

Divisions: Berinsfield & Garsington, Sonning Common, Goring, Abingdon North, and Hendreds & Harwell
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## **CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT– 25 MAY 2017**

### **PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE AND VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICTS**

**Report by Director for Infrastructure Delivery**

#### **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 Berinsfield, Sonning Common, Stoke Row (on South Oxfordshire) and Abingdon and Steventon (in Vale of White Horse).

#### **Background**

2. New DPPPs have been requested by disabled people resident in Wey Road, Berinsfield; Churchill Crescent, Sonning Common; Church View, Stoke Row; Welford Gardens, Abingdon, and Green Close, Steventon. These locations are shown on plans at Annexes 1 – 5. The report considers the outcome of a formal consultation held on these proposals.
3. Other proposals advertised at the same time were either unopposed, had queries arising which have been resolved satisfactorily, or have been withdrawn. These have therefore been dealt with under my delegated authority to avoid unnecessary delays to applicants.

#### **Formal Consultation**

4. A copy of the draft Traffic Regulation Order, statement of reasons, and a copy of the public notice appearing in the local press, containing the proposed parking place changes were sent to formal consultees on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017. These documents, together with supporting documentation as required and plans of all the DPPPs, were deposited for public inspection at County Hall, and the South and Vale 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.

5. Two objections have been received to the proposal in Wey Road, Berinsfield; one objection has been received to the proposal in Churchill Crescent, Sonning Common; one objection has been received to the proposal in Church View, Stoke Row; one objection has been received to the proposal in Welford Gardens, Abingdon; and 14 objections have been received to the proposal in Green Close, Steventon. These are summarised at Annex 7 together with officer responses. Copies of all the responses received are available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre. The County Councillors at the time of the consultation have indicated their support for the proposals in their Divisions.
6. Having carefully considered the points made by the objectors, and recognising that in locations where parking is congested disabled people are at a greater disadvantage, it is suggested that the proposals proceed as advertised, with a minor change to the proposal for Green Close (as set out at Annex 7).

### **Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)**

7. 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**

8. **The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed changes, amended as set out in this report**

