

TRANSPORT DECISIONS COMMITTEE – 11 FEBRUARY 2010

DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES – OXFORD CITY

Report by Head of Transport

Introduction

1. This report considers the proposed provision of new Disabled Persons' Parking Places (DPPPs), proposed relocation of some existing DPPPs to better meet local requirements, removal of existing DPPPs that are no longer needed and finally the removal from the Order of those bays that had been removed as a result of previous traffic improvements but are still shown in the Order. This follows the publication of the draft Oxfordshire County Council (Disabled Persons' Parking Places - Oxford) (Amendment [No.8*]) Order 20**.

Background

2. The increasing demand for parking in Oxfordshire can lead to particular difficulties for disabled people who need to park close to their homes or place of work. The County Council may provide a DPPP on a public road where there is a need.
3. On 7 December 2004 the Executive agreed to rationalise policy with regard to disabled parking which included proposals to adopt a uniform approach to be implemented throughout the County. Previously, in Oxfordshire (as opposed to Oxford City) disabled parking was provided by the use of advisory bays. These bays are marked up on the ground but no disabled sign plate is provided and, as they do not appear in a Traffic Regulation Order, are not enforceable. A review of these DPPPs is being carried out across Oxfordshire to ensure they are still required and those that are will be formalised. It will then be possible to enforce them. At the same time, new requests for DPPPs are considered.

Procedure

4. A fact sheet listing the criteria required to qualify for a DPPP is available in the Members' Resource Centre. A primary condition for qualification is that the applicant has to be a Blue Badge holder. Applicants have to complete a detailed application form and provide a copy of their driving licence and vehicle registration documents to prove that both the driver and the vehicle owner are resident at the address where the DPPP is requested.
5. The site is then assessed by a Highways Inspector to see if a DPPP is feasible. If it is, informal consultation is carried out with various authorities, such as the Emergency Services. If no comments are made, formal

consultation is commenced. This report considers comments in respect of the DPPP's referred to in paragraph 1 received at the formal stage.

Formal Consultation

6. The Directorate sent a copy of the draft Amendment Order, a Statement of Reasons for the Order and a copy of the Public Notice appearing in the local press to formal Consultees on 17 November, 2009. These documents, together with supporting documentation as required, and plans of all the DPPP's were deposited for public inspection at County Hall and Blackbird Leys, Littlemore Peers, Cowley, Headington, Old Marston and Summertown Libraries. They are also available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre.
7. Separately, the Directorate wrote to local residents in each area where the proposed new and relocated DPPP's would be sited asking for their comments. The Directorate also wrote to local residents in areas where it is proposed to remove existing DPPP's that are no longer required. In addition public notices were displayed at each site and in the Oxford Times. A table showing all the bay proposals is shown at Annex 1.
8. Comments were received in respect of the proposed DPPP in Lambourn Road, Rose Hill. Comments were also received in respect of the proposed extension of a DPPP in Nelson Street, Jericho.
9. Comments were received in respect of the proposed DPPP removals in Park Town, Norham Manor; Quarry Road, Headington; St Mary's Road, East Oxford and Wellington Street, Jericho.
10. A synopsis of each comment with an officer response is set out at Annex 2. Copies of the responses can be viewed in the Members' Resource Centre.
11. The only statutory Consultee to comment was the Fire & Rescue Service who advised that they had no objections to the draft order.
12. Only one change to the advertised proposals is recommended in response to comments made during the consultation.
13. It had been proposed to remove the DPPP outside 48 Wellington Street, Jericho. However a disabled resident who lives a few doors away from the site of the DPPP has requested that it remains as it is used daily by family and friends to take her out. The DPPP is also used by disabled patients visiting the Clinic just around the corner in Albert Street. The removal of the bay would cause her and the other users hardship. As there have been no comments from local residents for or against the proposal, it is recommended that the proposal does not proceed and the bay remains.
14. All the other proposals are recommended to proceed as advertised.

