

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 16 JANUARY 2020

OXFORD - VARIOUS LOCATIONS: PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES

Report by Interim Director for Community Operations

Recommendation

1. The Cabinet Member for Environment is **RECOMMENDED** to approve the proposed removal and provision of Disabled Persons' Parking Places as advertised with the exception of the proposal to remove the parking place at Kingston Road pending a further assessment regarding its use.

Executive summary

2. Provision of Disabled Persons' Parking Places is reviewed when requested by members of the public with specific proposals assessed applying national regulations and guidance on the suitability of providing new bays or amending or removing existing ones.

Introduction

3. This report presents objections received to a statutory consultation to remove, amend and introduce disabled persons parking places (DPPP's) at various locations in Oxford

Background

4. The above proposals have been put forward following requests from residents, including – where a new place has been requested - an assessment of eligibility, applying the national guidelines on the provision part of such parking places. Annex 1 and Annex 2 show those locations for which objections have been received.

Consultation

5. Formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 21 November and 20 December 2019. A notice was placed in the Oxford Times newspaper and emails sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Oxford City Council and local County Councillors. Notices were placed on site and letters sent directly to properties in the immediate vicinity, adjacent to the proposals.

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6. Eighteen responses were received during the course of the consultation. These are summarised in the tables below:

Bays to be Added	Support	Object	Neither/No Objection
Observatory Street	1		
Godstow Road			1
Oakthorpe Road ²		1	
Alma Place	1		
Charles Street			1
Church Way			
Moorbank			
Priory Road	1		
Wytham Street	1		
Bracegirdle Road	1		
Valencia Road			

Bays to be Removed	Support	Object	Neither/No Objection
Cricket Road		6	
Kingston Road ¹	3	7	
East Street		6	
Oakthorpe Road		6	
Bath Street		6	
Hurst Street		6	
Rose Hill service road		6	
Stainfield Road		6	

7. The responses are recorded at Annex 3 with copies of the full responses available for inspection by County Councillors
8. Six responses were received in respect of all of DPPPs proposed to be removed. These appear to reflect a general concern over the provision of DPPPs in Oxford, with none citing specific concerns about any of the specific sites, and in four cases providing no comment.

Response to objections and other comments

9. Thames Valley Police had not responded to the consultation at the time this report was finalised.
10. Objections were received to the proposed removal of a DPPP at Kingston Road and the provision of a DPPP at Oakthorpe Road as detailed below.

Kingston Road – proposed removal of DPPP

11. One site specific objection and three expressions of support were received. The objection was from a member of the public who commented that the removal of the DPPP would cause – as they were a disabled person with limited mobility who regularly made use of this space – very significant inconvenience. The expressions of support were from residents who commented that this DPPP appeared to be little used and that making this available for all residents (noting that blue badge holders are able to park in all residents parking places) would help relieve the parking pressures faced by residents in this area.
12. Noting the above, it is recommended that this DPPP is retained pending a further assessment of its use by blue badge holders.

Oakthorpe Road – proposed provision of DPPP

13. One objection was received from a member of the public on the grounds of need on the part of the applicant and the parking pressures in the area. It is, however, considered that the application is valid and that the proposal would not materially increase parking pressure in the area.

Other objections to the proposed removal of DPPPs

14. As noted above, six generic objections were received in respect of the proposed removal of DPPPs. While accepting the importance of providing adequately for blue badge holders, the DPPPs proposed to be removed are all in residential areas and were provided to assist residents living in the very near vicinity of the DPPP currently in place. Inevitably the specific needs of residents will change and it is necessary, therefore, to review provision periodically to ensure DPPPs are provided where needed and to not unnecessarily reduce general parking provision where there is no routine use by blue badge holders, noting that blue badge holders may park in all residents parking bays without restriction and on double yellow lines (other than close to a junction or where there are loading restrictions or where it would otherwise be unsafe) for up to three hours.

How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives

15. The proposals would help facilitate the mobility of disabled persons in the vicinity of their places of residence.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

