

APPENDIX 2 - FOR ADVICE

Applications for disabled persons parking bays which met Kent County Council's assessment criteria, including redacted details of the feedback received during the informal consultation, location plans and Officers' comments/recommendations

FORDCOMBE: St Peters Row

(NOTE: Parking bay location/size is indicative only)



INFORMAL CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

1. Representation - Local Resident

I am emailing with reference to a letter I recently received about an application for a disabled persons parking bay in St Peters Row, Fordcombe. I would like the below comments to be taken into account before the application is approved.

The applicant does not require a parking space outside his home to assist with his mobility as he is perfectly capable of walking to the garages at the top of St Peters Row where his motorbike is kept and then is able to ride the motorbike, which I presume would be very difficult with mobility issues. There is already one disabled parking bay approx. the same distance as the garages which he could use.

The road is always clear outside his house, all the neighbours have been warned not to park there by him and he has set up a camera to ensure this.

He is often away and the house is empty meaning the space outside his house would remain unoccupied the majority of the time.

I feel that this application has not been made for the correct reasons, it is more about keeping the area outside his house clear rather than a mobility issue.

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OFFICERS' COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION

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

In this case, the applicant meets KCC's personal assessment criteria for a parking bay, so unless there are compelling reasons to do so, it would be difficult for the Board not to approve the application, as this could be open to challenge for breaching the Equality Act.

It is therefore recommended that the application be approved, the representation received be set aside, and an interim disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay be marked, as proposed.

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SEVENOAKS: Cramptons Road

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INFORMAL CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

1. Comment - Sevenoaks Town Council

“Sevenoaks Town Council’s Planning Committee considered this application and voted unanimously (with one abstention) to support it.”

2. Comment - Former Cllr M Canet (SDC)

“I would like to support this application for a disabled parking space for a local resident. There is a shortage of parking in this part of Cramptons Road so it would be helpful for the resident to have a reserved place very near to their home.”

OFFICERS' COMMENTS

No representations were received during the informal consultation process, and hence an interim disabled persons parking bay can be marked, without the need for a decision from the Board.