

Divisions: Henley-on-Thames,
Faringdon, Witney South and Central

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT– 15 JUNE 2015

PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE, VALE OF WHITE HORSE AND WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICTS

Report by Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Commercial)

Introduction

1. This report considers objections received as a result of a formal consultation on proposals to introduce new Disabled Persons' Parking Places (DPPP) at various locations in South Oxfordshire, The Vale, and West Oxfordshire.

Background

2. New DPPPs requested in Luker Avenue, Henley; Pye Street, Faringdon and Weavers Close, Witney are shown in Annexes 1 – 3. Requested by disabled people resident in the above roads the report considers the outcome of a formal consultation held on the proposals. Other proposals advertised at the same time were unopposed and have therefore been dealt with under delegated authority to avoid unnecessary delays to applicants. The table below details the proposals.

<u>South Oxfordshire</u>	<u>Vale of White Horse</u>
	Ashbury , Pound Piece – new bay near No 14
Berinsfield , Colville Road – new bay near No 66	Marcham , Duffield Place - extension of existing bay in lay-by outside No 6 to accommodate 2 cars
Didcot , Cockcroft Road – two new bays in car park; formalisation of existing bay outside 47 Lydalls Road	Wootton , Amey Crescent – new bay outside No 8
Sonning Common , Ashford Avenue – new bay near No 20	Eynsham , Green's Road – new bay outside No 9 ²
Wallingford , Radnor Road – formalisation of existing bay outside No 19; South View – new bay in adjacent car park ¹	
Warborough, new bay in St Lawrence Close outside flats 1 to 15.	
<u>West Oxfordshire</u>	
Bampton , Colville Close – new bays outside No's 6 & 15	
Cassington , Bell Lane – new bay outside No 6	

¹ advertised but is not proceeding and an alternative location is being sought which will be re-advertised (the applicant is aware)

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² advertised but is not proceeding as the applicant can no longer drive so the DPPP is not required

Proposed removal of existing Disabled Persons Parking Places

<u>South Oxfordshire</u> Thame, Berkeley Road – removal of bay outside No 20	Henley – removal of bays outside Nos.17 and 25/27 Gainsborough Hill
<u>West Oxfordshire</u>	Witney – removal of bay in Weavers Close, outside No 2 in the lay-by

Formal Consultation

- Oxfordshire County Council sent a copy of the draft Traffic Regulation Orders, statement of reasons, and a copy of the public notice appearing in the local press, containing the proposed parking place changes to formal consultees on 22 April 2015. These documents, together with supporting documentation as required and plans of all the DPPPs, were deposited for public inspection at County Hall, the South and Vale, and West Oxfordshire District Council Offices. They were also deposited at local libraries and are available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre. At the same time, the Council wrote to local residents affected by the proposed changes, asking for their comments. Finally, public notices were displayed at each site as appropriate and in the Oxford Times.
- One objection has been received to the proposal in Luker Avenue, Henley; one objection in respect of the proposal in Pye Street, Faringdon and finally one objection in respect of Weavers Close, Witney. These are summarised in Annex 4 together with an officer response. Local County Councillors have indicated their support for the proposals in Faringdon and Henley.
- Having carefully considered the points made by the objectors, and recognising that in locations where parking is congested the disabled are at a greater disadvantage, it is suggested that the proposals proceed as advertised.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

- The cost of all the proposed work under consultation, including that described in this report, will be met from the fund set up for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATION

- The Cabinet Member for Environment is **RECOMMENDED** to approve the proposed new DPPPs as advertised and detailed in this report.