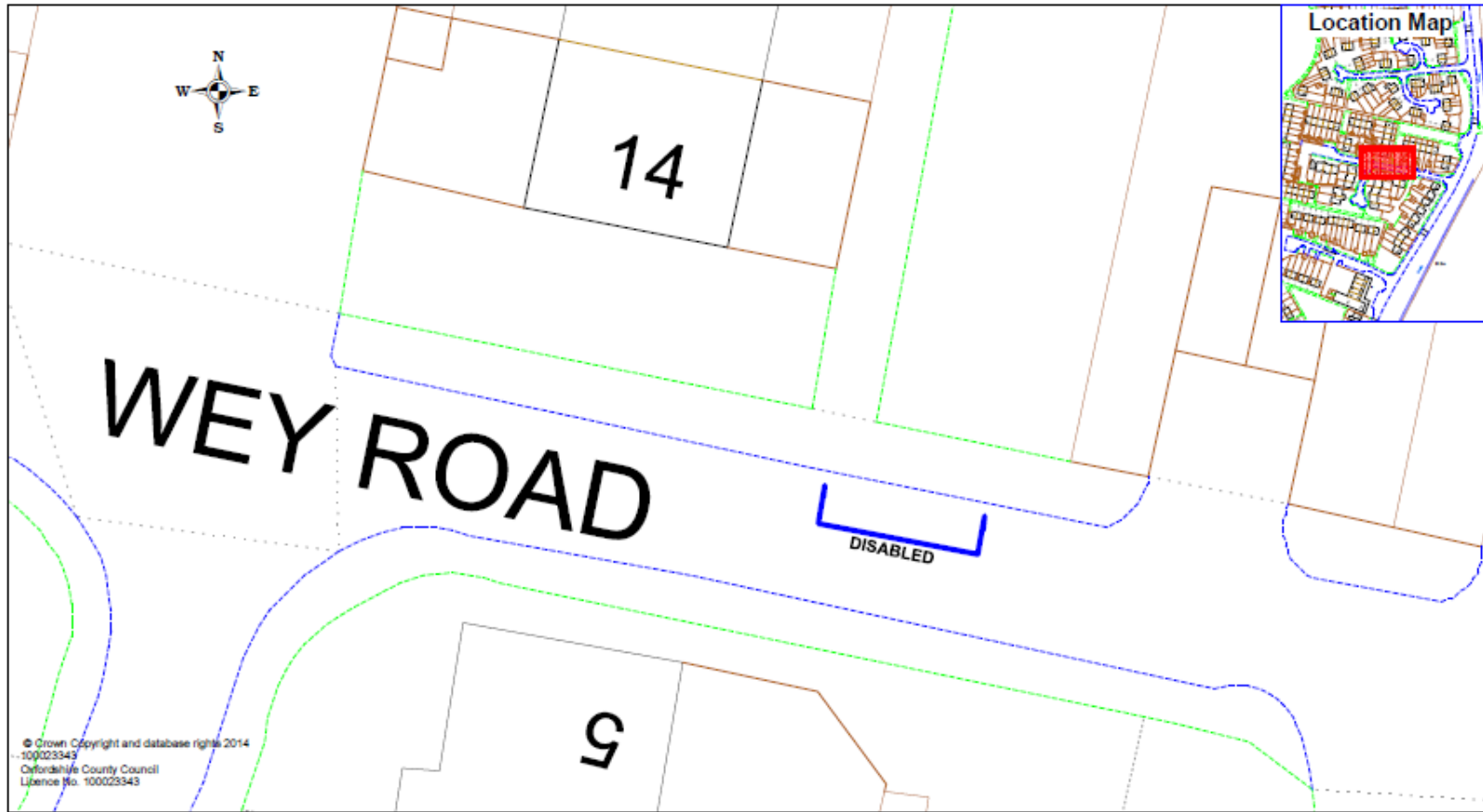
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Background papers:            Plan of proposed restrictions  
   Consultation responses

