

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 15 NOVEMBER 2018
OXFORD – PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES -
VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Report by Director for Structure Operations

Introduction

1. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to amend, remove and introduce new disabled persons parking places (DPPPs) at various locations in Oxford.

Background

2. The above proposals have been put forward following requests from residents for a DPPP following a check of their eligibility applying the national guidelines on the provision part of such parking places. Plans showing the proposals where objections were received are provided at Annexes 1 to 4. There are also proposals to remove DPPPs at some locations where it is considered there is no longer a need for these places.

Consultation

3. Formal consultation on the proposals was carried out between 28 September and 26 October 2018. A public notice was placed in the Oxford Times newspaper, and sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Oxford City Council and local County & City Councillors. Oxford Bus Company, Stagecoach & Thames Travel were also sent the consultation material. Street notices were placed and letters sent directly to approximately 415 properties in the immediate vicinity of the proposals.
4. Fifteen responses were received in total, eight of which concerned locations that involved a level of objection. These specifically are summarised at Annex 5. Copies of these are available for inspection by County Councillors if requested.

Response to objections and other comments

5. Thames Valley Police did not object to any of the proposed locations.

Barns Road

6. This proposal is to formalise a DPPP currently marked out on site which appears to have been left out of the current relevant Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) as a result of an administrative oversight. The current no waiting Monday to Saturday 8am to 6.30pm restriction would be removed, to enable the disabled resident park without time limit. This will also prevent non-blue badge holders from parking outside the current restriction time limits. We recognise that the proposal is close to a shopping area and would – as with any DPPP - be open to any blue badge holder in addition to the person requesting the DPPP. Providing a DPPP at this location effectively increases the amount of parking available to residents at certain times of the day since it enables the disabled resident to leave their car in place. Without it the disabled resident would have to occupy a space that could otherwise be used by another person. Comments relating to the current level of enforcement are also outside the scope of this report. If these proposals are withdrawn, we would be legally obliged to remove the informal bay and reinstate the single yellow line resulting in a maximum stay of three hours for all blue badge holders including the resident who applied for the space.

Duke Street

7. The proposal is to **remove** the description of a former disabled persons parking place that once existed in the road, from the TRO and **not** to provide a new one. This serves to correct an administrative oversight.

Norreys Avenue

8. The parking bay is being proposed at the request of a disabled resident who currently struggles to find convenient parking close to their home. Consequently, its use would not introduce any additional demand on parking other than when the resident was away from home. The extent of the no waiting at any time is to reduce the risk of vehicles stopped at the give way line, in front of the raised junction, from obstructing cars leaving the Abingdon Road. Providing a disabled parking place at the Wytham Street end of the road would be too far away from the disabled residents home.

Junction Road

9. The retention of this space accords with Oxfordshire County Council's DPPP scheme which allows blue badge holders to apply for disabled parking places near to their home or place of work.
10. The objections of local residents in Barns Road, Norreys Avenue and Junction Road referred to the severe parking pressure in these roads, citing commuter parking, the lack of controlled parking zones, dropped kerbs and planning conditions as contributing to this pressure. The solutions to which are beyond the scope of this report and the DPPP Programme. However, they do

highlight the need to prioritise parking for disabled residents in their respective streets.

How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives

11. The proposals would help facilitate the mobility of disabled persons.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

