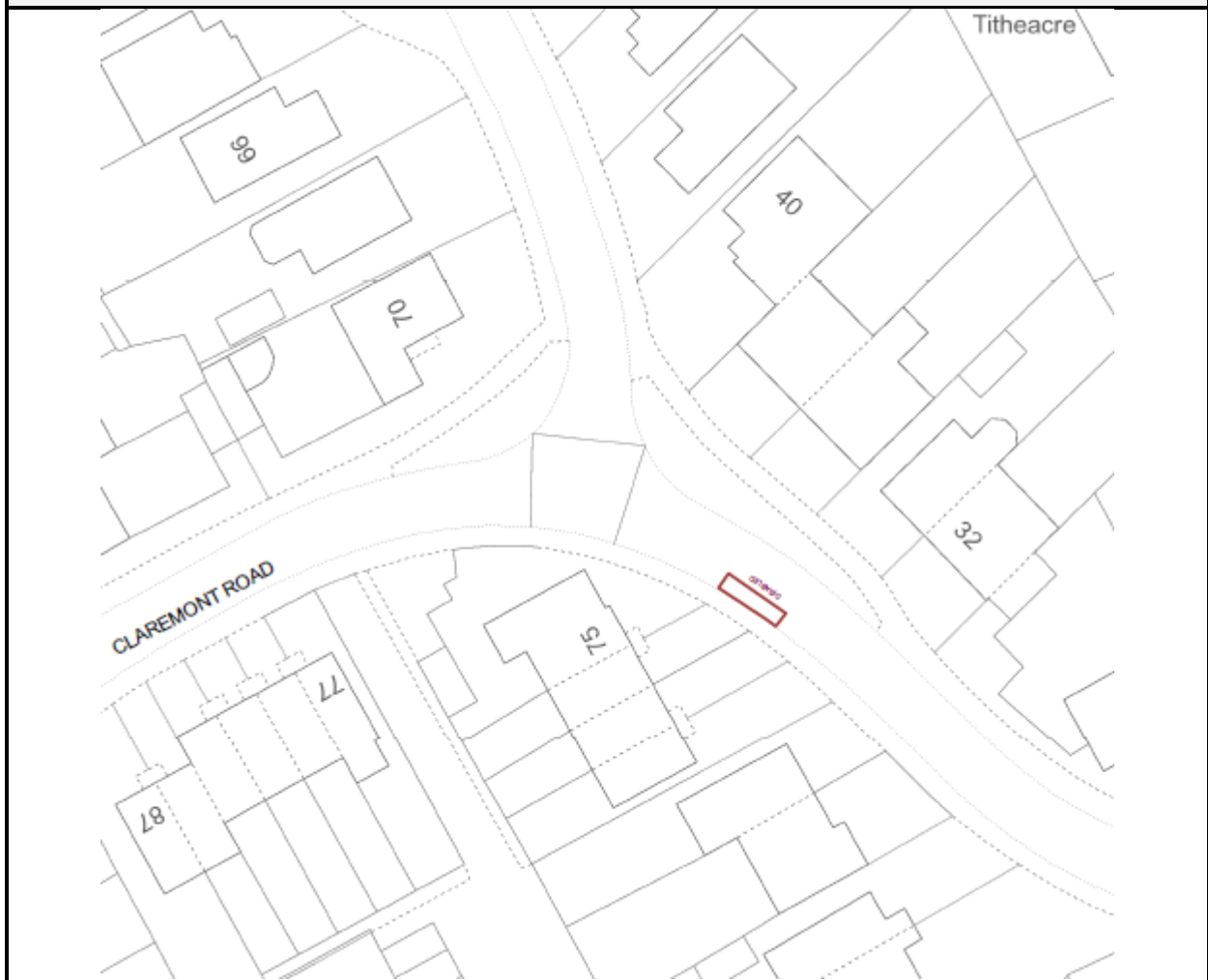


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HEXTABLE: Claremont Road



INFORMAL CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

1.	I live very close to this property and I am aware of the need. This particular row of houses is always congested with vehicles (like everywhere) and this is I suspect brought about by convenience and proximity to front doors. Every property in Claremont Road has off road parking and a garage (or space) so space for 2 vehicles generally. I would support this application, given my comments above, and the access to garage and parking spaces they have behind their properties. (Cllr D Kitchener)
2.	I have no objections to a disabled bay here. (County Cllr M Horwood)
3.	I am writing as the applicant's Power of Attorney. The applicant has had the use of a blue badge for a number of years and has medical complications which have resulted in constant pain and restricted mobility. The applicant's car provides independence for day to day living and social interaction, and a lifeline to the outside world.

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	<p>As indicated on the application, the applicant owns and has use of a garage which is located in a separate area behind their property with access from a side road. This area is shared with a number of other households. The applicant has been unable to use this facility due to their medical condition, and therefore has to park outside the front of her property in the road, providing relatively easy access to and from their vehicle - particularly important when carrying shopping and other items.</p> <p>On many occasions, however, due to neighbours with multi-car households and visitors also parking on the road, the applicant has been unable to park in close proximity to their house, and the arrival of new neighbours with three vehicles has now compounded an already difficult parking environment, thereby causing much distress and anxiety.</p> <p>The applicant is extremely worried that if they go out in their car they may not be able to park outside their house to the point where they are seriously considering stopping driving. If this happens, the overall impact on both their independence and general wellbeing will be devastating. There is no doubt that the situation is having a detrimental effect on their health.</p> <p>I very much hope that having considered the applicant's personal circumstances you will be able to make a favourable decision regarding their application in order for them to continue to lead a fulfilling and independent life as their medical condition allows.</p>
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OFFICERS' COMMENTS
<p>COMMENTS</p> <p>This application for a disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay meets personal and locational assessment criteria.</p> <p>A parking bay is required on the public highway to provide for the applicant's mobility and accessibility needs, as the applicant is unable to use their off-street parking due to their disability.</p> <p>In the absence of any representations during the informal consultation process, the application can be approved, and an interim disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay be marked, without the need for any input from the Board.</p>