16. Funding for the proposed waiting restrictions has been provided from the County Council's revenue budget.

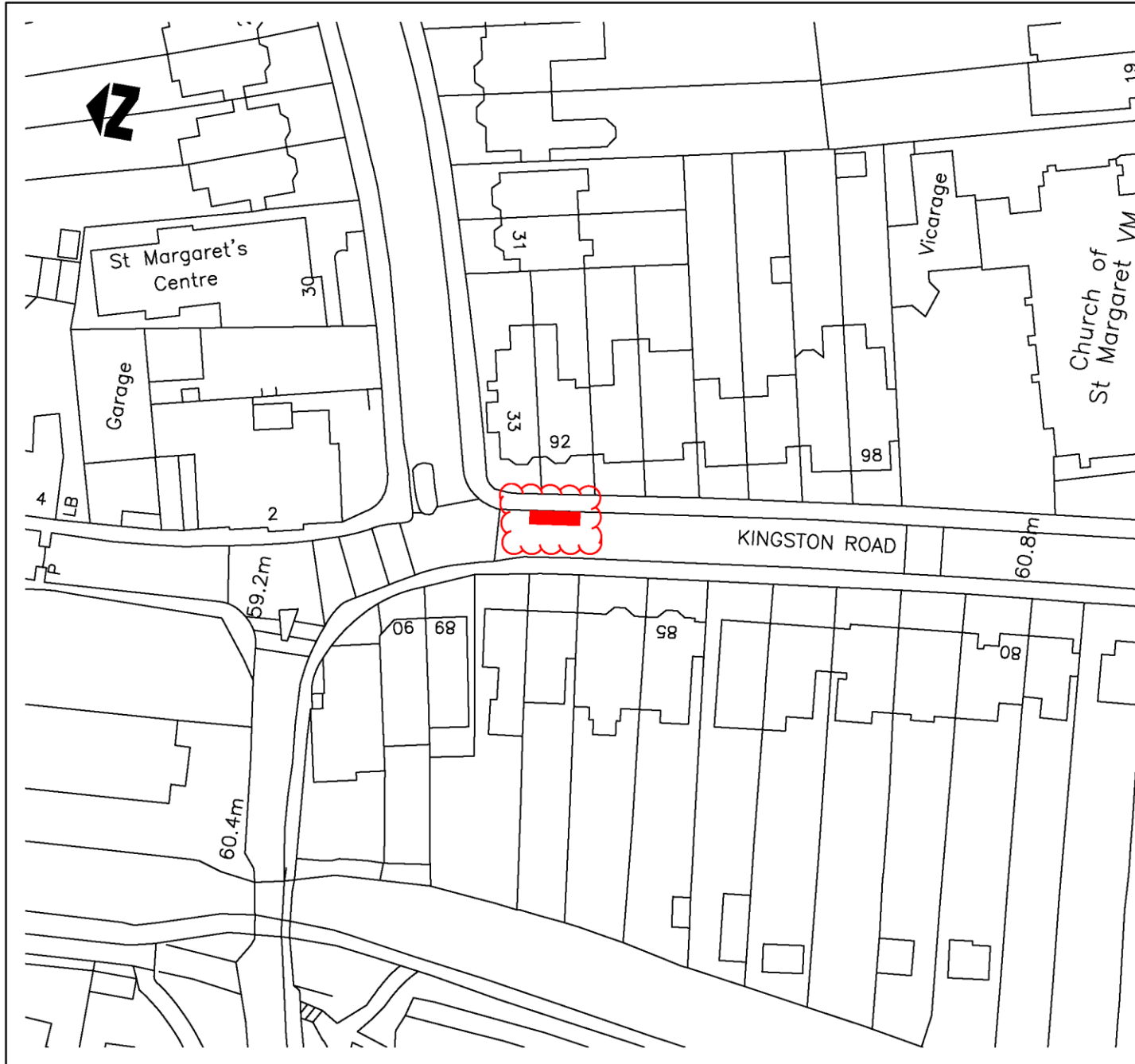
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Background papers: Plans of proposed disabled persons parking places to be removed or provided for which objections have been received.
Consultation responses

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- Notes
-  Existing Disabled Persons' Parking Place (At All Times) to remain.
 -  Existing Disabled Persons' Parking Place (8am-6.30pm Mon-Sat) to remain.
 -  Disabled Persons' Parking Place to be removed.
 -  Proposed Disabled Persons' Parking Place (At All Times).