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

RECOMMENDATION

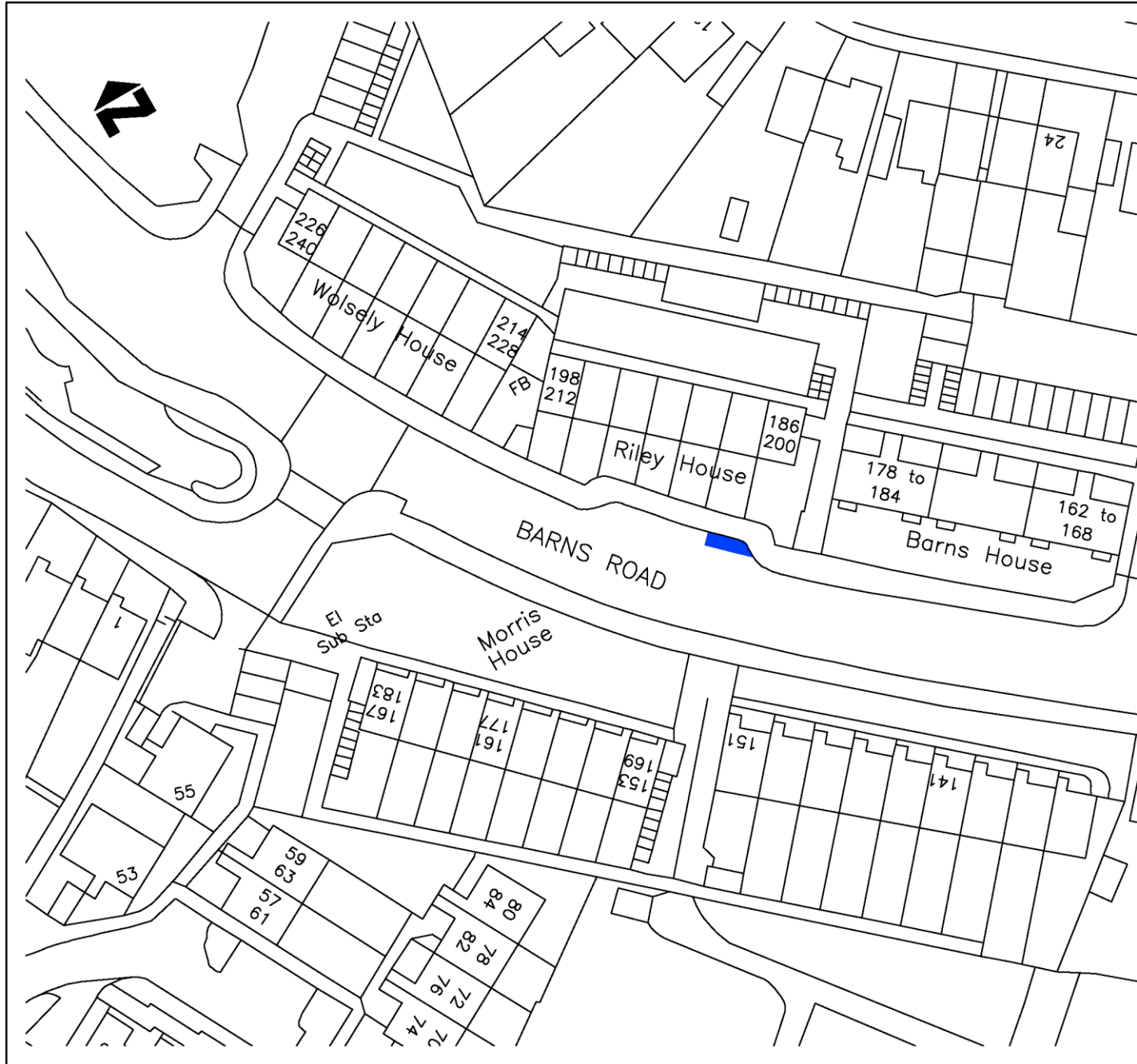
13. **The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to:**
 - a) **approve the proposals for the additional new bays in Barns Road & Norreys Avenue;**
 - b) **reject the proposal for the removal of the existing bay in Junction Road;**
 - c) **approve the proposal to remove the description of the bay in Duke Street from the Traffic Regulation Order.**

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Background papers: Plan of proposed DPPP's
 Consultation responses

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 - Disabled Persons' Parking Place to be removed.
 - Proposed Disabled Persons' Parking Place.

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**DISABLED PERSONS'
PARKING PLACES 2018**