How the Project supports LTP2 Objectives

15. The introduction of new DPPP's and the extension or relocating of existing DPPP's will help in Delivering Accessibility by enabling disabled people to park near to their homes and thus access a wider range of services.
16. Removal of DPPP's that are no longer required will Improve the Street Environment by reducing sign clutter and result in better management of parking.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

17. The cost of installing the DPPP's is approximately £8,000 and will be met from the existing revenue budget provided for these.

RECOMMENDATION

18. **The Committee is RECOMMENDED to authorise variations to the Oxfordshire County Council (Disabled Persons' Parking Place - Oxford) (Amendment No 4/5) Order 20** as amended in this report to provide for:**
 - (a) **eight new DPPP's, two DPPP extensions, and four DPPP relocations as set out in Annex 1 to this report; and**
 - (b) **the removal of twenty DPPP's (ie excluding Wellington Street, Jericho) as detailed in Annex 1 to this report.**

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Background papers: Consultation documentation

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Proposed New Disabled Persons' Parking Places	
1	Boundary Brook Road, off Iffley Road, outside No's 21 & 25.
2	Brampton Road, Barton, relocation of existing bay from outside No 9 to No 11.
3	Butterwort Place, Blackbird Leys, relocation of existing bay approximately 8.5 metres southwards.
4	Ferry Road, Marston South, outside No 56.
5	Hill Top Road, off Divinity Road, outside No 25 & 27.
6	Kingston Road, Walton Manor outside No's 149 & 150.
7	Lambourn Road, Rose Hill, outside No 7 & 9.
8	Mayfield Road, Summertown, south side, relocation of existing bay eastwards.
9	Nelson Street, Jericho, outside No 11, extension of existing DPPP.
10	Southfield Park, East Oxford, extension of existing bay outside No's 192 – 222.
11	Southfield Road, East Oxford, outside No 128.
12	Spencer Crescent, Rose Hill, outside No 82.
13	Summerfield Road, Summertown, outside Marks and Spencer.
14	Williamson Way, Rose Hill, relocation of existing bay.

Proposed Removal of Disabled Persons Parking Places no Longer Required	
1	Bayswater Road, Barton, opposite No 98.
2	Bernwood Road, Barton, outside No 1.
3	Bernwood Road, Barton, outside No 47.
4	Bernwood Road, Barton, outside No 2 Ilsley Road – in lay-by.
5	Comfrey Road, Blackbird Leys, outside No's 6 & 8.
6	Courtland Road, near Rose Hill, outside No 15.
7	Downside End, Risinghurst, outside No 10 & 12 Rowland House.
8	Edgeway Road, Marston South, outside No 5.
9	Humfrey Road, Barton, outside No 14.
10	Leiden Road, Wood Farm, outside No 89.
11	Minster Road, East Oxford, outside No 2.
12	Park Town, Norham Manor, outside No 10.
13	Quarry Road, Headington Quarry, outside No 17.
14	Routh Road, Barton, outside No 10.
15	Samphire Road, Blackbird Leys, outside No 19.
16	Squitchey Lane, Summertown, outside No 1.
17	St Margaret's Road, Walton Manor, outside No 11.
18	St Mary's Road, East Oxford, outside No 76.
19	St Nicholas Road, Minchery Farm, outside No 95.
20	St Peter's Road, Wolvercote, outside No 44
21	Wellington Street, Jericho, outside No 48 (now recommended to be retained).

