Divisions affected: Various in Oxford City

# DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT

# 18 JULY 2024

## OXFORD: VARIOUS LOCATIONS – PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES

Report by Director of Environment and Highways

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to approve the following:

- a) The proposed provision of Disabled Persons Parking Places (DPPP) at: Oxford - Boulter Street, Bramwell Place, Clematis Place, East Avenue, Elmthorpe Road, Fiennes Road, Hayfield Road, Leiden Road, Kingston Road (No. 101), Leckford Road, Old Marston Road, Sorrel Road, Taverner Place, Wolvercote Green,
- b) The proposed removal of Disabled Persons Parking Places (DPPP) at: Kingston Road (No. 92), St. John Street (2 x bays), Taverner Place,
- c) Defer approval of the removal of DPPP at the following locations: Church Way (outside Lucas and Remy Place), St. Mary's Road (2 x bays),
- d) The withdrawal of proposals to formalise a DPPP and removal of an advisory disabled bay at the following location: Newman Road.

#### **Executive Summary**

- The provision of Disabled Persons Parking Places is reviewed when requested by members of the public. Specific proposals are assessed applying national regulations and guidance on the suitability of providing new bays or amending or removing existing ones.
- 3. This report presents objections received in the course of the statutory consultation on the proposals to remove, amend and introduce disabled persons parking places (DPPP's) at various locations in Oxford.
- 4. The 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. **Annexes 1** to **19** provide plans of the locations for which objections have been received or concerns raised.

# **Financial Implications**

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

### Legal Implications

6. No legal implications have been identified in respect of the proposals, with proposed changes to existing Traffic Regulation Orders governed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and other associated procedural regulations. Failure to adhere to these statutory processes could result in the proposals being challenged.

# **Equality and Inclusion Implications**

7. The provision of disabled persons parking places assists those with a mobility impairment.

# **Sustainability Implications**

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

# **Formal Consultation**

- 9. The formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 23 May and 21 June 2024. 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 Councillors, the local County Councillors and Parish Councils.
- 10. Letters were sent directly to properties in the immediate vicinity, and notices were placed on site adjacent to the proposals.
- 11. Thirty-five responses were received from members of the public during the course of the consultation and these are summarised in the table below:

Location	Support	Object	Concerns
Boulter Street	1		

Bramwell Place	1		
Church Way (outside Lucas Remy Place) – removal of 1 x bay		1	1
Clematis Place	1		
East Avenue	1		
Elmthorpe Road			1
Fiennes Road			1
Hayfield Road	2		
Leiden Road			1
Kingston Road (No. 101)	2		
Kingston Road (No. 92) (removal)	7		
Leckford Road	2		
Newman Road (formalisation)			2
Old Marston Road	1	2	2
Sorrel Road	1		
St. Mary's Road (removal - 2 x bays)		1	
St. John Street (removal – 2 x bays)	2		
Taverner Place		1	
Wolvercote Green	1		

- 12. Thames Valley Police responded expressing no objection.
- 13.Cllr Pressel supported all the proposals in her division.
- 14. The responses are recorded in **Annex 20**, and copies of the full responses are available for inspection by County Councillors

# **Officer Response to Objections/Concerns**

- 15. Comments and recommendations are provided in response to the concerns and objections as given in **Annex 20** in respect of each of the proposed sites in the following paragraphs.
- 16. The eligibility for a blue badge is determined by teams at the County Council following thorough assessments, which are separate to the process for Disabled persons parking places applications (DPPP's).
- 17. If through the DPPP application process evidence is provided that a valid blue badge is being used by the applicant this is deemed acceptable for the purposes of promoting the introduction of a DPPP.

18. If a member of the public believes that a blue badge is being misused or someone is committing benefit fraud, they should report it to the department for work and pensions (DWP) or the county council's blue badge team.

Boulter Street: proposed new DPPP

19. One expressions of support was received; it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place.

Bramwell Place: proposed new DPPP

20. One expression of support was received; it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place.

Church Way: proposed removal of a DPPP

21. One objection and one expression of concern was received; the DPPP is still used every day; it is recommended to defer the removal of the disabled parking place.

Clematis Place: proposed new DPPP

22. One expression of support was received; it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place.

East Avenue: proposed new DPPP

23. One expression of support was received; it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place.

Elmthorpe Road: proposed new DPPP

24. One expression of concern was received; unless someone living in the road has applied, I am opposed to this; it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place given that the applicant is a local resident who already parks in the road.

Fiennes Road: proposed new DPPP

25. One expression of concern was received; the proposed location is too close to the junction and could prevent access if someone parks on the opposite side of the road; it is recommended to approve this disabled parking place given that the applicant already parks at this location and access appears to not be an issue.

Hayfield Road: proposed new DPPP

26. Two expressions of support were received; it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place.

Leiden Road: proposed new DPPP

27. One expression of concern was received; there are parking issues in this location, given that the applicant currently parks in this location it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place.

Kingston Road (outside No. 101): proposed new DPPP

28. Two expressions of support were received; it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place.

Kingston Road (outside No. 92): proposed removal of a DPPP

29. Seven expressions of support were received; it is recommended to approve the removal of the disabled parking place.

Leckford Road: proposed new DPPP

30. Two expressions of support were received; it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place.

Newman Road: proposed formalisation of the DPPP

31. Two expressions of concern were received; the applicant is no longer living at the property, it is recommended to not approve formalisation but to approve the removal of the informal disabled parking place.

Old Marston Road: proposed new DPPP

32. Two objections, two expressions of concern and one expression of support were received; concerns over inconsiderate and obstructive parking outside shops and private accesses, the applicant already tries to park in this location, the parking issues could be due to customers therefore it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place. Officers will make a further assessment to ensure the final location of the DPPP is a position that is not causing an obstruction to delivery vehicles or accesses.

Sorrel Road: proposed new DPPP

33. One expression of support was received; it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place.

St. Mary's Road: proposed removal of two DPPP's

34. One objection to the removal of the DPPP's was received; the applicants still use the disabled bays therefore it is recommended to not approve the removal of the disabled parking places.

St. John Street: proposed removal of two DPPP's

35. Two expressions of support to the removal of the disabled bays was received; it is recommended to approve the removal of the disabled parking places.

Taverner Place: proposed new DPPP

36. One objection was received; concerns over the location of the disabled bay, however the proposed location is more suitable for a disabled person, it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place.

