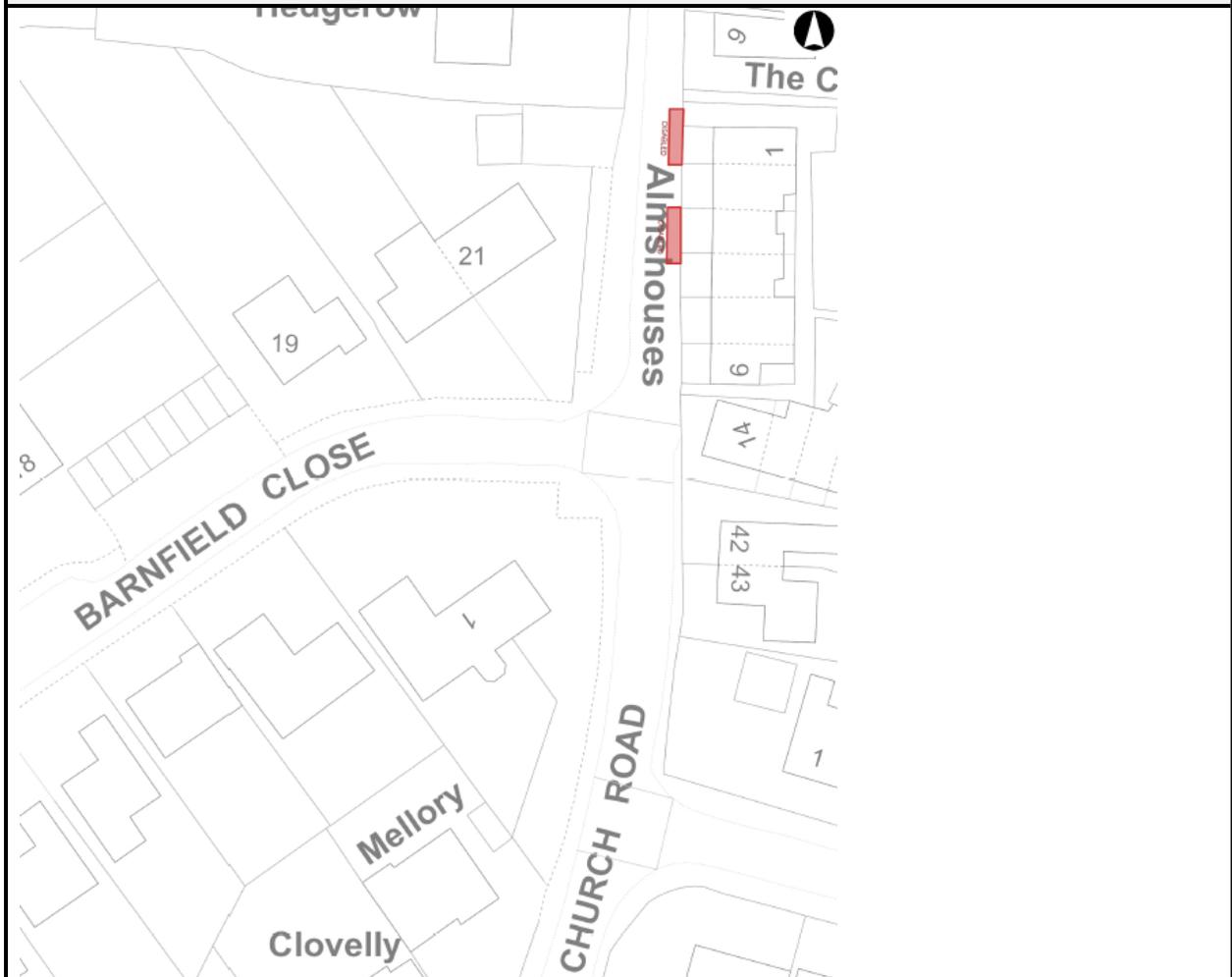


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**CROCKENHILL: Church Road**



**INFORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

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| 1 | Councillor R Waterton<br>I have no objections to these parking bays |
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**OFFICERS' COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION**

**COMMENTS**

No objections were received to the proposed disabled persons (blue badge) parking bays in Church Road, Crockenhill during the informal consultation.