Comments on the Proposed Disabled Persons' Parking Places (DPPPs)

	Commentor	Comments	Response	Recommendation
DPPP Lambourn Road, Rose Hill				
1	Resident, Lambourn Road.	The disabled applicant's family park at an angle and take up 2/3 car spaces. They have blocked other vehicles in on occasion and have caused disruption in the road. The DPPP would "limit" parking for other residents. Another resident has said that it will decrease the value of the property. Doesn't think the applicant is disabled and bay not needed. If the DPPP is needed – better to put it the other side of the road away from residents housing.	The applicant qualifies for the DPPP. The applicant's family park at an angle to ensure that the vehicle is not blocked in by other vehicles. The DPPP would facilitate this. If the bay was sited on the opposite side it would disrupt others wishing to park and would not help the applicant's family. It is likely that they would still wish to park outside their home leaving the bay empty.	It is recommended that approval is given for the DPPP to be located in the proposed position.
2	Resident Lambourn Road.	Has been a "parking issue" here for 7-8 months and DPPP will leave even less space. The "Council" has told them there is room for 1 space per household but this is not the case. Resident approached "the Council" a few months ago to reduce the pavement outside his house for more parking (there is a pavement build out – author) however they didn't appear interested. There are many disabled residents in the road – will they all be allocated DPPPs?	As above	As above
3	Resident, Lambourn	Has ongoing problems with the	As above	As above

	Road	applicant's family about parking and DPPP would prevent her parking outside her house.		
4	Resident, Lambourn Road	The DPPP would be sited outside a neighbour (not the applicant – author) whose son is disabled and is picked up by “disabled transport.” As this has been the case for almost 20 years believes inspector should have considered this. Believes DPPP shouldn't be sited outside neighbour's house.	Social and Community Service advise they have no other Blue Badges registered at nearby houses. The cul-de-sac is wide enough for the “disabled transport” to park adjacent to the DPPP. The applicant's family are aware that any vehicle correctly displaying a Blue Badge can park in the DPPP and are happy to accommodate the needs of their neighbour.	As above
5	Estates Manager – City Housing	Strongly believes that the DPPP should be installed as planned. Has worked with the applicant's family for a number of years and due to parking problems here believes it will be beneficial for them to be able to park near their home.	Noted.	As above.
DPPP extension at Nelson Street, Jericho				
6	Resident, Nelson Street	Approves of proposal as 3 blue badge holders in locality. Suggests altering parking restrictions here to provide extra parking.	Noted. TRO team to consider suggestions when Jericho CPZ is next reviewed.	Proceed as advertised.

Comments on Proposed Removal of Disabled Persons' Parking Places (DPPP)

	Commentor	Comments	Response	Recommendation
DPPP at Park Town, Norham Manor				
1	Resident, Park Town.	Approves of the proposal – the user moved some time ago.		Proceed as advertised.
DPPP at Quarry Road, Headington				
2	Resident, Quarry	Has bought the	Extend the Community	Proceed as

	Road.	house the DPPP is outside of and approves of removal as it is always empty. However, if it becomes residents' parking it will make it difficult to access or leave the hard-standing.	Management white protection line further north by 1 metre to improve access (provided resident agrees to pay to extend dropped kerb).	advertised.
3	Resident, Quarry Road.	Lives opposite the DPPP and when it is empty reverses out of drive and across road into DPPP to then drive away. If it is occupied cannot park or turn into their drive. Wants DPPP retained to continue this. Bay also used by occupants of No 21. Suggests that double yellow lines outside their house down to junction with Old Road be removed to allow residents to park evenly over both sides.	Reversing out of off-road space is dangerous. The proposed extension of the Community Management marking (see above) will assist. TRO team to consider suggestions when Headington Quarry CPZ is reviewed.	As above.
DPPP at St Mary's Road, East Oxford.				
4	Resident, St Mary's Road.	Bay not needed and parking at a premium here.	Noted.	Proceed as advertised.
DPPP at Wellington Street, Jericho				
5	Resident, Wellington Street.	Lives a few doors away from DPPP and uses it every day when family and friends come to take her out. Also used by disabled patients visiting the Surgery around the corner in Albert Street. Could the bay remain?	No other responses for or against proposal Suggest bay remains.	Recommend that the bay remains. Can be reviewed again next time DPPP changes in the City are consulted on.