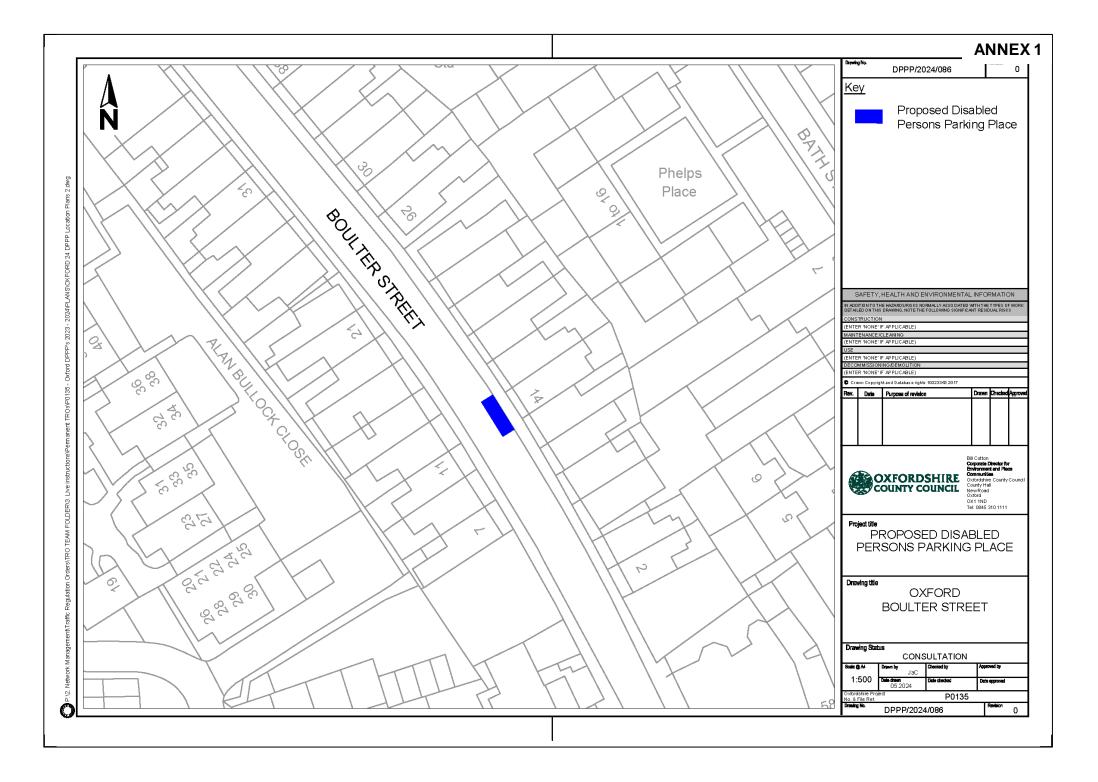
Wolvercote Green: proposed new DPPP

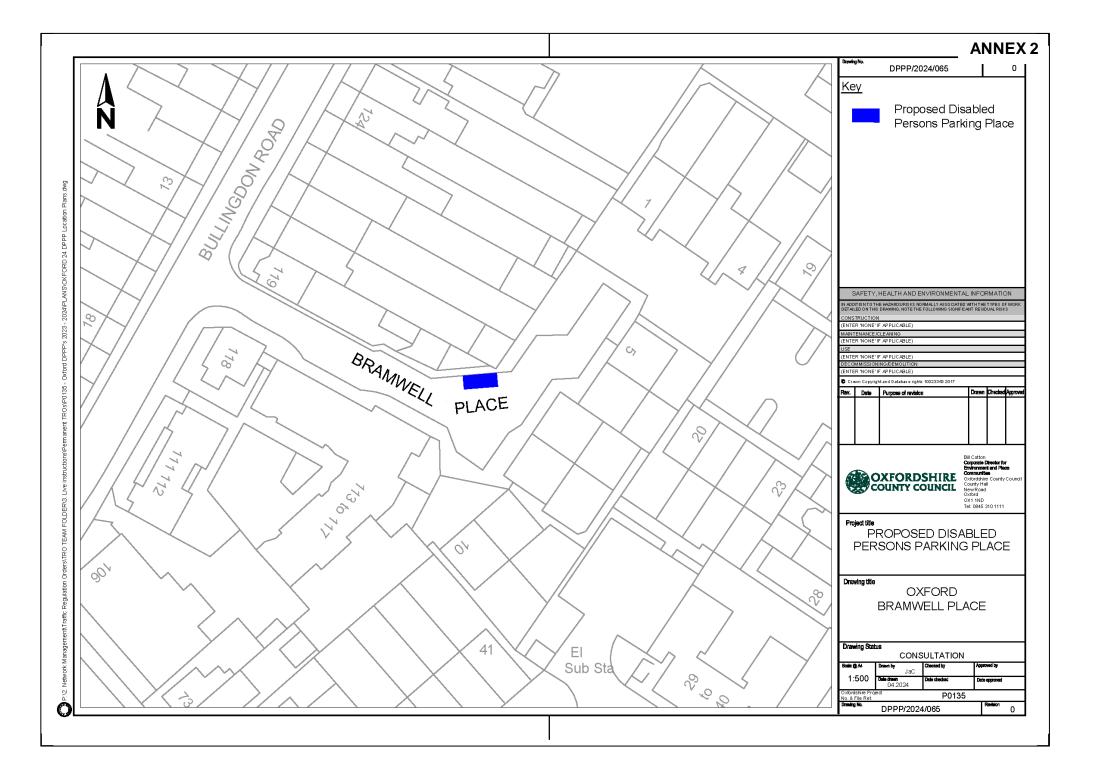
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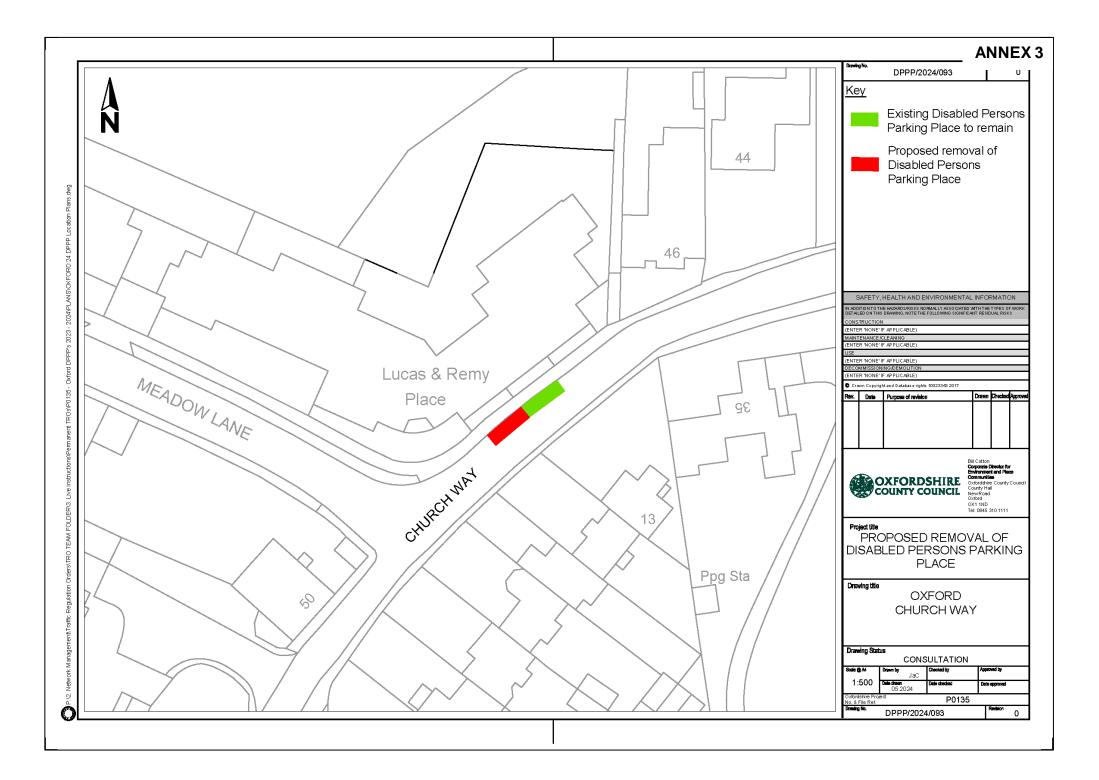