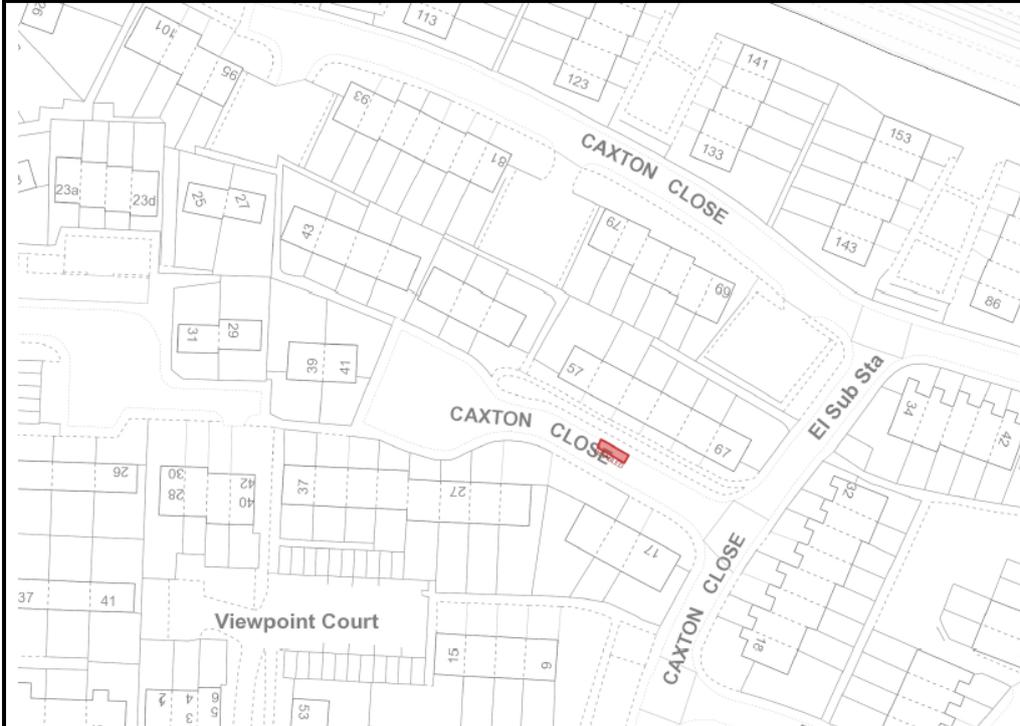
**RECOMMENDATION**

In the absence of any objections during the informal consultation, it is recommended that the applications be approved, and interim disabled persons (blue badge) parking bays be marked.

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### HARTLEY: Caxton Close



### INFORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSES

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| 1 | <p>As neighbours we have no objections to application but we wonder if the proposed space is the best location for the resident. I enclose a photo of the parking space and note that the access would be via a large grass verge. Are there plans to incorporate steps into the verge?</p> <p>If it can be noted that we request the space is placed so as to not reduce the number of other available spaces (so as to not leave half a car space on either of the sides of the remaining kerb space) that would be great. As parking is limited and fought over in our road.</p> |
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### OFFICERS' COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION

#### COMMENTS

The proposed location for the disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay in Caxton Close, Hartley was selected in liaison with the applicant. There are no plans to incorporate steps into the verge. The comment about the positioning of the parking bay would be taken into account when installed.