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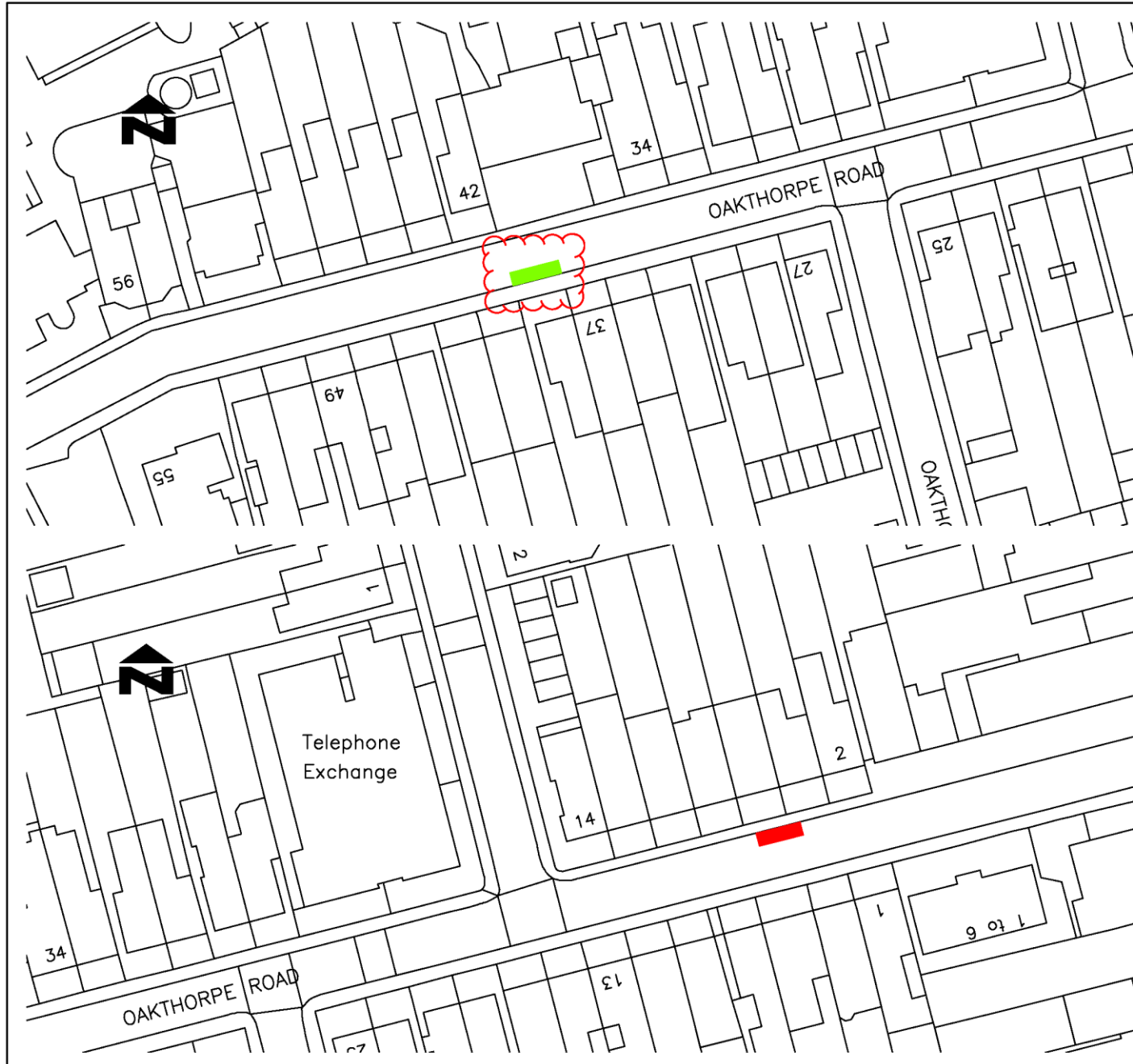
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Removal of Disabled Persons' Parking Place at 92 Kingston Road

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Amendments to Disabled Persons' Parking Places in Oakthorpe Road

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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	(No comments received at time of report being finalised)
<i>Kingston Road (Oxford)</i>	
() Local Resident, (Oxford)	<p>Object (to removal) – This would be disastrous for me as I am a War Pensioner only able to walk a few yards with the help of a walking frame. I have used it for the past 20 years and is 100% necessary for my wellbeing and able to live a tolerably manageable life.</p> <p>I absolute wish to oppose the removal of this disabled parking space</p>
() Local Resident, (Oxford)	<p>Support (removal) – am all for this. The spot near our house is always empty - apart from illegally parked cars. We really struggle to ever park our car near our house and being pregnant with x2 small children - anything that helps this will be welcome.</p>
() Local Resident, (Oxford)	<p>Support (removal) – I am very happy for the disabled space to be made available as a residents' parking space for all the residents instead of a disabled space. We have too few spaces at present for residents' cars.</p> <p>The only resident in the area with a disabled parking permit has a drive way.</p>
() Local Resident, (Oxford)	<p>Support (removal) – We fully support this, as it is not assigned to anyone and it oftern empty. We live on Kingston Road and struggle to ever park our car near our house - anything that helps this will be welcome.</p>

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<i>Oakthorpe Road (Oxford)</i>	
() Local Resident, (Oxford)	<p>Object – I oppose the availability of disabled parking opposite number 39 (or anywhere else on Oakthorpe road). This is because as it is, there is very limited parking for the residents of the street. This is partly due to the fact that:</p> <p>a) there simply isn't enough space to accommodate all of the residents' parking needs, b) because some non-residents who want to shop on the Summertown high street sometimes park their car illegally in a resident's bay to "nip to the shops" and c) workers and contractors who attend the properties on Oakthorpe Road have vans which obviously take up more space than a single car parking space (it's totally understandable that they have work but they nonetheless take up space!).</p>

<i>All DPPPs proposed to be removed</i>	
Local Resident, (Oxford)	Object - Disabled parking spaces are vital. I regularly travel with disabled children and we depend on these spaces to enable them to access Oxford as part of their local area.
Local Resident, (Oxford)	Object - All spaces are vital in particular cases.
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