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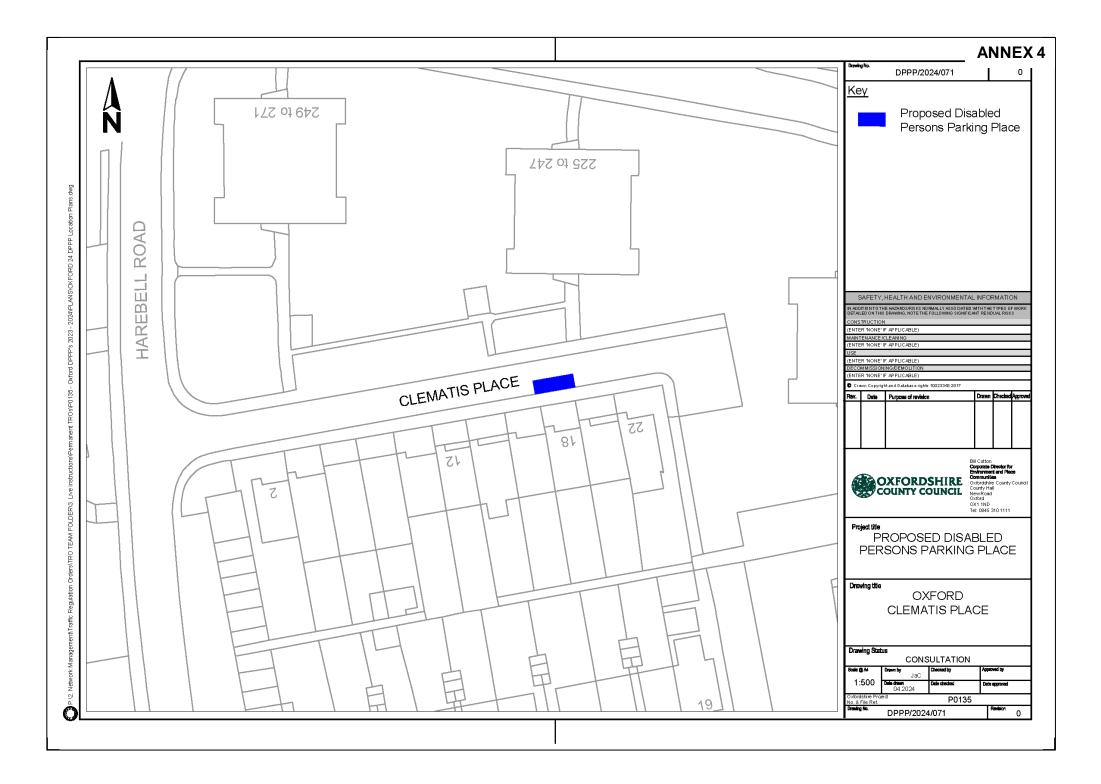
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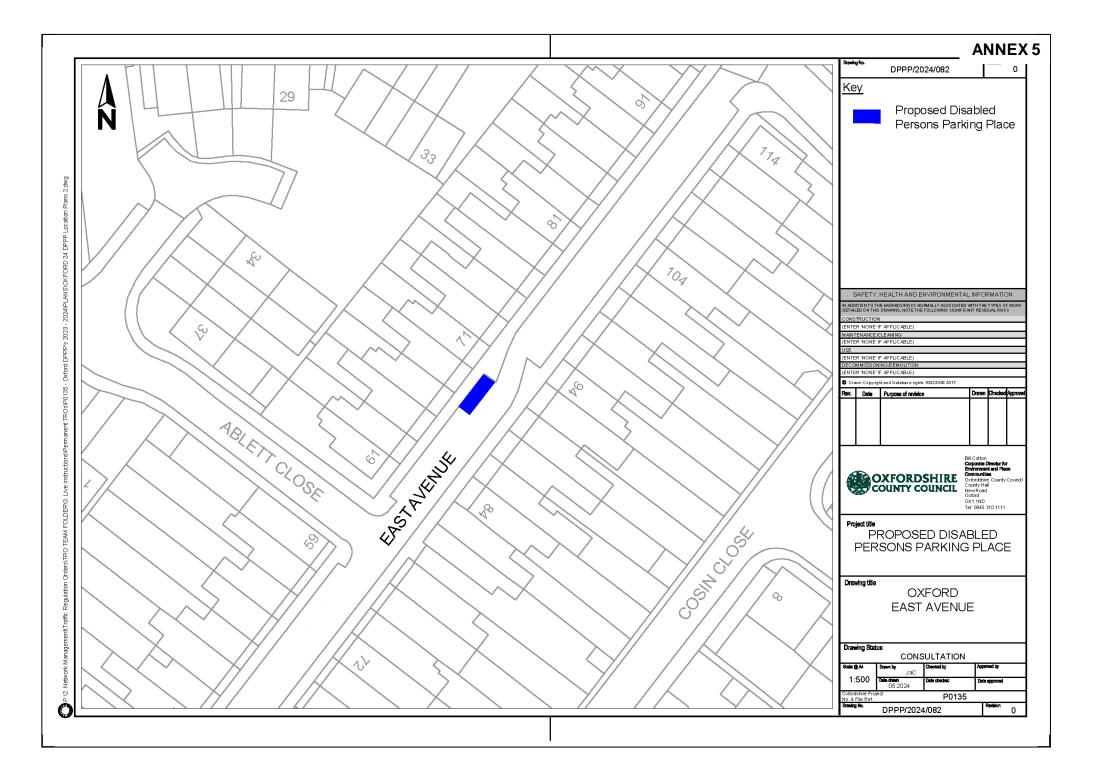
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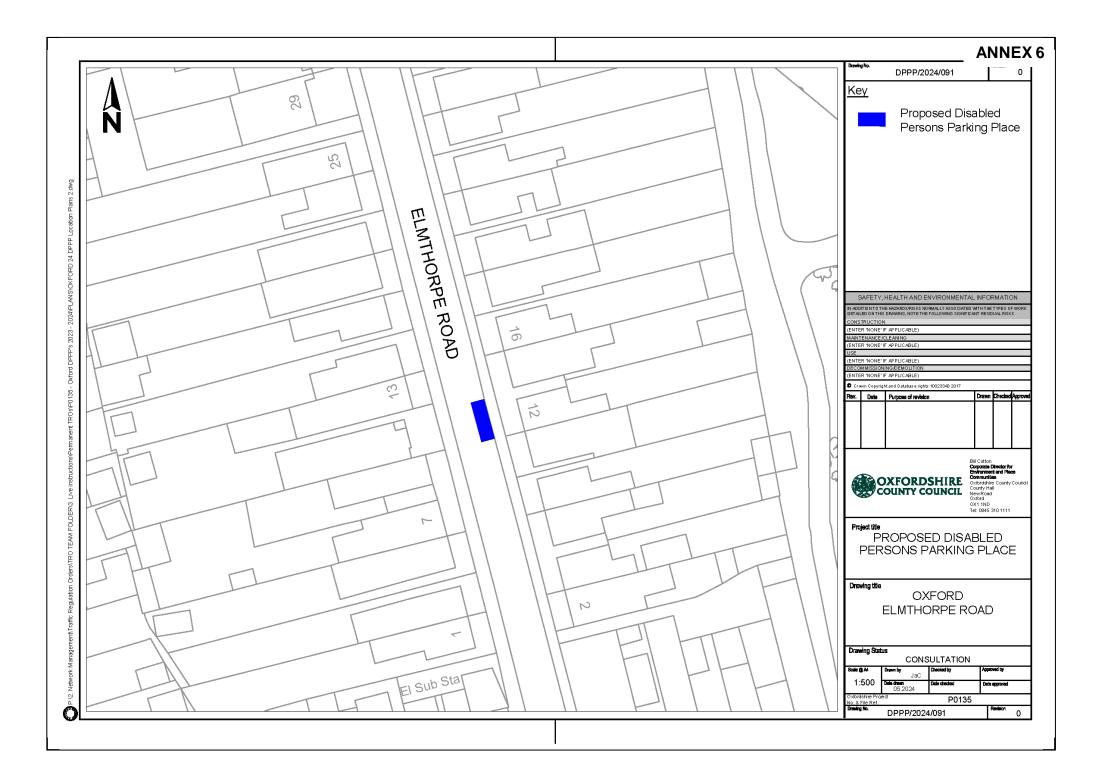