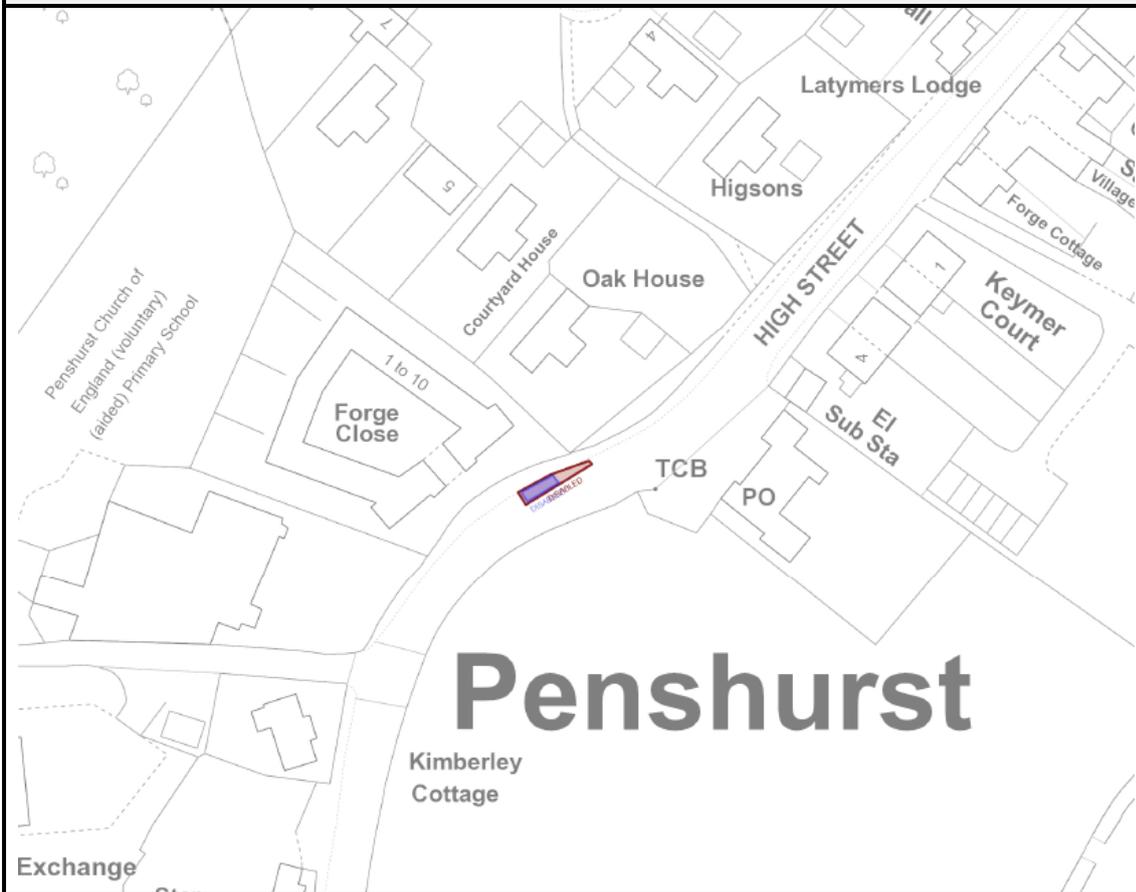
#### RECOMMENDATION

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### PENSHURST: High Street



### INFORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSES

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| 1 | <p>Penshurst Parish Council:<br/>This issue was discussed at the Penshurst PC meeting on Monday night and members raised concerns with regard to extending the existing disabled bay to provide a second space.<br/>The point was raised that it may be possible to provide limited parking on the Forge Close site, apparently there may be an access via an arch way where vehicles can drive through to the middle of the site.<br/>Members wondered if it would be possible to investigate this option rather than block another parking area.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Councillor S Coleman:<br/>I have found this a difficult one as I have a lot of sympathy with the resident. However, as there is already one disabled space in the layby and parking is such a premium in the village, I am not minded to support a second disabled space. I believe that there is access to a courtyard through an arch way and I wonder if it might be possible for the resident to make a space of the road and within this courtyard area?</p>   |

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### OFFICERS' COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION

#### COMMENTS

Applications for disabled persons (blue badge) parking bays are often made because a disabled resident experiences problems parking on-street near their home, which due to limited mobility can reduce accessibility and social inclusion.