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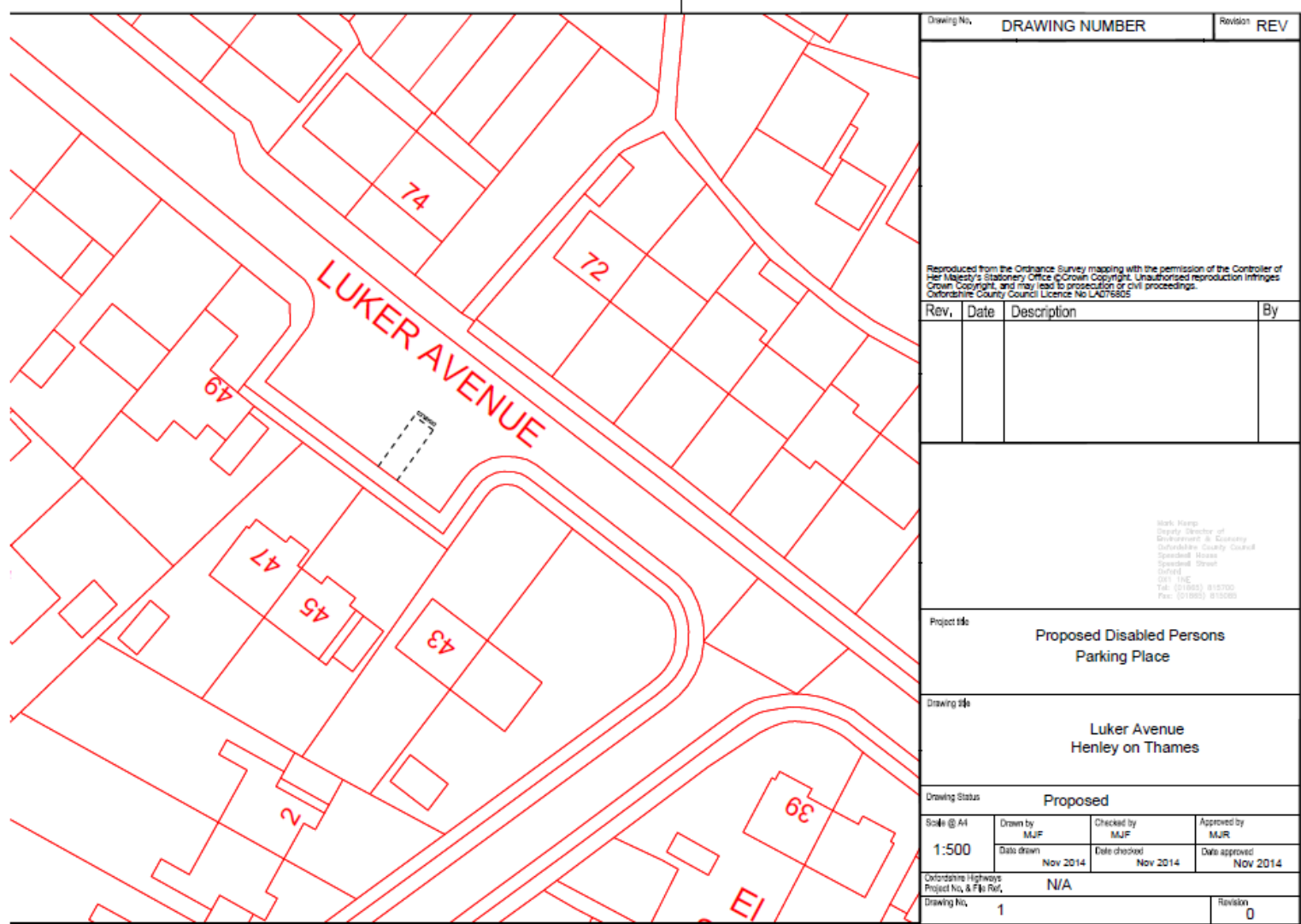
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Background papers: Consultation documentation