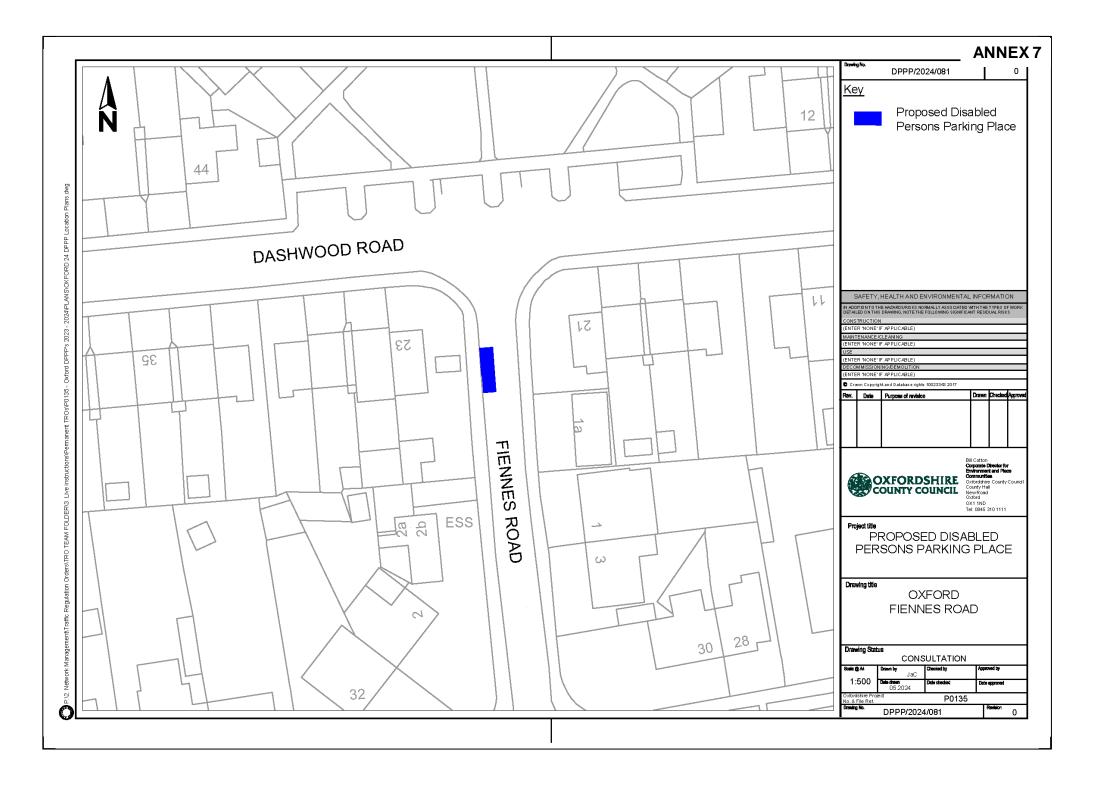


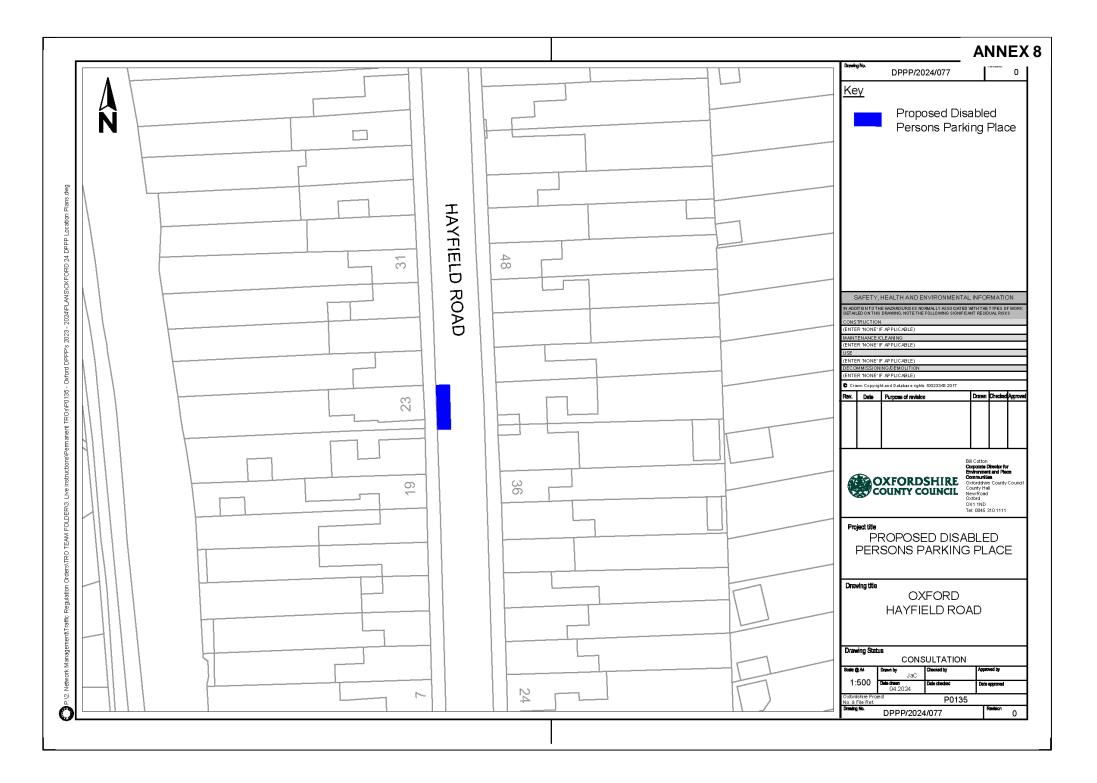


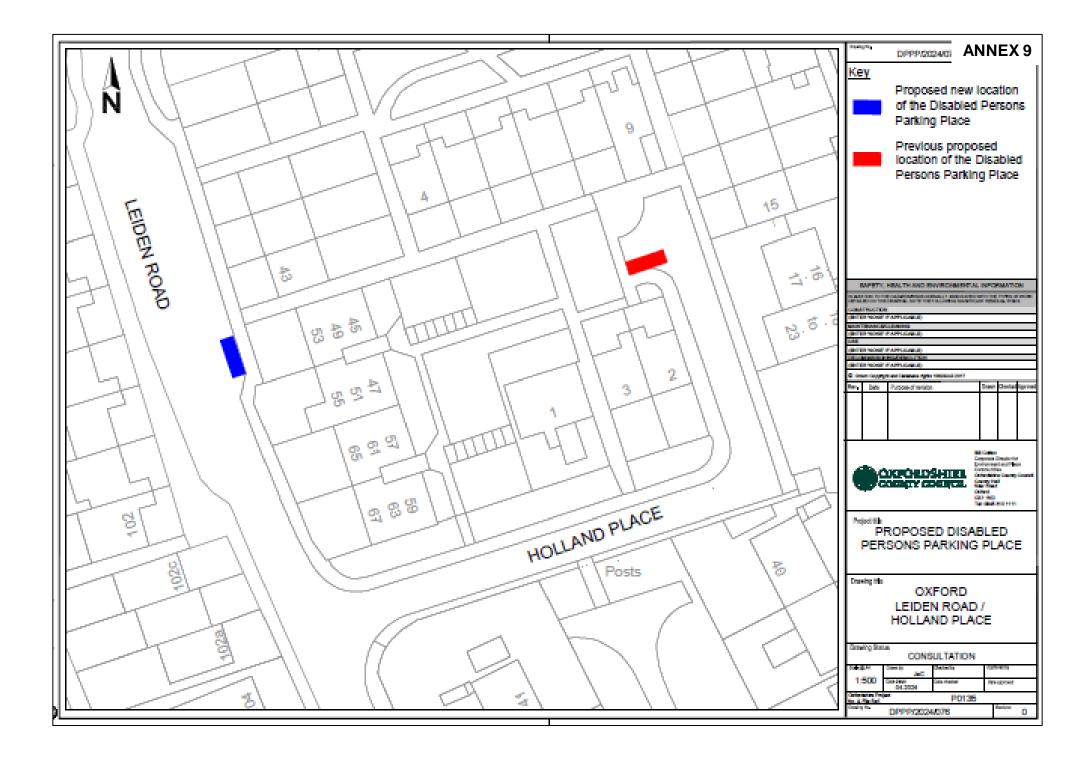


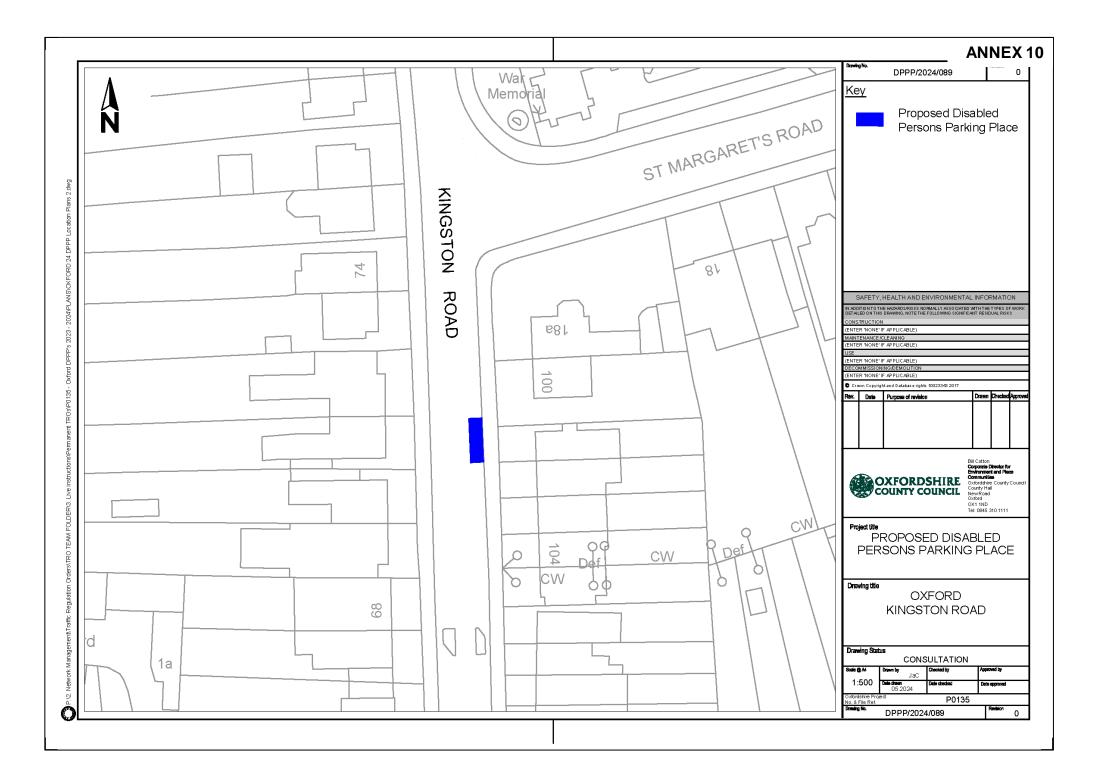


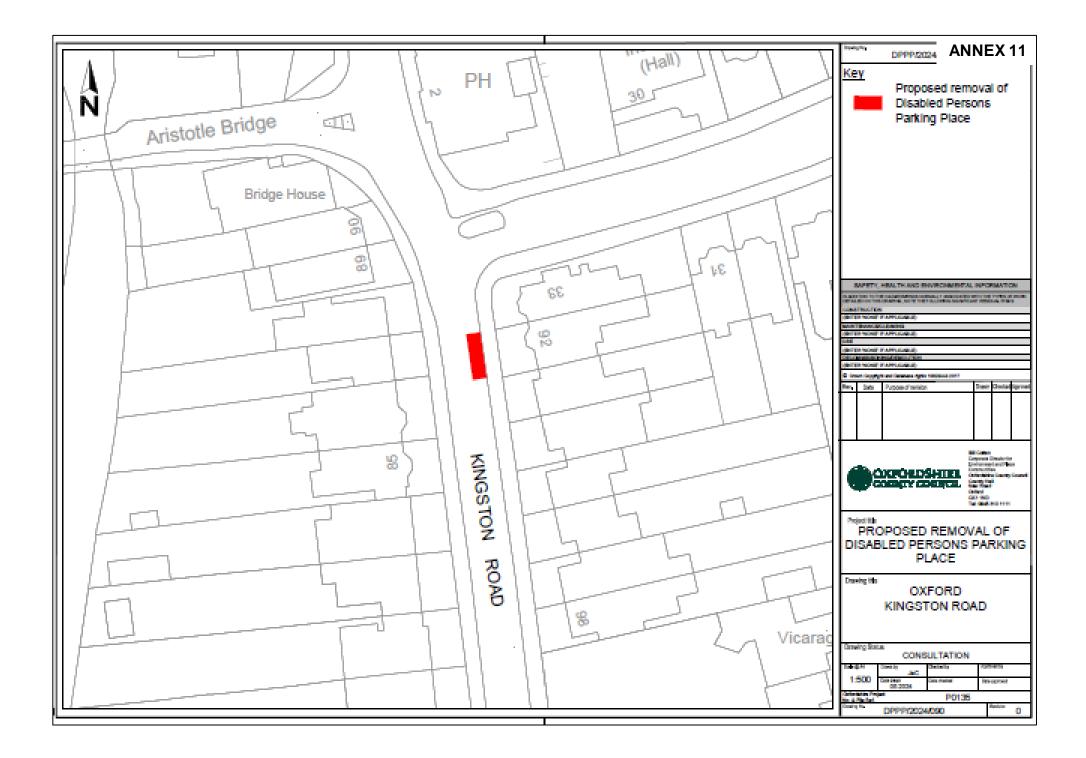


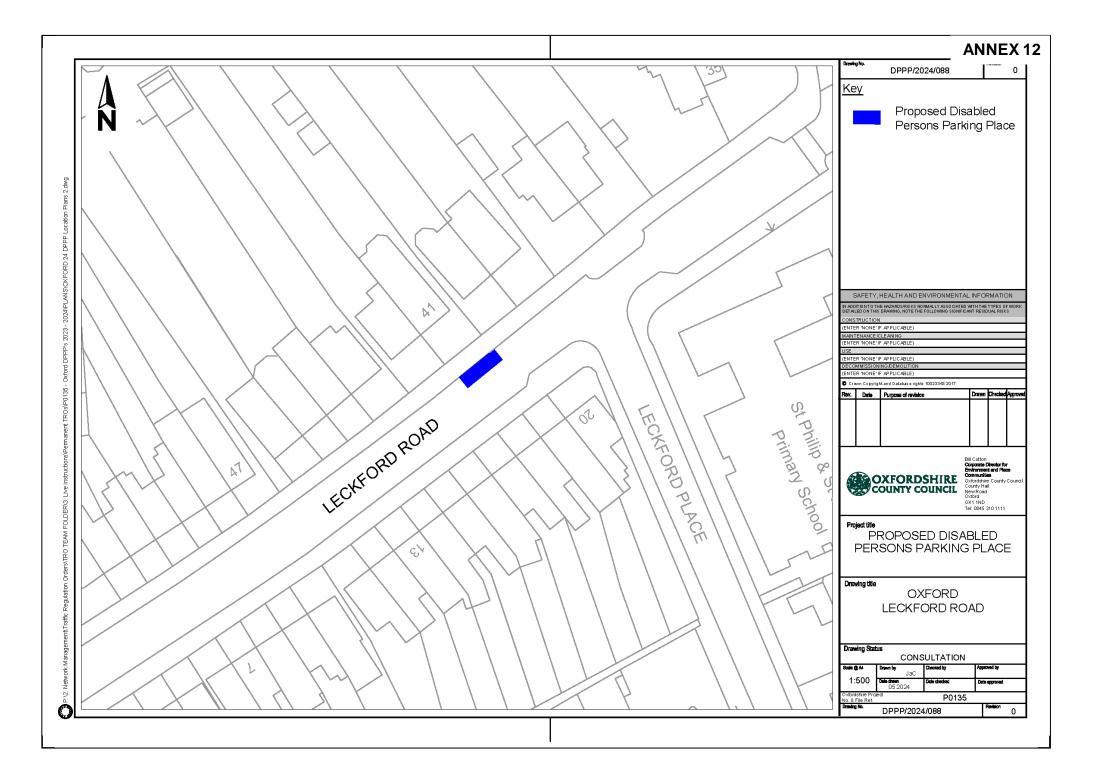


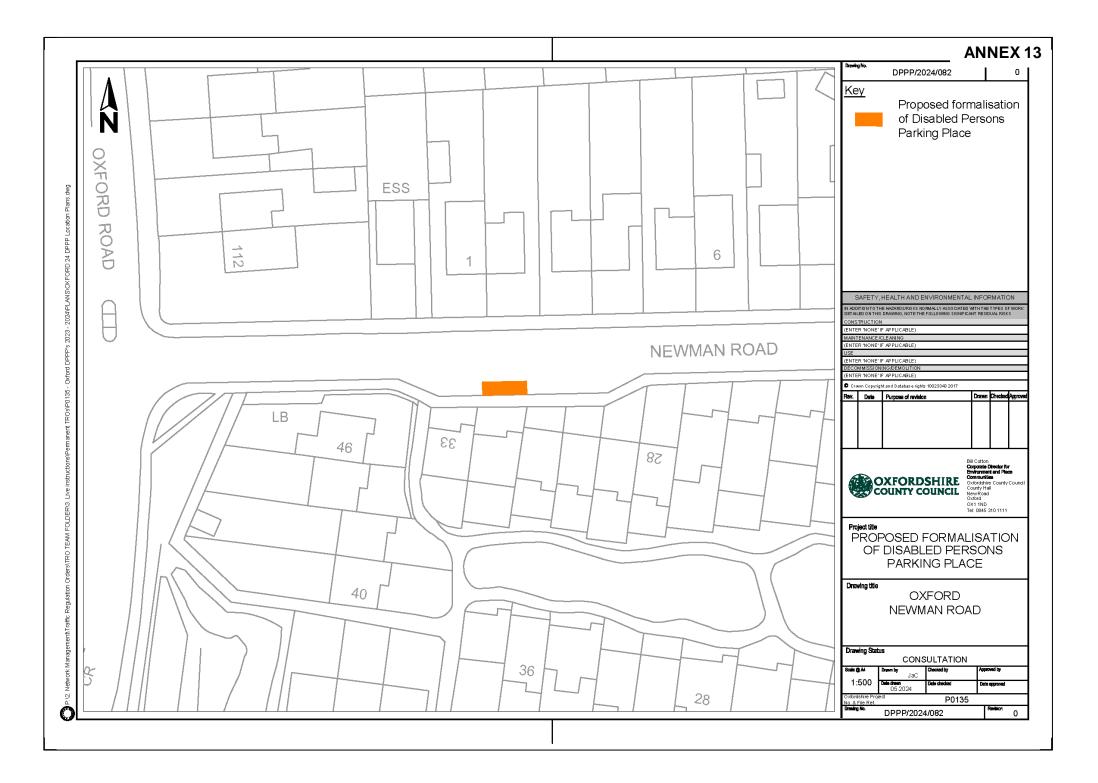


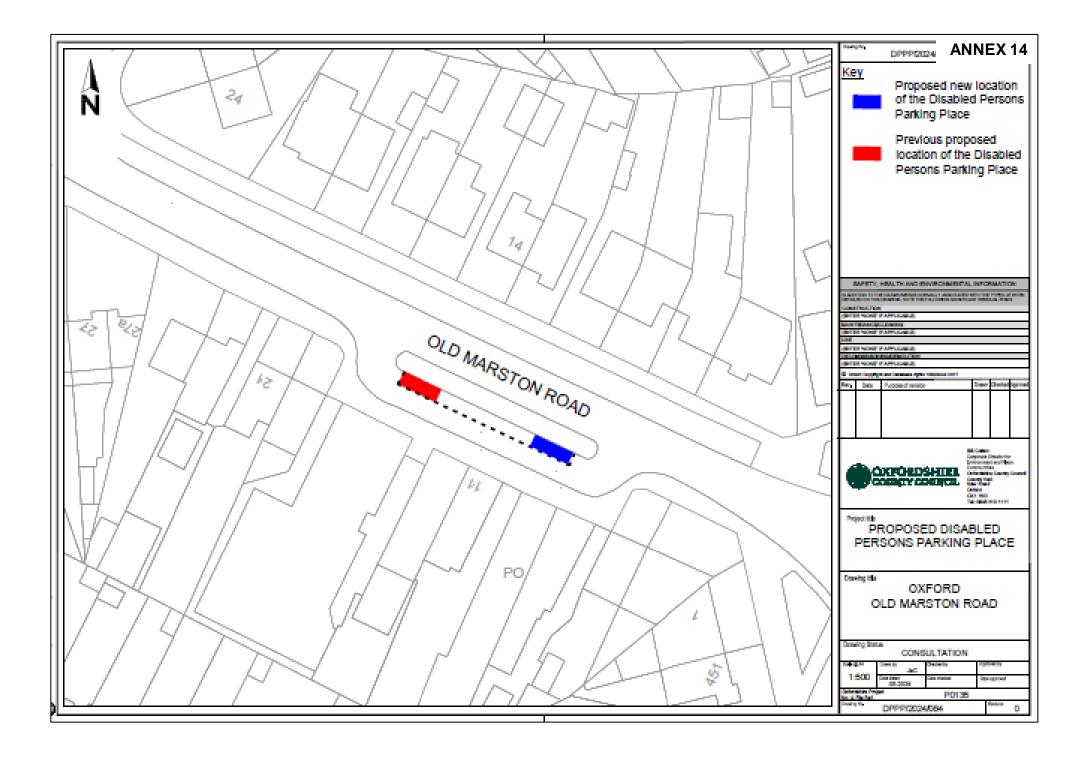


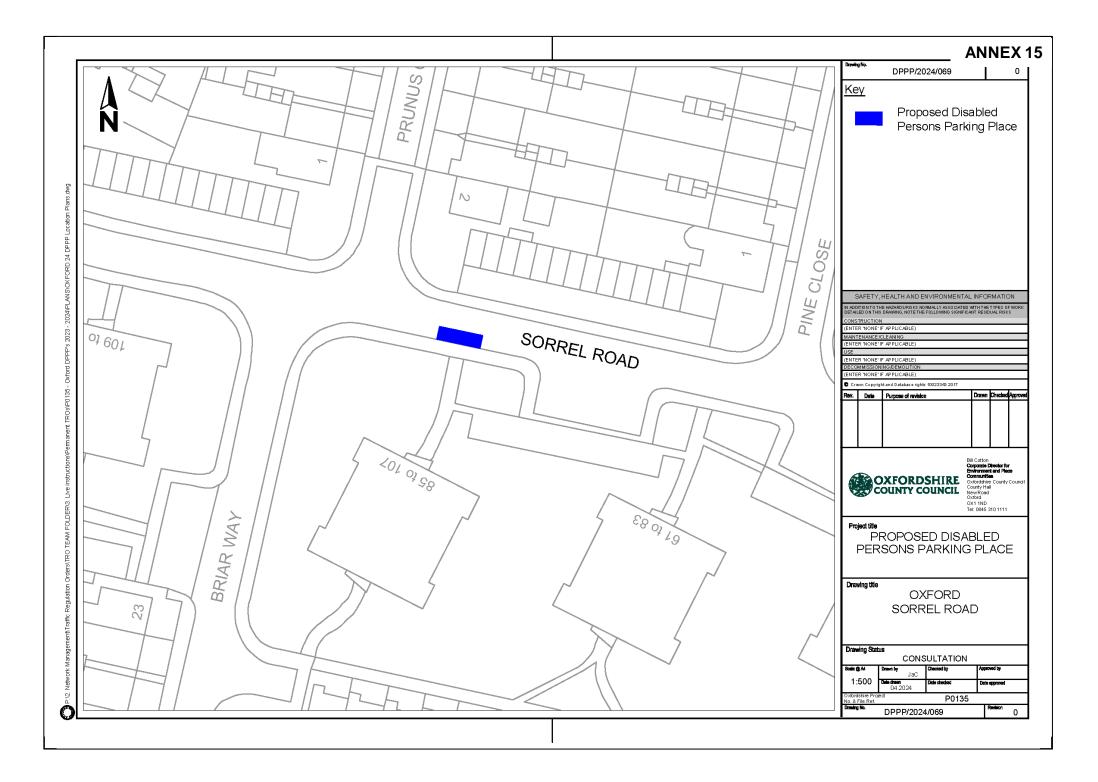


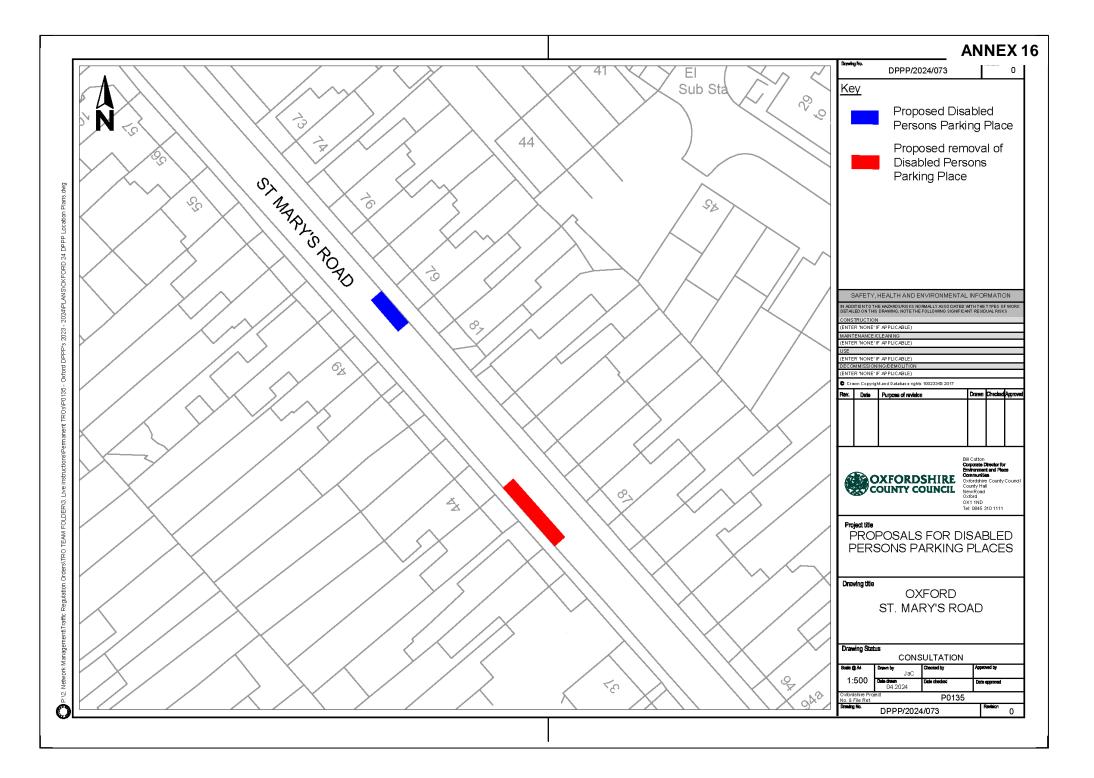


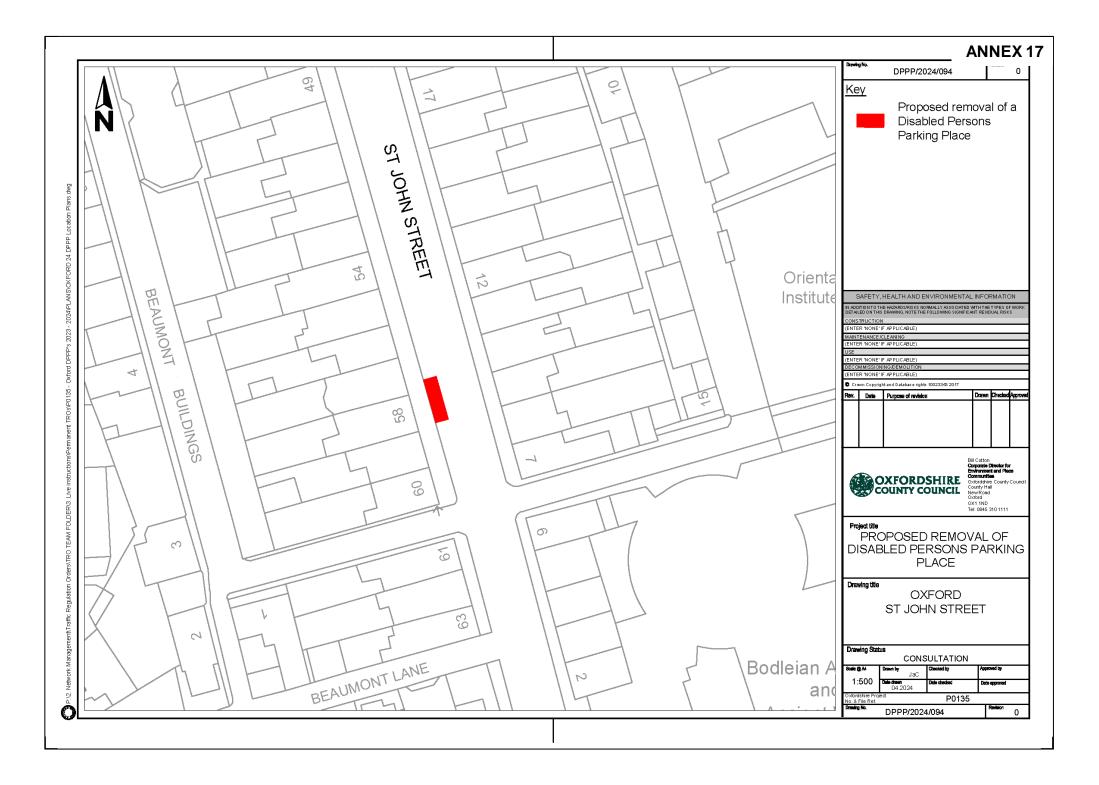


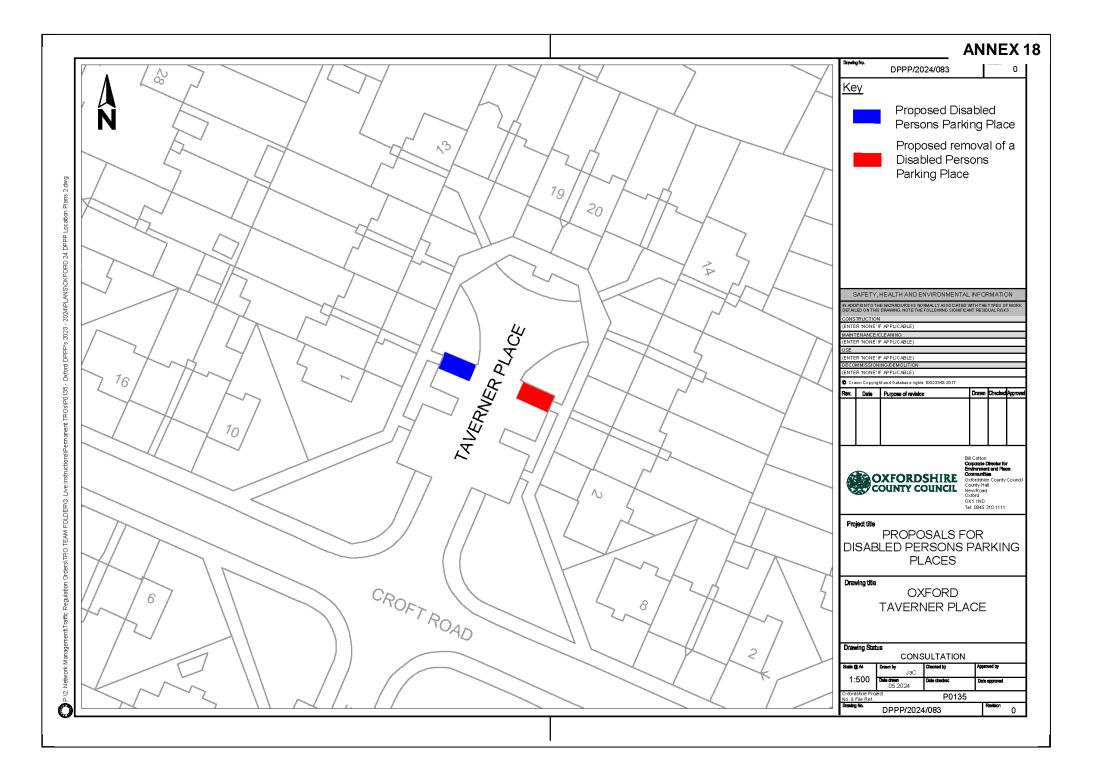


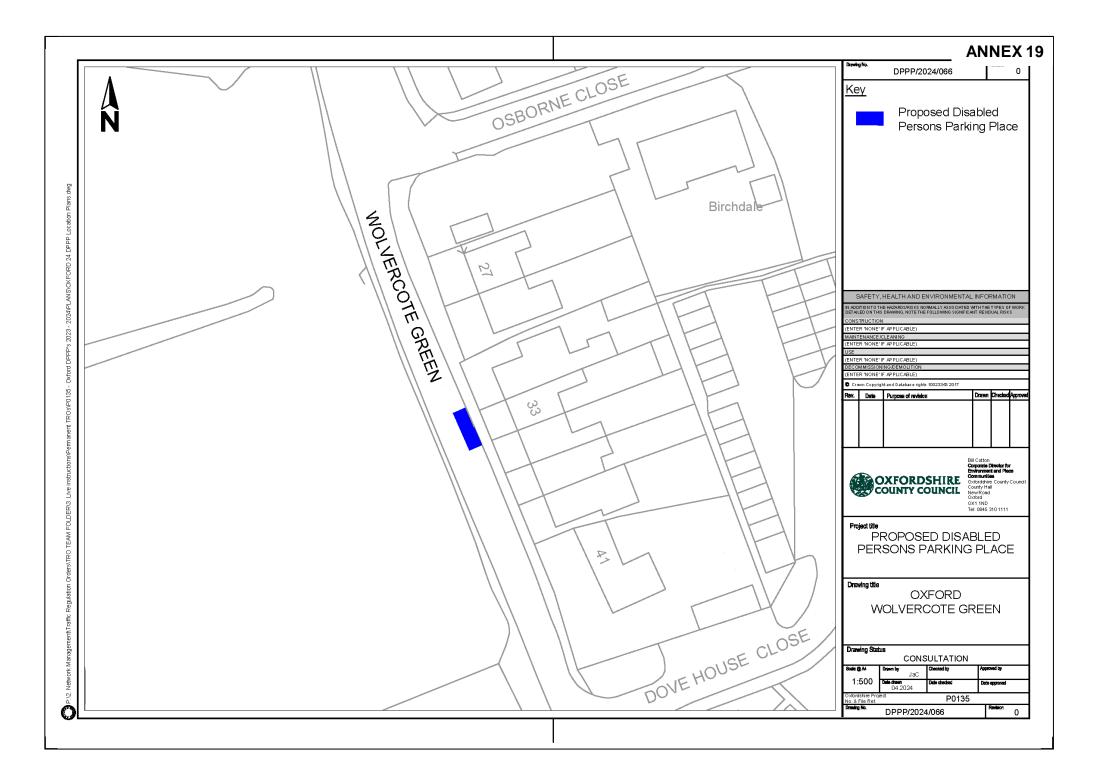












RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No objection
Boulter Street (Oxford) - I	Proposed new DPPP
(2) Local Resident, (Oxford)	<ul> <li>Support (Boulter Street) – It would certainly be sensible for the applicant to be able to park in front of his house whilst he can still drive.</li> <li>Furthermore, the location of the space is important, both myself and another resident run an electric car. The proposed location of the disabled bay is one of only two spaces on the road to which we can run power to charge our vehicles. Whilst the line painters are here, would it be possible to extend the parking bay on the side of the proposed, disabled parking bay to compensate? I understand that to make this work we would have to shorten the parking bay on the other side.