This application for a disabled persons (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 would be open to challenge for breaching the Equality Act.

In order to help to minimise the impact on the availability of parking for other residents, it is intended that the existing disabled persons parking bay in the layby will be extended such that it is long enough to accommodate two cars, rather than installing two separate parking bays.

The archway referred to in the consultation responses is a pedestrian access on private land, to which there is no vehicular access from the public highway, and which is not under the control of KCC.

#### RECOMMENDATION

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

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**SEVENOAKS: Betenson Avenue**



**INFORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

None

**OFFICERS' COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION**

**COMMENTS**

No feedback was received to the proposed disabled persons (blue badge) parking bays in Betenson Avenue, Sevenoaks during the informal consultation.

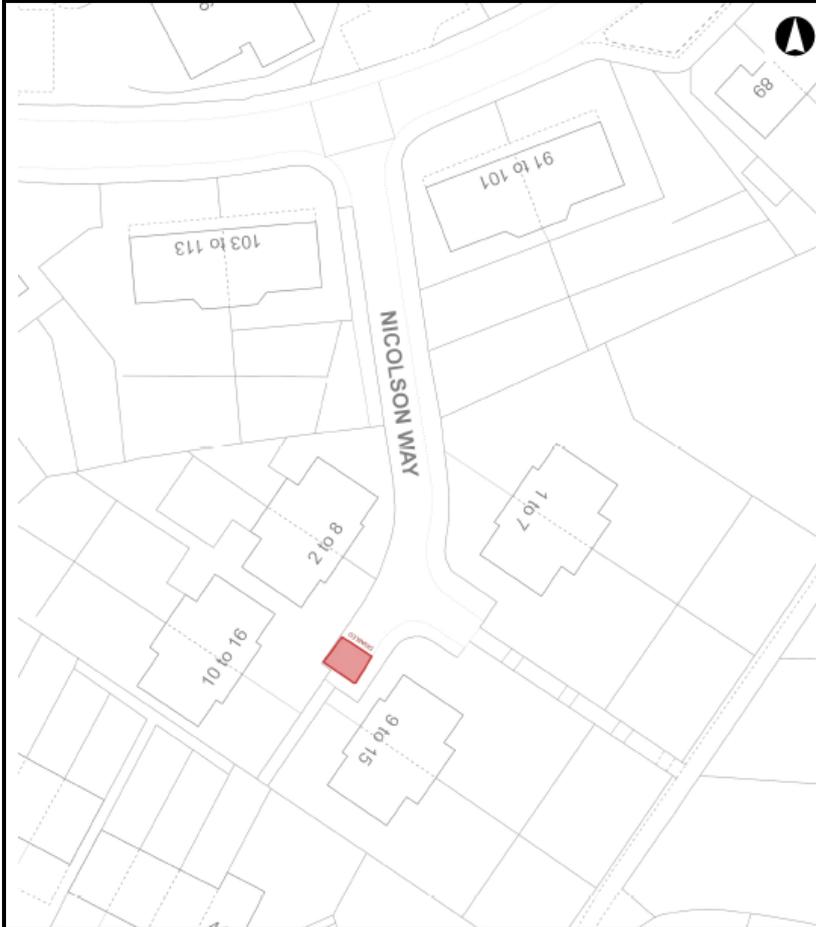
**RECOMMENDATION**

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### SEVENOAKS: Nicolson Way



### INFORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSES

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| 1 | <p>I reject having the disabled place being located in the location stated on the map. I believe this is ridiculous due to the poor parking already on Nicolson Way with this space added it will take away the two prime parking spots located at the top of the road. There currently is around 23 cars for the 12 flats on the road and we are finding it harder and harder to park. With two young children i am having to deal with daily tasks becoming very stressful for example coming home with two young children and a full car of shopping I have no choice but to either leave my children unattended in the car or in our flat as sometimes I have to pull up unload the car and then go and try to find a parking space this can end up with having to park two roads away. The parking issue needs to sorted on the road! The car park at the bottom of the hill has now been closed off so we are unable to use this it's absolutely awful as most of the time it's empty due to the elderly residents not actually driving. Multiple times I have had my car keyed because I'm having to park my car on the road outside other peoples houses. Please get back to me with how you are going to fix this issue rather than creating a bigger problem with adding a disabled bay.</p> |
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| 2 | I have no objection to the application for a disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay to be provided in Nicholson Way. Thankfully I am still able-bodied to walk to other parking areas.   |
| 3 | I am a resident in Nicolson Way and have no problem with a disabled bay. I am concerned though as it is sited just off the turning circle which is a double yellow line area. Especially at night and the weekends vehicles illegally park in this area which causes problems for other residents. The other week when an ambulance was called the ambulance couldn't turn round and had difficulty reversing all the way back down the road. |

### OFFICERS' COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION

#### COMMENTS

Applications for disabled persons (blue badge) parking bays are often made because a disabled resident experiences problems parking on-street near their home, which due to limited mobility can reduce accessibility and social inclusion.

This application for a disabled persons (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 would be open to challenge for breaching the Equality Act.

#### RECOMMENDATION

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