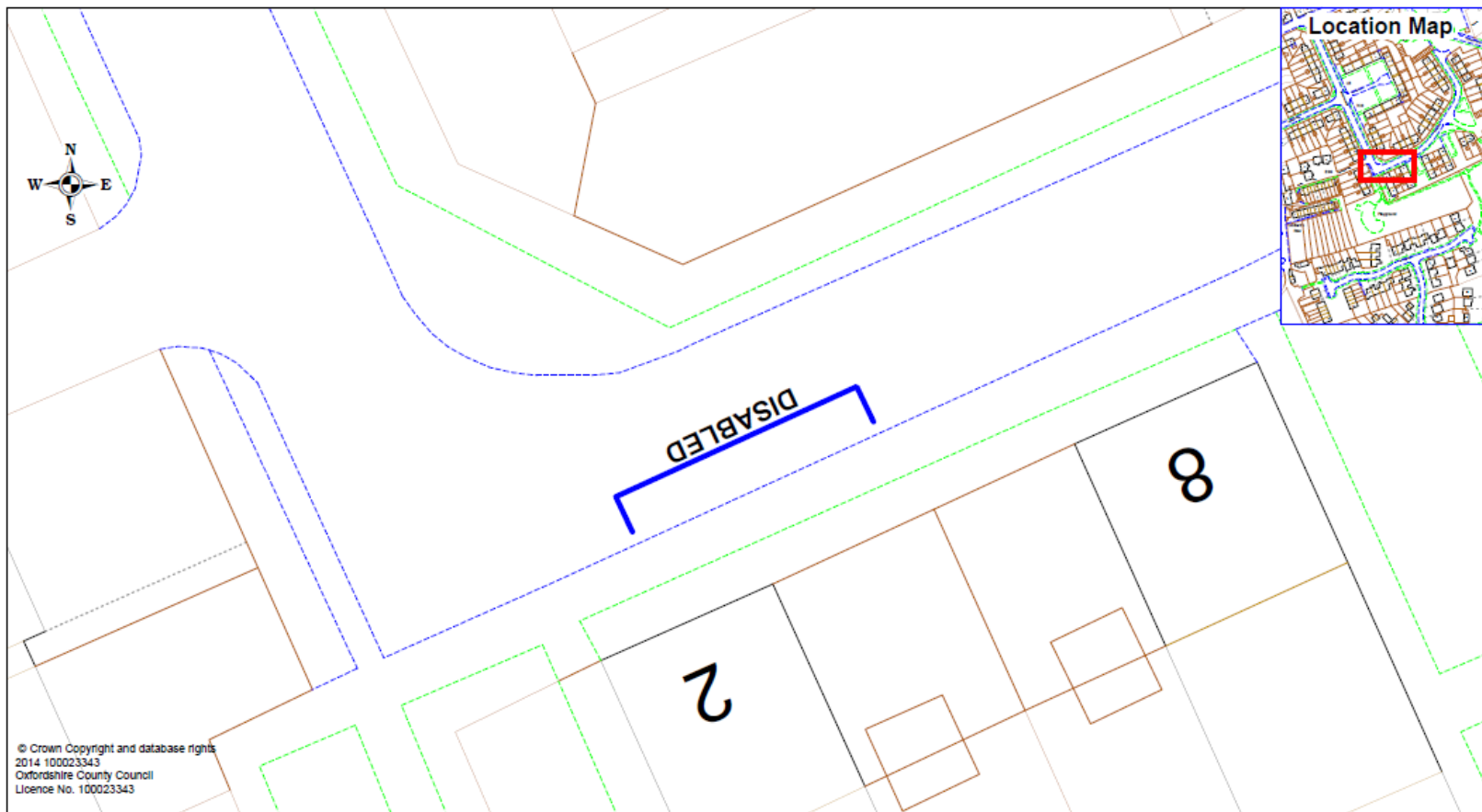
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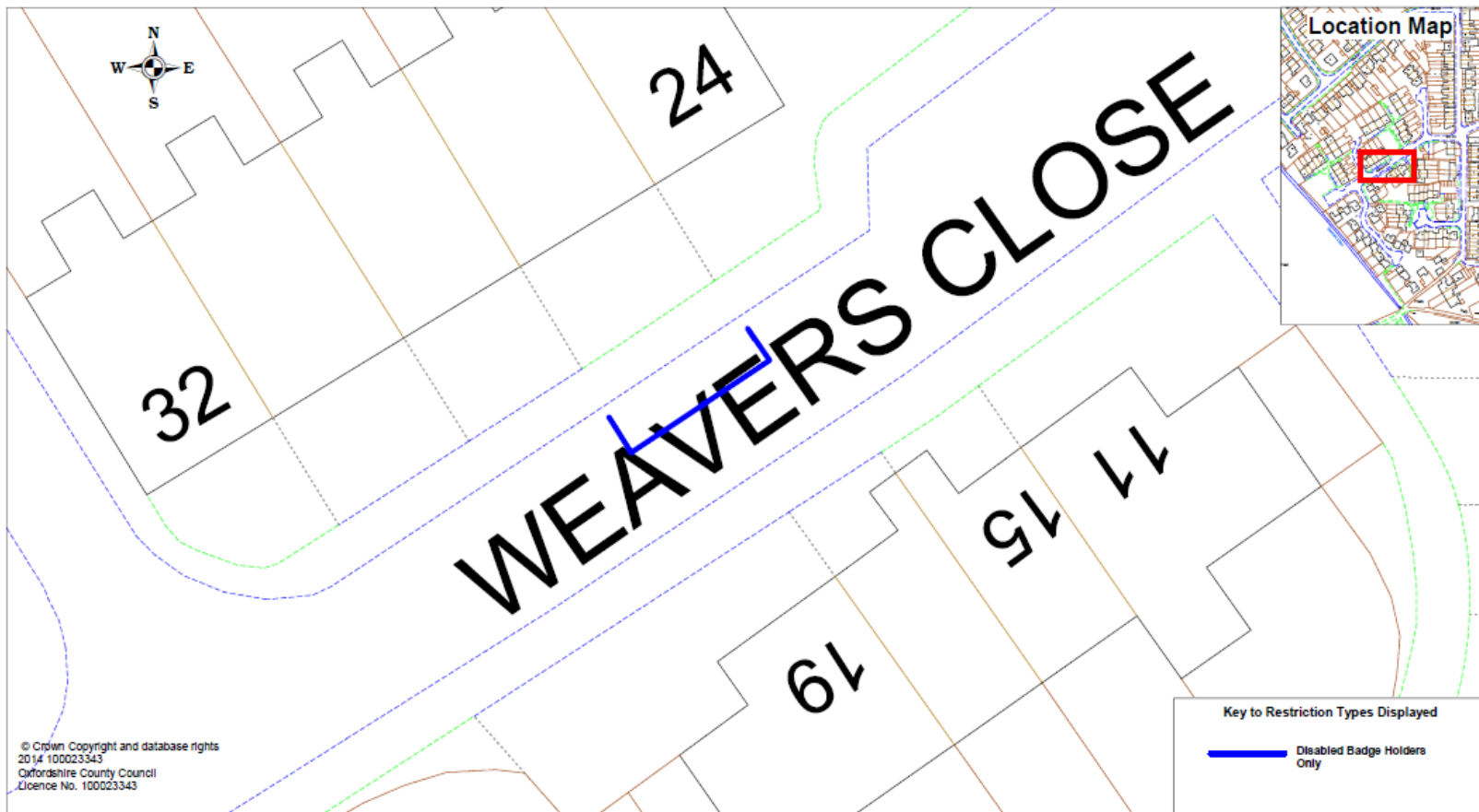