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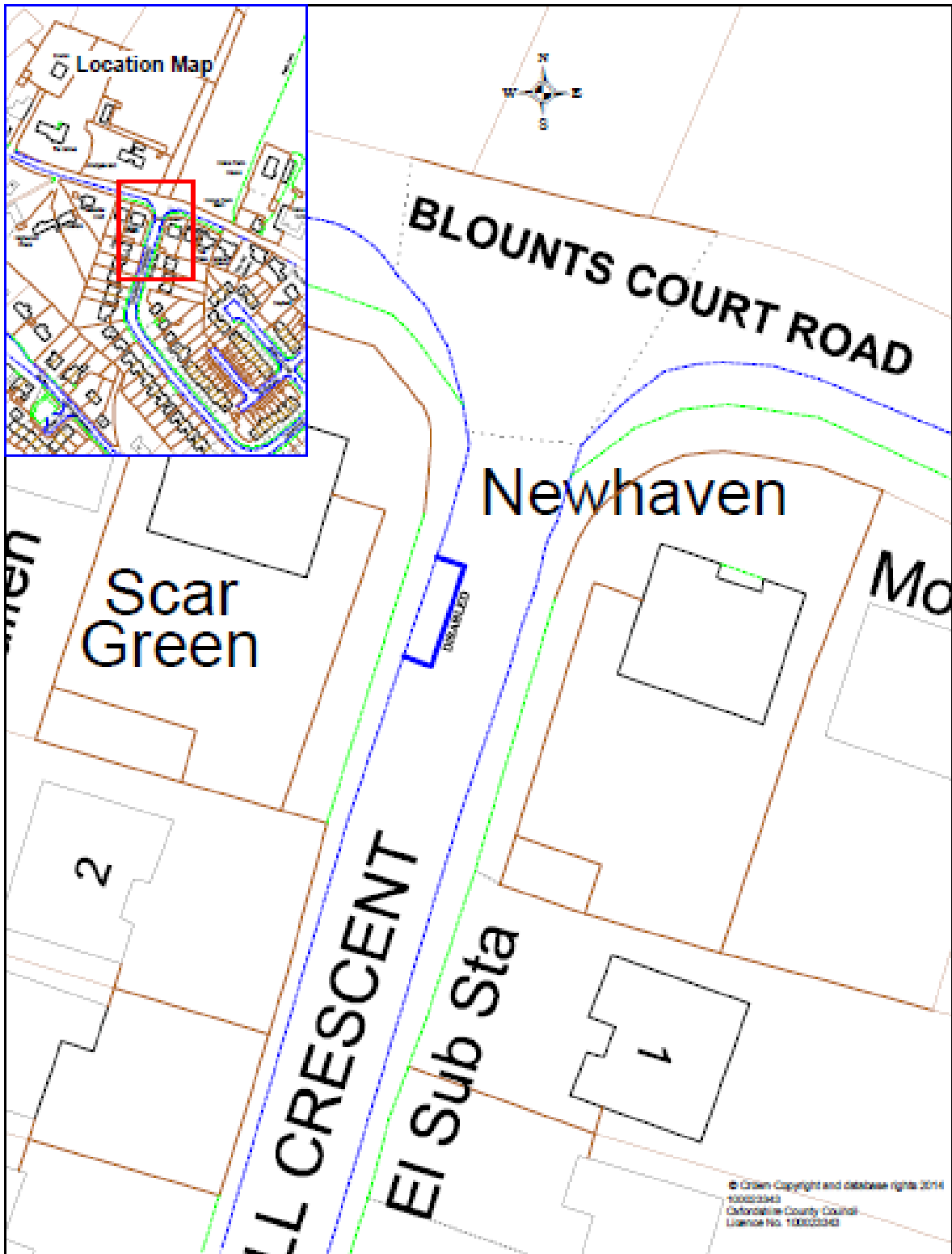


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**Proposed DPPP  
 Wey Road, Berinsfield**