Title

**Proposed Reduction in length
of Disabled Persons'
Parking Place 186-212 Barns Road.**

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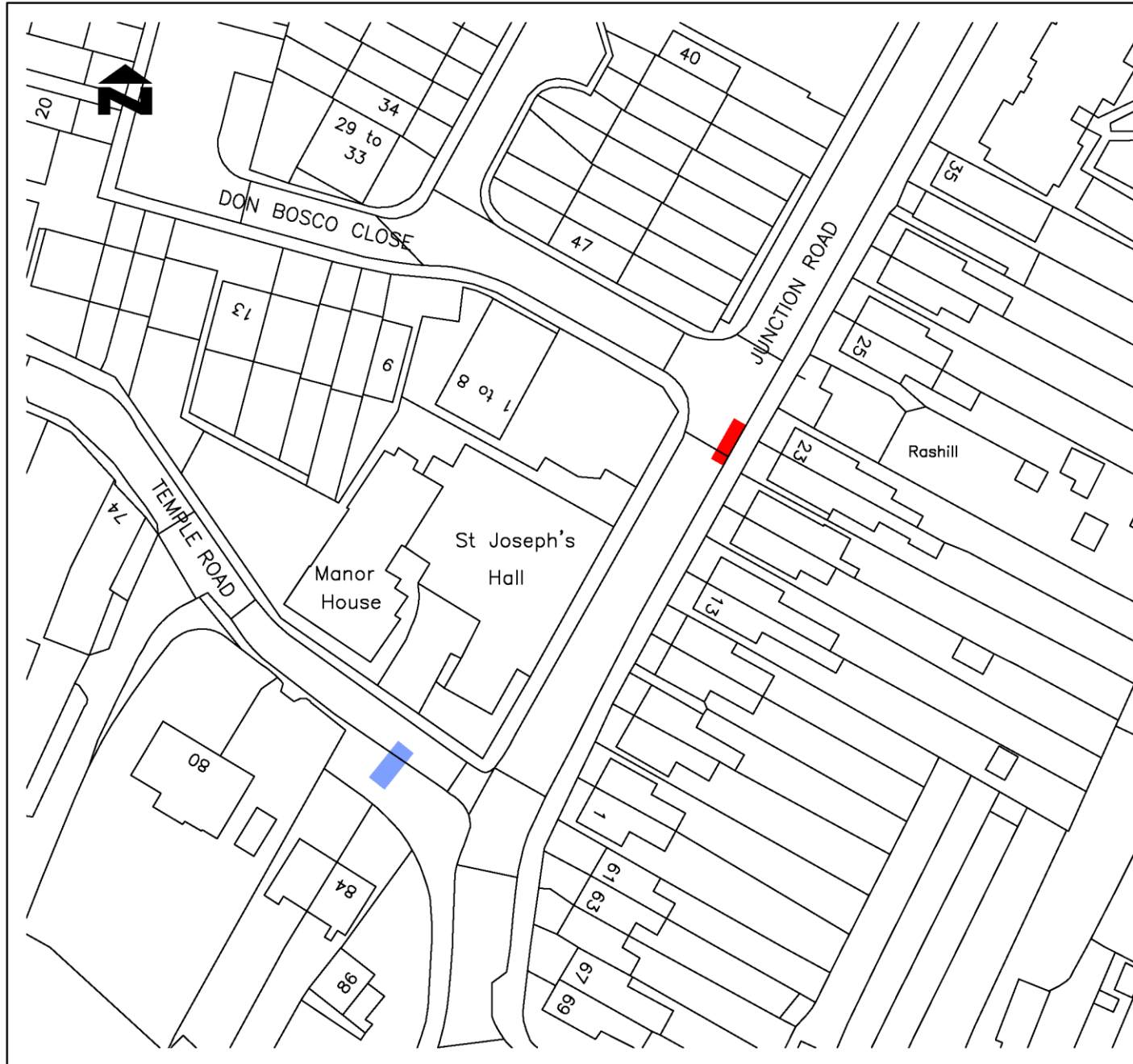
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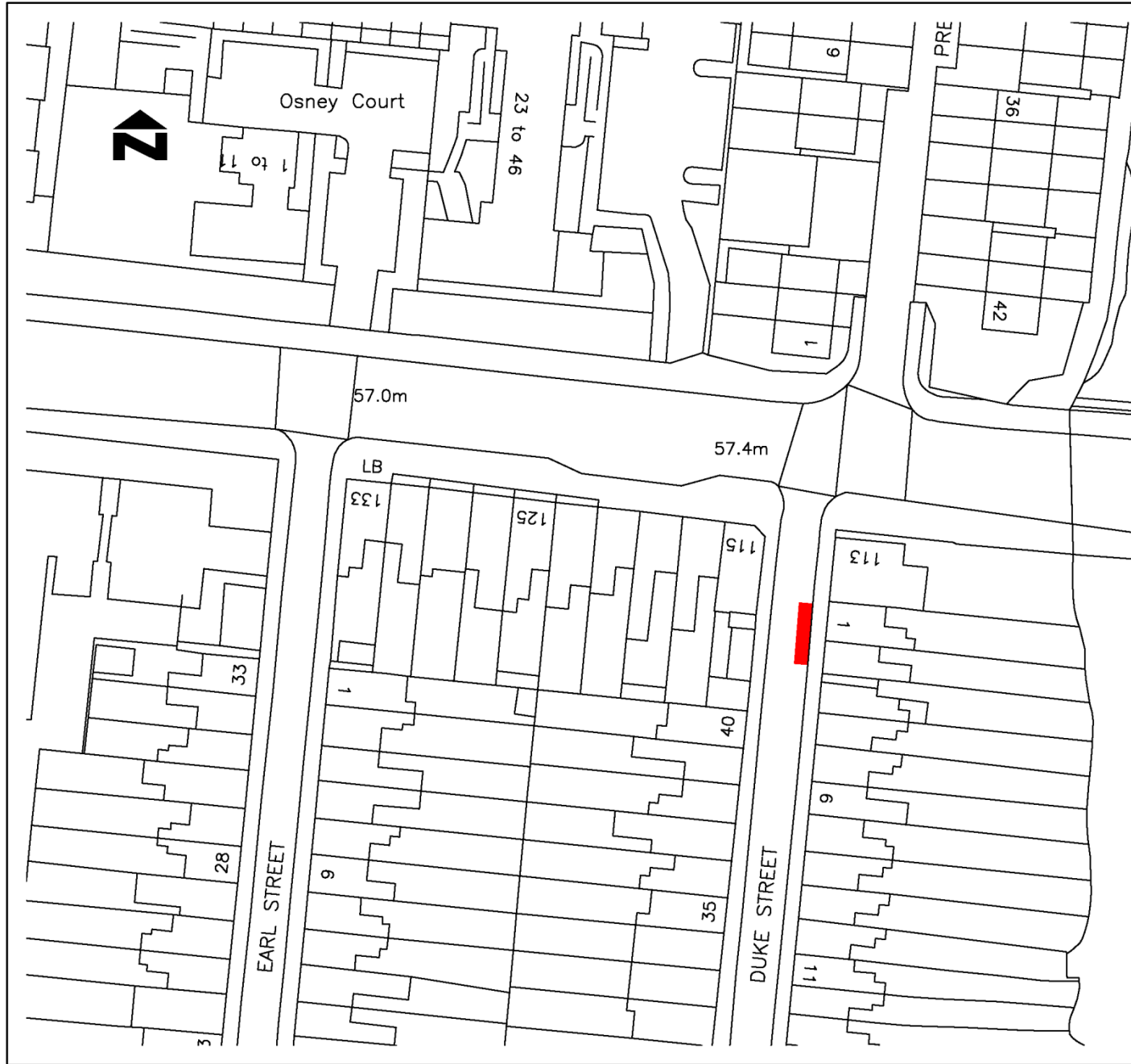
DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES 2018