</li> <li>I would request that the location of this space be carefully chosen such that there is a length of space in front of it to maximise the parking availability on the street. I.e a length corresponding to a whole number of vehicles.</li> <li>Whilst we are discussing provision of facilities on the street. Some form of on the street bicycle parking located towards the bottom of the road in some of the less accessible spaces would be a welcome addition to the facilities of Boulter Street.</li> </ul>
Bramwell Place (Oxford) -	Proposed new DPPP
(3) Local Resident, (Oxford)	Support (Bramwell Place) – I am not opposed to said disabled parking space indicated on the map.

Church Way (Oxford) – Proposed removal of DPPP

(4) Local Resident, (Oxford)	<b>Objection</b> (Church Way - removal) – I still use this disabled bay.
(5) Local Resident, (Oxford)	<b>Concerns</b> (Church Way - removal) – I'm writing to ask you about the removal of the parking outside as it is used by my family as I have a badge and disabled myself. Also I would like to bring to your attention of meadow lane for parking people park all day don't live here go off to town so if we have ambulances and deliveries at the weekend the parking is bad also iffley turn is also an awfull place to drive through with cars everywhere there is a blue Morris minor parked down meadow lane by our properties no one know s who owns this it's there permanently.
Clematis Place (Ovfor	d) - Proposed new DPPP
	Support (Clematis Way) - I would like to state that I have no objections to this being put in place. I'm aware of the reasoning behind this and fully support the application and agree with the choice of putting this in place.
(6) Local Resident,	Support (Clematis Way) - I would like to state that I have no objections to this being put in place. I'm aware of the
	<ul> <li>Support (Clematis Way) - I would like to state that I have no objections to this being put in place. I'm aware of the reasoning behind this and fully support the application and agree with the choice of putting this in place.</li> <li>On the subject of parking though, I would like to raise a concern/issue regarding parking down Clematis Place - teachers from the nearby school use it which at one point we were having 8 cars a day which caused issues with</li> </ul>

(7) Local Resident, (Oxford)	Support (East Avenue) – I support this proposal.
Elmthorpe Road (Oxfore	d) - Proposed new DPPP
(8) Local Resident, (Oxford)	<b>Concerns</b> (Elmthorpe Road) – Unless someone living in the road is registered disabled and has specifically requested this, then as a resident I am strongly opposed to this. There is already not sufficient parking for the residents of the street, and the neighbours are all friendly enough that if there's a specific instance of need (eg a disabled person visiting) people would leave a space. However, to have a space permanently unusable by non-disabled residents, in what is already an extremely congested street, is in my view a very poor use of space.
	Perhaps a disabled space could be considered in Godstow Road, Rosamund Road or Home Close, all of which have significantly more space per resident than Elmthorpe does?
Fiennes Road (Oxford)	- Proposed new DPPP
	<ul> <li>Concerns (Fiennes Road) - There are a few things I have noticed would be a hazardous if the current location of the bay is placed.</li> <li>1. The current proposed location is close to a junction which will cause an accident from traffic coming in</li> </ul>
(9) Local Resident (Oxford)	<ul> <li>and out of Fiennes Road.</li> <li>If someone parks on the opposite side of the proposed disabled bay then no car will be able to come or go through Fiennes Road.</li> </ul>
	This has happened few times over the years. I propose to put part of the disabled parking bay over the kerb which will give space to other cars. They also have a driveway located on Fiennes Road which is connected to the garden which would be easy to get in and out of the car.
Hayfield Road (Oxford)	- Proposed new DPPP

