

## APPLICATIONS FOR DISABLED PERSONS (BLUE BADGE) PARKING BAYS

Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board - 14 September 2021

**Report of:** Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer - Finance & Trading

**Status:** For Information

**Key Decision:** No

**Executive Summary:** Information report on recent applications received for disabled persons (blue badge) parking bays within the District

**This report supports the Key Aim of:**

- Caring Communities (by providing parking facilities for disabled people)
- Sustainable Economy (by improving travel arrangements and reducing congestion)

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**Recommendation to Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board:**

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) notes the report on recent applications received for disabled persons' (blue badge) parking bays to be provided within the District, which are summarised in Appendix 1; and
- (b) notes that none of these applications met KCC's assessment criteria, and will therefore proceed no further.

**Reason for recommendation:**

The disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay scheme is aimed at providing better management of the public highway, in line with current legislation and the Highway Code

### Introduction and Background

- 1 Kent County Council (KCC) has the power to provide on-street parking places on roads within its area for which it is the traffic authority for the purpose of relieving or preventing congestion on the public highway.

- 2 This power is frequently exercised to establish disabled persons' (blue badge) parking bays (DPPBs) close to the homes of disabled persons who would otherwise have difficulty parking near to their homes.
- 3 An application process exists, through which a person can request that a DPPB is established close to their home.
- 4 The District Council administers local requests for DPPBs on behalf of KCC, and manages and funds their provision.
- 5 KCC has produced an application form and guidance notes for requests for DPPBs, which is available for applicants to download from the District Council's website.
- 6 KCC has also produced assessment criteria for the District Council to use when considering applications, the details of which were reported to the meeting of the Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board on 3rd September 2015.
- 7 The purpose of this report is to advise the Board on the locations of the latest batch of applications for DPPBs received from individuals that have been evaluated in accordance with KCC's assessment criteria. These are summarised in Appendix 1 of this report.
- 8 Since none of this batch of applications met KCC's assessment criteria, and will therefore proceed no further, this report is for information only.

## **Key Implications**

### Financial

There are no financial implications to this report.

### Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

There are no legal implications.

### Equality Assessment

The recommendation of this report has a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

### Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

The report deals with the assessment of applications for disabled persons' (blue badge) parking bays, in line with KCC's policy and assessment criteria.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 - For Information - Applications for disabled persons' (blue badge) parking bays which did not meet KCC's assessment criteria

### **Background Papers**

[The Equality Act 2010](#)

[The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016](#)

[The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.](#)

[The Traffic Management Act 2004, as amended.](#)

[The Highway Code.](#)

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