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Proposed DPP in Pye Street, Faringdon

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RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION

Proposed DPPP in Luker Avenue, Henley		
RESPONDENT	COMMENT	RESPONSE
Resident, Luker Avenue	Suggests DPPP should be sited opposite the applicant's home and on the road – not in the lay-by. Parking is difficult in the lay-by especially when a neighbour has many visitors.	The residents fronting on to the lay-by have drives. The position of proposed bay is to prevent the applicant having to cross the road and is the safest location. The properties directly opposite the applicant's gate do not have off-street parking so a DPPP here would inconvenience the residents. The respondent has a long drive which can accommodate a number of cars; it is intended that if the proposed DPPP is approved, an appropriate marking will be installed at the same time to protect this drive.
Proposed double DPPP in Pye Street, Faringdon, for two disabled drivers resident in the road		
RESPONDENT	COMMENT	RESPONSE
Resident, Pye Street	Doesn't drive but afraid that an ambulance or fire engine couldn't get along the road. Pye Street is heavily parked most times of day and especially in the evening. There are already two DPPPs further up the road, and resident doesn't think two more are needed.	The road is wide at this point and there would be approximately 4 metres of road space left for the emergency services, delivery, and waste vehicles to pass. The Emergency Services and The Vale & South District waste management team are all happy with the proposal. The road is heavily parked and that does disadvantage disabled drivers more. There is currently only one DPPP in Pye Street.
Proposed DPPP in Weavers Close, Witney		
RESPONDENT	COMMENT	RESPONSE
Resident, Weavers Close	He believes the DPPP would cause a permanent obstacle to larger vehicles and thinks the nearby lay-by is far more suitable as a location and easily accessed by the applicant being 3 to 4 metres away from the proposed location. The DPPP could also be located in the designated car	There would be over 3 metres free road left for large vehicles to pass and the Emergency Services are happy with the proposal. The existing bay in the lay-by (which is being removed) is approximately 30 metres away from the applicants' front door, so is unsuitable. If the bay were moved to the near end of the lay-by it would be approximately 10 metres away and the applicant

	<p>park to the rear of the properties which is just as close for the applicant. He also believes the DPPP at the other end of the lay-by could also be accessed by the applicant who regularly walks this far. This would be cheaper for the Council instead of removing it (which is currently proposed), in the current financial climate.</p>	<p>needs a DPPP outside her front door because of her and her daughter's disability.</p> <p>The car park at the back of the properties is owned by Cottsway Housing Association so OCC has no jurisdiction there. The applicant and her disabled daughter would find it difficult to walk from their back door, down the garden path, and along the alleyway to the parking area (over 30 metres distance).</p>
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