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Removal of Disabled Persons' Parking Place in Junction Road

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Removal of Disabled Persons' Parking Place in Duke Street

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RESPONDENT	LOCATION	SUMMARISED COMMENT
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (TVP)	All	No objection
(2) Local Resident, (Oxford)	Barns Road	<p>Support - This is the space I already requested and have there now, which took 18 months plus to get. So I am confused as it is there now, unless you are planning a second space in the lay-by? I have requested with the support of my GP to make it mandatory also as other disabled people keep parking there then stopping me being able to, which then turns into an argument inevitably, despite me asking them nicely not to as suggested by the man who authorised it all, as it is not specifically a residential space. (I was told it could be requested to be made a residential mandatory space if it got too bad) and then exacerbates my health, or I have to wait then get out of bed again, get dressed if I can to move my car into the space which also exacerbates my health. It is exactly the medical appointments I have to attend and rare occasions I do get out that someone thinks it is a space just there for shopping, it really is detrimental to my health. At the moment there is no Disabled Badge Sign at all on the fence as it was replaced so it is not even legal and I could get a ticket as I understand it? Parking is extremely difficult also with people parking directly behind on the edge on or over the disabled space so it is impossible to get in and out and dangerous as you cannot see.</p>
(3) Local Resident, (Oxford)	Barns Road	<p>Object - We have not enough parking as there is, we have no permit zones for residents and apart from one person in residence there are no other disabled drivers; parking has become more difficult due to the building of flats on the old community centre land; that the said flats were supposed to be sold to people with no cars but alas many tenants have vehicles. All the streets around the shopping centre are jammed each day with blue badge holders or people parked illegally anyway, so no need to allocate extra bays. Maybe should have stopped putting in dropped kerbs as well to allow people to convert gardens into driveways. Each night I come home I spend a large amount of time trying to find a parking space, the proposal will just make things worse for those that have to use a car for work, hence I object to the OCC's proposal.</p>