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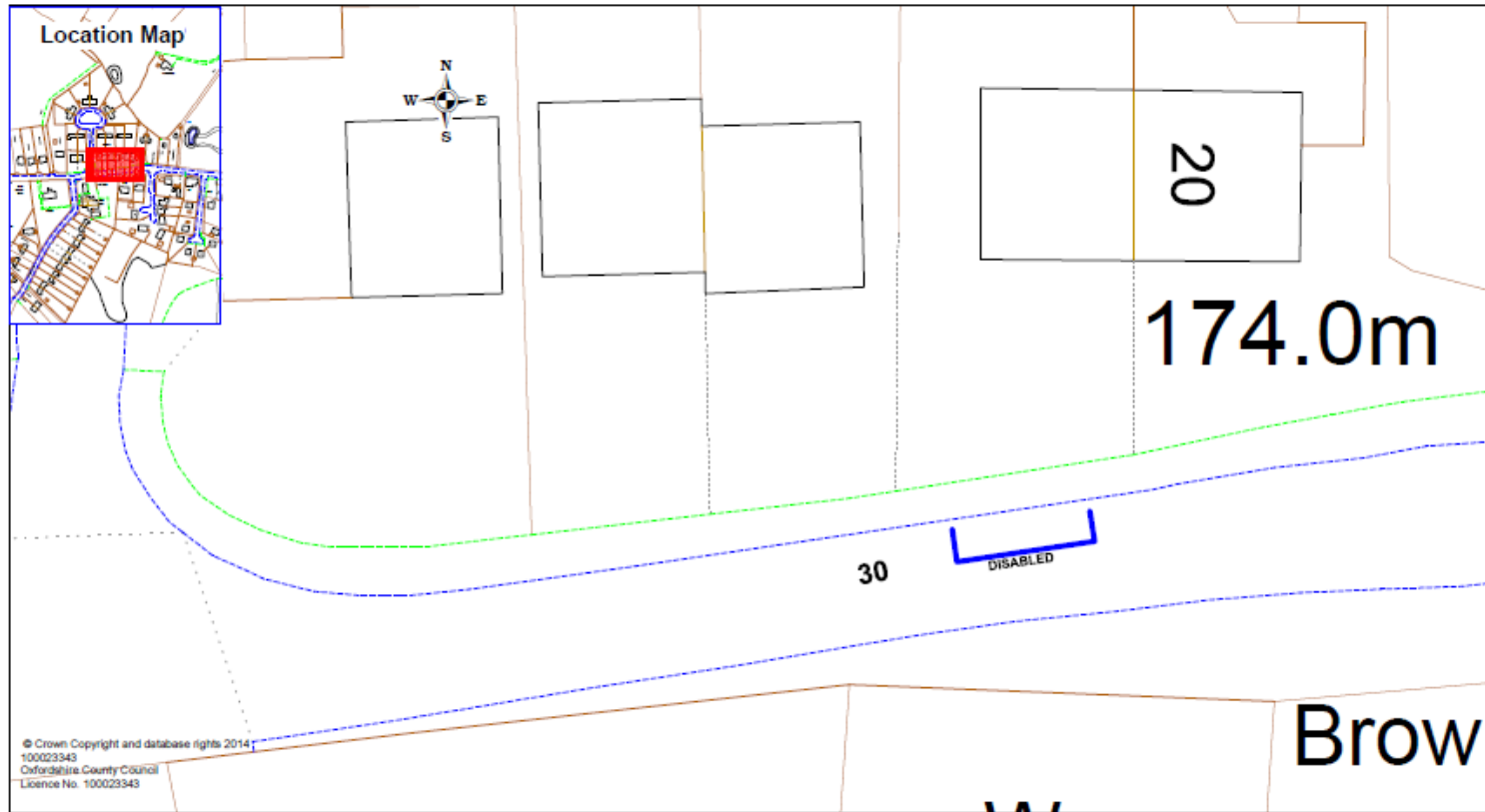


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**Proposed DPPP**  
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**Sonning Common**

