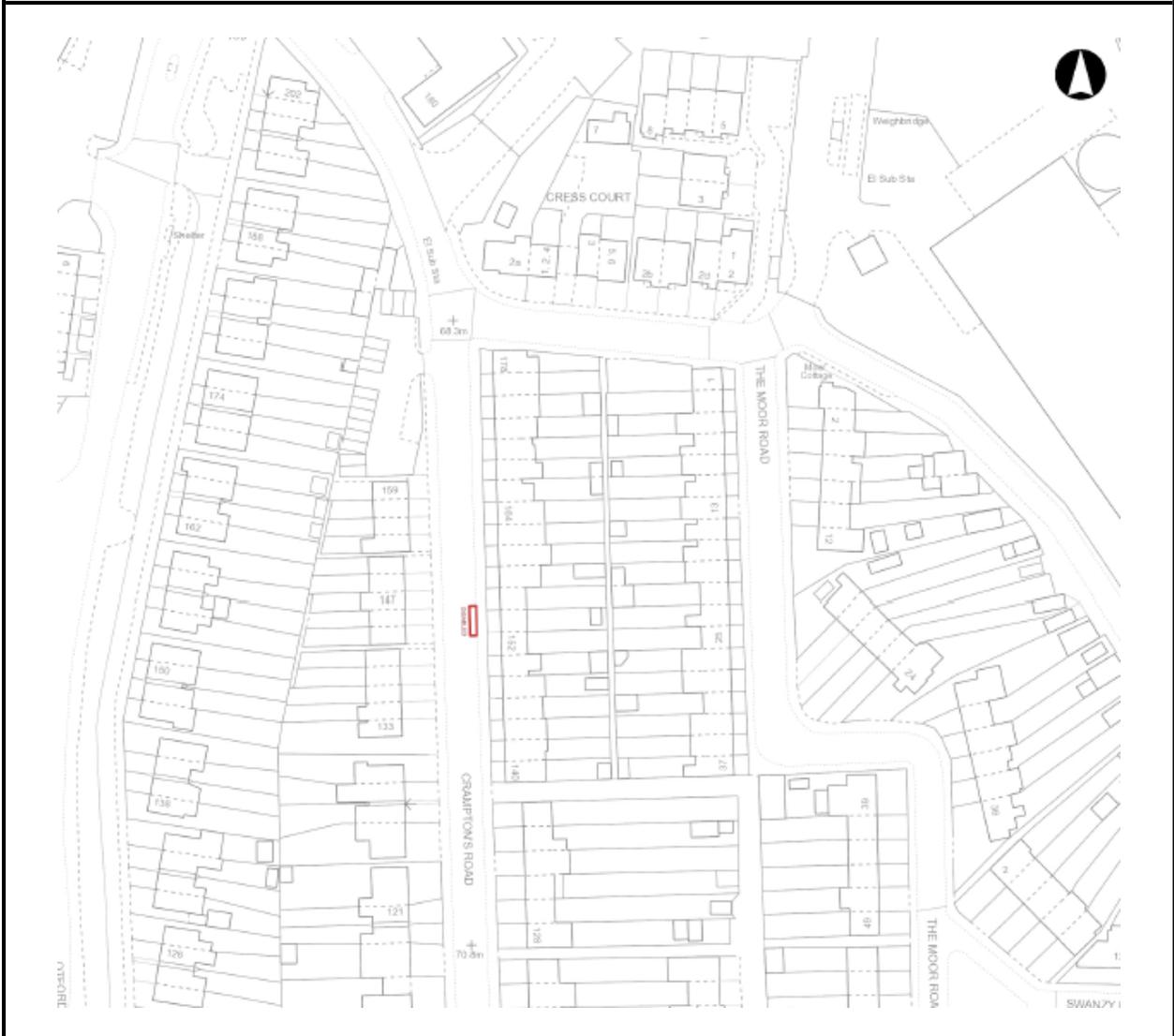


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### SEVENOAKS: Cramptons Road



### INFORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSES

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| 1 | <p>Whilst I understand that a prerequisite of any such application is to be registered disabled, I fail to see that the relevant physical criteria for it's requirement has been met by the blue badge holder. I feel it would only serve as a handy 'perk', given that I think you may have been misled as to its justification. Looking at the parking status during most day times, is not a fair reflection of the situation, as from around 18:00 through the late evenings and at weekends, gives a much more accurate picture of the problems faced now. If this siting goes ahead and given that my understanding is that another bay is actually imminent outside of 170 Cramptons Road, I really feel that you need to tell us whereabouts we are supposed to park our cars at times, given that the presence of parking wardens is becoming</p> |
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	<p>ever more prevalent. People have been ticketed in this road because of the congestion.</p> <p>Believe me these bays are indeed necessary for people who have genuine mobility issues and access to their homes becomes a real problem, but given that we have long had experience of the existing bay outside of 141 Cramptons Road, frankly it has only been used as nothing other than a convenient 'perk' and will create a lot of ill feeling toward the existence of disabled bays. You really need to answer the question of the necessity for it, given that the lifestyles of the people known to be registered disabled in this proximity, do not justify this 'perk' and will only make the parking situation extremely unfair. Please may sense prevail on this issue.</p>
2	<p>There is already a disabled bay at 141 Cramptons Road and I am told you have sanctioned another bay at 170 Cramptons Road. The applicant is in my opinion a perfectly able person, and has renovated her property over the last 2/3 years totally herself.</p> <p>What really concerns me is where are the residents expected to park. These bays take up more space than the width of our houses which is 16ft.</p> <p>The residents of 140-178 have no garages, we can only park in the road, the residents of 133-159 have garages but do not always use them. Also some residents have 2-3 vehicles per house, if you wish to check the parking situation, come at night/weekend not during the day to see for yourself.</p> <p>This is a major problem, please please think not only of the disabled but of the majority of the residents, where will we park if you grant this bay.</p> <p>Let there be some common sense shown here.</p>

**OFFICERS' COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION**

**COMMENTS**

Applications for disabled persons (blue badge) parking bays (DPPBs) 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.

Whilst it is acknowledged that there are already a number of DPPBs within this particular section of Cramptons Road, over its entire length, this represents less than 5% of the total amount of parking spaces in this road. The location therefore meets this and KCC's other locational assessment criteria.

The applicant also meets KCC's personal assessment criteria for a DPPB, 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.

The minimum length for a standard DPPB, set nationally by the Department for Transport, is 6.6m (c. 21ft).

**RECOMMENDATION**

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