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### WESTERHAM: Hartley Road



### INFORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSES

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| 1 | <p>Westerham Town Council<br/>Westerham Town Council have been working with both Sevenoaks District Council and Kent County Council to try and provide more parking around the estate to alleviate some of the parking issues. To this end, a parking scheme has been drawn up for this area, for which we have received planning permission for from SDC. The area suggested falls within the parking scheme.</p>  |
| 2 | <p>Parking is a nightmare as it is there has been a proposal for 19 new bays and I think you should wait and give them a bay when it has been built or this will cause the green to be used more as a car park and they're out a lot of time and this will make 2 bays unavailable when they're not using them.</p>   |
| 3 | <p>I am writing in response to a letter received concerning the application for a Disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay, Hartley Road, Westerham. It was proposed to supply further parking in Hartley Road due to lack of spaces already. This work had not yet taken place so I feel I need to contest the application due to the following. There are 7 spaces around the Green, which supply 10 houses without dropped curves. One of these spaces is already a disabled bay. To add another will take the spaces available down to 5. Although the person who already has a space and the applicant for the second space are registered as disabled, nether suffer with mobility problems and are perfectly capable of walking a short distance if not more and feel these have been</p> |

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|   | requested as means to secure a permanent space. I feel a second bay should not be added until the additional spaces have been supplied.         |
| 4 | I would like to offer my wholehearted support. This space is definitely needed for the family concerned and will improve their quality of life. |

### OFFICERS' COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION

#### COMMENTS

The informal consultation has revealed that the proposed location for a disabled persons parking bay is affected by Westerham Town Council's proposed parking scheme, involving the construction of 19 car parking spaces. This parking scheme has received planning consent, but its implementation is subject to funding availability, and to this end, WTC is intending to submit a funding bid to SDC's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Spending Board later in the year.

This application for a disabled persons 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 would be open to challenge for breaching the Equality Act.

However, if a parking bay was to be provided in the proposed location, it would only be available until the commencement of the proposed parking scheme, and there would be no alternative parking close to the applicant's home during the construction period.

In view of this, in the short term, there would be merits in identifying an alternative location for the parking bay, outside the limits of WTC's proposed parking scheme.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- A suitable alternative location be identified for an interim disabled persons parking bay, outside the limits of WTC's proposed parking scheme, in liaison with the applicant and in consultation with their neighbours;
- the parking bay be marked in this alternative location on a temporary basis, pending the completion of the parking scheme, should it proceed; and
- this temporary arrangement be reviewed upon completion of the parking scheme, should it proceed, with a view to identifying a more permanent, suitable location for an interim disabled persons parking bay, near the applicants home