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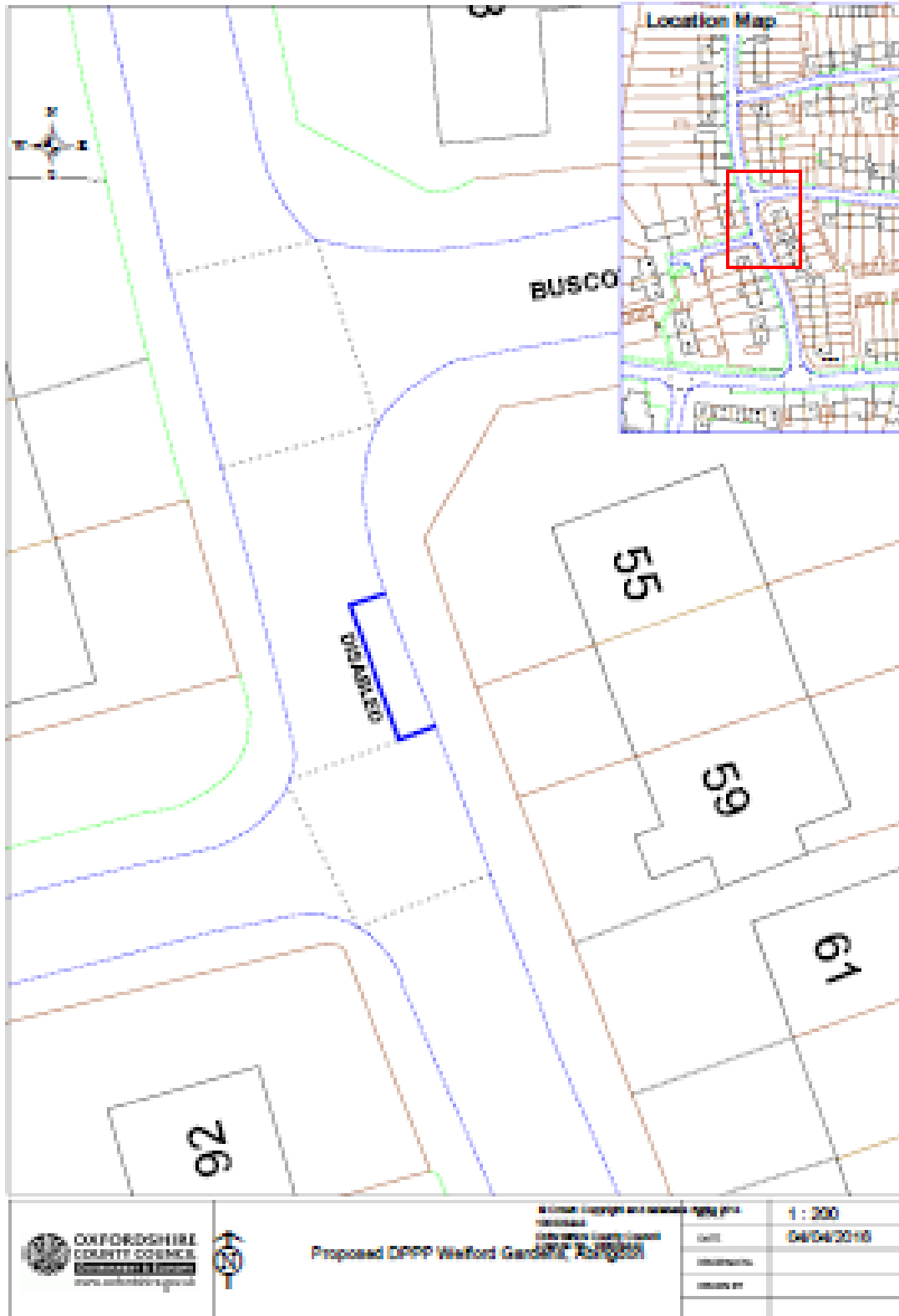


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**Proposed DPPP**  
**Main Road, near Church View**  
**Stoke Row**

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## RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION

RESPONDENT	COMMENT	RESPONSE
<b>Proposed DPPP in Wey Road, Berinsfield</b>		
Two residents, Wey Road	Objects to proposal – limited area for parking often taken up with access to driveways & garages. Would be unfair to residents with no off-street parking if the applicant does have this.	The applicant has no off-street parking.
A resident Wey Road	Strongly objects to proposal. Every home has 2 to 3 cars which makes it difficult for Fire Engine & Ambulance. Not aware of anyone disabled in area. Behind the two bungalows there is space for parking – why can't the DPPP go there?	The Emergency Services have raised no objections to the proposal at Informal or Formal Consultation. There is a Blue Badge holder resident here. The parking area the other side of Wey Road behind the bungalows is not public highway and a bay here would be too far away from applicant.
<b>Proposed DPPP in Churchill Crescent, Sonning Common</b>		
An anonymous resident, Churchill Crescent	Wants proposal withdrawn as it will cause a traffic jam. Considers the Council's job is to keep the roads open. He has a blue badge paid for a hard-standing on his land – believes that OCC should insist the applicant also builds a hard-standing so the Crescent is not cluttered with parked vehicles.	No objection from Emergency Services at Informal or Informal Consultation. Parish Council approves of proposal. The applicant does have a drive and separate garage, but the drive is on slope and the garage is at the bottom of the garden with a slope up to the house. The applicant is disabled and the spouse is not strong enough to push the wheel chair up the slopes. The proposed DPPP is sited by their side entrance where the path installed for that purpose & the road are more level.
<b>Proposed DPPP in Church View, Stoke Row</b>		
A resident, near Church View	Shocked to see the DPPP proposal since not aware of any disabled residents in Church View. Only parking congestion here is for 10 minutes	Applicant's partner who is the driver does work but this doesn't disqualify them from eligibility. No 20 has the use of off-road parking. The bay would not be opposite the commenters drive so