(10) Local Resident (Oxford)	Support (Hayfield Road) – This would be a logical step.	
(11) Local Resident (Oxford)	Support (Hayfield Road) – I very much hope it will be approved.	
Leiden Road (Oxford) - P	Proposed new DPPP	
(12) Local Resident (Oxford)	<b>Concerns</b> (Leiden Road) - I often have problems parking outside the flats in the afternoons and the weekends because of other people's cars and vans. This makes it stressful searching for a parking place. If you take out a parking space for a disability space this will make the problem worse. Opposite our flats, on the other side of the road, I can see a few car spaces which are in between house's which would not obstruct their access to their driveway. This could be a much better solution for a disabled parking space.	
Kingston Road (Oxford) - Proposed new DPPP		
(13) Local Resident (Oxford)	<b>Support</b> (Kingston Road) – At 101 Kingston Road the front pathway has been modified to provide a ramp for wheelchair access. This would be a logical step.	
(14) Local Resident (Oxford)	Support (Kingston Road) – I am in favour of this proposal	
Kingston Road (Oxford) - Proposed removal of a DPPP		

(15) Local Resident (Oxford)	<b>Support</b> (Kingston Road – removal) - It would be of great benefit to the residents if the disabled parking place was removed.
(16) Local Resident (Oxford)	<b>Support</b> (Kingston Road – removal) - It was put there for our only disabled resident who died many years ago. As such amenity is already in place just around the corner we no longer need this space. There is great scarcity of parking in the part of the road between St Margaret's and Polstead. Another place would be greatly appreciated.
(17) Local Resident (Oxford)	<b>Support</b> (Kingston Road – removal) - Just to say we are in full support of the removal of the disabled person parking place on Kingston Road that is not used and not needed and we have very limited parking as families.
(18) Local Resident (Oxford)	<b>Support</b> (Kingston Road – removal) - Please add my voice to the request to remove the disabled space outside 92 Kingston Road (between the Anchor and the church). I understand that it was added for a resident who died 20 years ago. Residents' parking is tight for those of us without off-street parking and there's already a disabled space just round the corner outside 30 Polstead Road.
(19) Local Resident (Oxford)	<b>Support</b> (Kingston Road – removal) - This disabled space should be removed. There are two disabled spaces outside the St Margaret's Institute round the corner in Polstead Road, about 50 m away (with road markings which badly need repainting).
(20) Local Resident (Oxford)	<b>Support</b> (Kingston Road – removal) - I believe some of my neighbours received a letter about removing the above mentioned disabled parking bay but I can't seem to find one. I think it would be a positive move.
(21) Local Resident (Oxford)	Support (Kingston Road – removal) - We would be grateful if you removed it.

Leckford Road (Oxford) - Proposed new DPPP		
(22) Local Resident (Oxford)	Support (Leckford Road) - The proposed parking space outside No. 41 Leckford Road, we are thoroughly in favour.	
(23) Local Resident (Oxford)	<b>Support</b> (Leckford Road) – The applicant clearly deserves a parking space outside his house [no 41]. We support this application.	
Newman Road (Oxford) -	Proposed formalization of a DPPP	
(24) Local Resident (Oxford)	<b>Concerns</b> (Newman Road) – Unfortunately both are now deceased, a new family have moved in so I'm very sorry if I'm wrong but I'm wondering if this proposal was meant for the previous occupants. As the new occupants have only been living at 32 Newman Road a couple months.	
(25) Local Resident (Oxford)	<b>Concerns</b> (Newman Road) –The health of this person sadly deteriorated quickly, and that's when the DPPP was put in place. Since then, this person has moved out of the property and I have reason to believe they passed away. After that, ODS has taken care of renovating the property and a new family has moved in. Of course I am not aware whether or not any of them have a disability, however I am wondering if this formalisation is coming too late as nobody will be using that space. Also, the "DISABLED" sign and the marking lines have been mostly erased and they are not legible. Do we still need this DPPP?	
Old Marston Road (Oxford	) - Proposed new DPPP	
(26) Local Resident (Oxford)	<b>Objection</b> (Old Marston Road) - I am writing to you to reject your proposal for a disabled parking bay. During the past 20 years that I have been here, the issue of parking has worsened day by day. There aren't enough parking places for the customers coming to us. Some residents or workers nearby misuse this space or use it illegally,	

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	meaning they leave their cars there all day and night. I am able to send you pictures of proof if you'd like. Nearby residents complain that customers are blocking their drive ways.
(27) Local Resident (Oxford)	<b>Objection</b> (Old Marston Road) - I am very strongly against this proposal because I have been living here for nearly 20 years. The parking around my house is getting increasingly worse every day. Most of the time, the customers for the shop block our driveway, therefore we cannot exit or enter our house. The reason for the blockage is that the customers don't have enough space to park. If this proposal goes ahead the customers will lose the parking space and they will park in front of my drive way permanently. The customers have 3 parking spaces. If they loose one where will they park their cars? Some people permanently park their cars and leave it their for days. I have never seen any parking warden coming to my area to take any action. Can you please spend one /two weeks in this area, then you will know the issue. If you go ahead with this proposal my daily life will be affected. If someone blocks my driveway because there is not enough parking space the responsibility will be yours.
(28) Local Resident (Oxford)	<ul> <li>Concerns (Old Marston Road) - Though we are sympathetic and respectful towards Disabled people and to the proposal to provide a parking place for them, we have our reservations and concern with regard to provide a place specially in Old Marston Road.</li> <li>There are only a limited no of parking spaces for people who live in and around Old Marston Road and the customers who use these spaces to use their local chemist, post office and the grocery shops, hence a specially designated parking for disabled people will have an impact on them not able to get their medicines or postal services as we see many customers do park on the pavement to run up to post office, chemist or for their daily grocery.</li> <li>Moreover, to my knowledge, there aren't any Disabled people who live around here who urgently need a slot. Hence, our view in this is that we are not in favour of the proposal as it is in Old Marston Road.</li> </ul>
(29) Local Resident (Oxford)	<b>Concerns</b> (Old Marston Road) - The allotted disabled parking space is not suitable. As the allotted parking space is in front of the shops(co-operative and cost-cutter). I usually have to wait for at least 10 minutes to make use of the space. Since there is already problem with it and if there comes a disabled parking space, it is not convenient. So, I would kindly request you to provide another space for the disabled parking.

(30) Local Resident (Oxford)	<b>Support</b> (Old Marston Road) - The marked bay in the letter is perfect place for me to park. Thank you kindly for very thoughtful and arranging the disabled parking bay for me. Very kind of you and your team. Opposite Wellness pharmacy is also okay for me which is one behind the first bay near CO OP.
Sorrel Road (Oxford) - Pro	pposed new DPPP
(31) Local Resident (Oxford)	<ul> <li>Support (Sorrel Road) - The proposed disabled car parking space is a good idea many elderly people on the ground floor need the space and disabled access doors.</li> <li>On Another note Sorrel road needs extra parking spaces for other cars also it is getting crowded. Thank you for listening to our concerns and resolving the issues.</li> </ul>
St. Mary's Road (Oxford) -	Proposed removal of DPPP
(32) Local Resident (Oxford)	<b>Object</b> (St. Mary's Road - removal) – The applicants have still got their disability badges and still require assistance so why it has been suggested they no longer need the disabled parking is incorrect. Whoever advised this is in fact misinforming the council.
St. John Street (Oxford) -	Proposed removal of two DPPP's
(33) Local Resident (Oxford)	Support (St. John Street - removal) – The disabled spaces are not needed. The local residents need the parking spaces.
(34) Local Resident (Oxford)	

	<b>Support</b> (St. John Street - removal) – These parking places are not needed and rarely used and in areas where more residents parking is required. It is good housekeeping by the council to review where these spaces are and make changes as they see fit.		
Taverner Place (Oxford) - I	Taverner Place (Oxford) - Proposed new DPPP		
(35) Local Resident (Oxford)	<b>Object</b> (Taverner Place) - I am unable to find the survey online so am emailing to oppose the position of the new parking space. If the parking space was one space to the right (as looking out from the houses) it would be outside the blue badge holders house. I would have no objection to this. There are not enough parking spaces in our close as it is.		
Wolvercote Green (Oxford) - Proposed new DPPP			
(36) Local Resident (Oxford)	<b>Support</b> (Wolvercote Green) - It is fine by me but I would be interested to know that if the person vacates their house, do you remove the Disabled Parking space? Or for that matter if down the years such a space is required outside someone else's property in this limited parking area, do you change accordingly?		