(4) Local Business, (Oxford)	Junction Road, (Removal)	<p>Object - I am writing to support a senior member of staff who has emailed you to oppose the proposal to remove the Disable Parking place in Junction Road, Cowley, Oxford.</p> <p>I am sure she has explained quite clearly why such a proposal would be detrimental to her health and cause unreasonable duress before the start and end of her work day. This close proximity of parking for her is vital to her wellbeing and for me as the employer of the college.</p>
(5) Local Resident, (Oxford)	Junction Road, (Removal)	<p>Object - as a disabled driver I use the Disabled Parking place Monday to Friday. I hold a Disabled Badge and have mobility problems due to my Spinal Conditions and chronic pain. I am also in receipt of PIP with the mobility component.</p> <p>If the disabled parking place is removed, it will have a detrimental effect on the distance I would need to walk to my place of work as I use crutches as an aid to help with walking. Please can I ask that the disabled parking place on Junction Road, not to be removed.</p>
(6) Local Resident, (Oxford)	Junction Road, (Removal)	<p>Support - Parking in Junction Road is at a premium. Employees of Kings Oxford, Temple Road, Oxford OX4 2UJ take every available space on Junction Road, Don Bosco Close and adjacent roads during weekdays. Consequently, residents have great difficulty in parking anywhere near their homes. I realise that it is not a right for residents to park outside their homes but we are extremely disadvantaged.</p>
(7) Local Resident, (Oxford)	Norreys Avenue	<p>Object - Since the "existing length of No Waiting at any time" is "to remain", the proposed disabled parking space will take the place of one of the existing parking spaces with no restrictions (ie it can be used by anyone at any time). This is not satisfactory for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parking in Norreys Avenue is already problematic, and it is a normal occurrence to have to look for parking in the adjacent streets. Reasons for this include Residents of Norreys Avenue itself converting their front garden to a parking area. By "reserving" the space in front of their house for their sole use, this immediately reduces the number of parking spaces available. The effective number of parking spaces available is further reduced as the cross-hatched box have to be sufficiently long to allow a car to turn in, and the remaining 'free' parking spaces are divided into smaller chunks, which in practice can accommodate fewer cars.

		<p>Residents of Abingdon Road parking in Norreys Avenue due to parking restrictions in the Abingdon Road Non-residents commuting into Oxford parking in Norreys Avenue to avoid parking charges at the Park & Ride Non-residents parking in Norreys Avenue because the car park at Hinksey Park is full, especially in the summer The effect is greatest at the Abingdon Road end of Norreys Avenue (where the disabled parking space will take away a space where it is most needed) as most cars enter Norreys Avenue from that end, and drivers naturally take the first available space.</p> <p>2. There is a ready alternative immediately adjacent to the proposed site. The "existing length of No Waiting at any time" zone (indicated by double yellow lines) is very long (presumably 16 metres according to the proposal document), and contains sufficient space for the proposed disabled parking space to be located there. Note that the current length of the "existing ... No Waiting at any time" zone only dates back to the resurfacing of the Abingdon Road some 10 years or so ago - prior to that the area marked by double yellow lines was considerably shorter; there was no explanation given at the time for extending the length of the double yellow lines, and there is no obvious need for such a long no waiting zone now.</p> <p>An alternative is to site the proposed disabled parking space at the other (Wytham Street) end of Norreys Avenue as that is less busy than the Abingdon Road end.</p>
(8) Local Resident, (Oxford)	Duke Street	<p>Object - have never seen anyone who looks or might be disabled so maybe there is no need for a disabled parking space for residents.</p>