	<p>at school opening and closing times and the staff have off-street parking. Asks if a parking survey been held?</p> <p>Believes applicant doesn't drive and rarely goes out except at weekends, as partner is at work with car. Partner rarely has a problem parking outside. Neighbour at No 20 never has a problem with regular visitors parking to take her out and back. Previous occupant of No 19 had a disabled child and School Transport never had a problem with finding suitable parking. Only No's 17 – 19 have no off-street parking. They have 3 cars between them and there are 7 cars between the entrance to Church View and the next drive. Their property and adjoining property each have ample parking and have no need to park on street. High kerb outside No 19 makes it difficult to get out of a car on that side and it would be dangerous to get out in the road. Also concerned that the position of the proposed DPPP might make it difficult to reverse into and pulling out of their drive especially when towing a trailer. If proposal is approved, would appreciate if DPPP could be as far west as possible. Doesn't object to anyone who has a genuine need for a DPPP.</p>	<p>he should have no problem accessing or leaving his drive. The kerb is normal height and the applicant uses it whenever they can park the vehicle outside their home.</p>
Stoke Row Parish Council	Have no objections to the proposal	Noted.

RESPONDENT	COMMENT	RESPONSE
<b>Proposed DPPP in Welford Gardens, Abingdon</b>		
A resident, Welford Gardens	He doesn't object to the proposed bay. His wife is disabled and has a badge and they live nearby. Could she park in it?	If the proposal is successful, she could with her badge.
A resident, Welford Gardens	Will the proposed DPPP make it difficult for refuse & large delivery vehicles to reverse down the cul-de-sac diagonally opposite?	Police and District Waste Disposal have no objection provided the junction markings are refreshed at the same time, if bay installed.
Abingdon Town Council	Concerned that the bay might cause difficulties for Emergency services, waste disposal etc to negotiate the junctions.	Police and District Waste Disposal have no objection provided the junction markings are refreshed at the same time, if bay installed. No objection from Fire & Rescue.
<b>Proposed two-car DPPP in Green Close, Steventon</b>		
14 residents, Green Close	<p>Would deny 13-15 metres of space to residents of Green Close. Parking is congested here and residents park on kerbs, corners, and outside their properties. The entrance to Green Close is parked on by residents of Hanney Road and Green Close. Usually, residents of Hanney Road park outside their gates. They would like to know what parking problems have been observed and by whom?</p> <p>The respondents suggest providing a lay-by for parking for the residents of the bungalows on Hanney Road as there is outside No's 2 to 4. Alternatively, mesh could be installed on the grassed area in front of the bungalows to provide parking.</p>	<p>Site visits have confirmed that parking is indeed congested in Green Close, despite all properties in the Close having off road parking.</p> <p>Two badge holders live in the bungalows near Green Close, who already park in the Close when they can, and the proposal would make parking more certain for them.</p> <p>The existing lay-by in Hanney Road is too small to accommodate all the parking related to the bungalows which don't have off-street parking here. No funding is currently available to provide additional laybys or other verge parking.</p>

A resident, Hanney Road	Has permission for a dropped crossing in Green Close. Proposed bay would be opposite and cause her difficulty in accessing new hard-standing. Also describes difficulties of large vehicles in accessing the Close from Hanney Road.	Further site visit carried out. Agreed to move the proposed bay further up Green Close by 2 metres, and provide advisory junction protection markings on the junction with Hanney Road.
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