Divisions affected:

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT

23 MAY 2024

SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE & VALE OF THE WHITE HORSE DISTRICTS: VARIOUS LOCATIONS – PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES

Report by Corporate Director for Environment and Place

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Transport Management is RECOMMENDED to approve:

- a) The proposed provision of Disabled Persons Parking Places (DPPP) at: Coopers Lane, Abingdon; Fane Drive, Berinsfield; Elm Drive, Chinnor; Pages Orchard, Sonning Common; Van Diemans, Stanford-in-the-Vale; Radnor Road, Wallingford; Manor Road, Whitchurch-on-Thames.
- b) The proposed removal of Disabled Persons Parking Places (DPPP) at: St. Marks Road, Henley-on-Thames; Chapel Lane, Letcombe Regis; Park Street, Thame.
- c) But defer approval of the proposals at the following locations pending further investigations: Maberley Close, Abingdon; Cowleaze, Chinnor; Kynaston Road, Didcot; Gainsborough Crescent, Henley-on-Thames; Anvil Paddock, Letcombe Regis; Church Road, Radley; Ashford Avenue, Sonning Common.
- d) Defer approval of the removal of DPPP at the following locations: Park Road, Henley-on-Thames.

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 the South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse districts

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 **13** 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.

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 6 March and 5 April 2024. A notice was placed in the Herald Series newspaper and emails sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, South Oxfordshire District Council, the Vale of the White Horse District Council and the local County Councillors. Notices were placed on site and letters sent directly to properties in the immediate vicinity, adjacent to the proposals.
- 10. Forty-eight responses were received from members of the public during the course of the consultation (two other members of the public gave general online support for every proposal, which are not included in this report) and these are summarised in the table below:

Town	Location	Support	Object	Concerns
Abingdon	Coopers Lane			2

	Maberley Close	3	2	2
Berinsfield	Fane Drive	5		
Chinnor	Cowleaze		5	3
	Elm Drive			1
Didcot	Kynaston Road		1	
Henley-on- Thames	Gainsborough Crescent			3
	Park Road (removal)	1	1	
	St. Marks Road (Removal)	1		
Letcombe Regis	Anvil Paddock		3	1
	Chapel Lane (removal)	1		
Radley	Church Road			1
Sonning Common	Ashford Avenue		1	2
	Pages Orchard	1	1	
Stanford in the Vale	Van Diemans		1	2
Thame	Park Street (removal)	1		
Wallingford	Radnor Road	1		
Whitchurch on Thames	Manor Road		1	1

- 11. Thames Valley Police responded expressing no objection.
- 12. The responses are recorded in **Annex 14**, and copies of the full responses are available for inspection by County Councillors

Officer response to objections/concerns

- 13. Comments and recommendations are provided in response to the concerns and objections as given in Annex 14 in respect of each of the proposed sites in the following paragraphs.
- 14. 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). 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.
- 15. 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.

Abingdon - Coopers Lane: proposed new DPPP

16. Two expressions of concern were received; concerns were received over the location of the disabled parking; it is recommended that this proposal is approved, however, consideration needs to be made on the most suitable location for the disabled applicant.

Abingdon - Maberley Close: proposed new DPPP

17. Two objections, two expressions of concern and three expressions of support were received; private parking is available at the nearby garages approximately 50 metres away; it is recommended not to approve the disabled parking place.

Berinsfield - Fane Drive: proposed new DPPP

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

<u>Chinnor – Cowleaze</u>: proposed new DPPP

19. Five objections and three expressions of concern were received; there is nearby adequate private parking available less than 100 metres away, it is recommended not to approve this disabled parking place.

Chinnor – Elm Drive: proposed new DPPP

20. One expression of concern was received; parking concerns were raised; it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place given that the applicant already parks in this area.

<u>Didcot – Kynaston Road</u>: proposed new DPPP

21. One objection was received; applicant has installed an off road parking area to the front of the property since the application was received, therefore does not now reach the criteria; it is recommended to not approve the disabled parking place.

<u>Henley-on-Thames – Gainsborough Crescent</u>: proposed formalisation of two existing DPPPs

22. Three expressions of concern were received; the disabled parking places are not fully utilised; it is recommended not to approve the formalisation of these disabled parking places, but to carry out a review of the existing disabled parking places on Gainsborough Crescent.

Henley-on-Thames - Park Road: proposed removal of DPPP

23. One objection and one expression of support were received; the applicant informed us that the disabled parking is still required; it is recommended not to approve the removal of the disabled parking place.

Henley-on-Thames - St. Mark's Road: proposed removal of DPPP

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

<u>Letcombe Regis – Anvil Paddock</u>: proposed new DPPP

25. Three objections and one expression of concern was received; during the consultation the applicant informed us that they no longer require the disabled parking due to moving away; it is recommended not to approve the disabled parking place.

<u>Letcombe Regis – Chapel Lane</u>: proposed removal of DPPP

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

Radley - Church Road: proposed new DPPP

27. One expression of concern was received; the location is not suitable and could prevent essential parking for funerals and weddings; it is recommended not to approve the disabled parking place and to look at a more suitable location.

Sonning Common – Ashford Avenue: proposed new DPPP

28. One objection and two expressions of concern were received; concerns over the infrequent use of the nearby existing disabled parking; it is recommended to not to approve the disabled parking place.

<u>Sonning Common – Pages Orchard</u>: proposed new DPPP

29. One objection and one expression of support was received; concerns over the lack of parking places for residents; given that the applicant already parks in the area, it is recommended to approve this disabled parking place.

Stanford in the Vale - Van Dieman's: proposed new DPPP

30. One objection and two expressions of concern were received; concerns over the availability of parking places; given that the applicant already parks in the area, it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place.

Thame – Park Street: proposed removal of DPPP

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

Wallingford - Radnor Road: proposed new DPPP

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

Whitchurch-on-Thames - Manor Road: proposed new DPPP

33. One objection and one expression of concern was received; OCC are unable to provide off road parking places, the applicant would need to apply to the relevant housing association, concerns were raised over limited parking for residents, however, given that the applicant already parks in the area, it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place.

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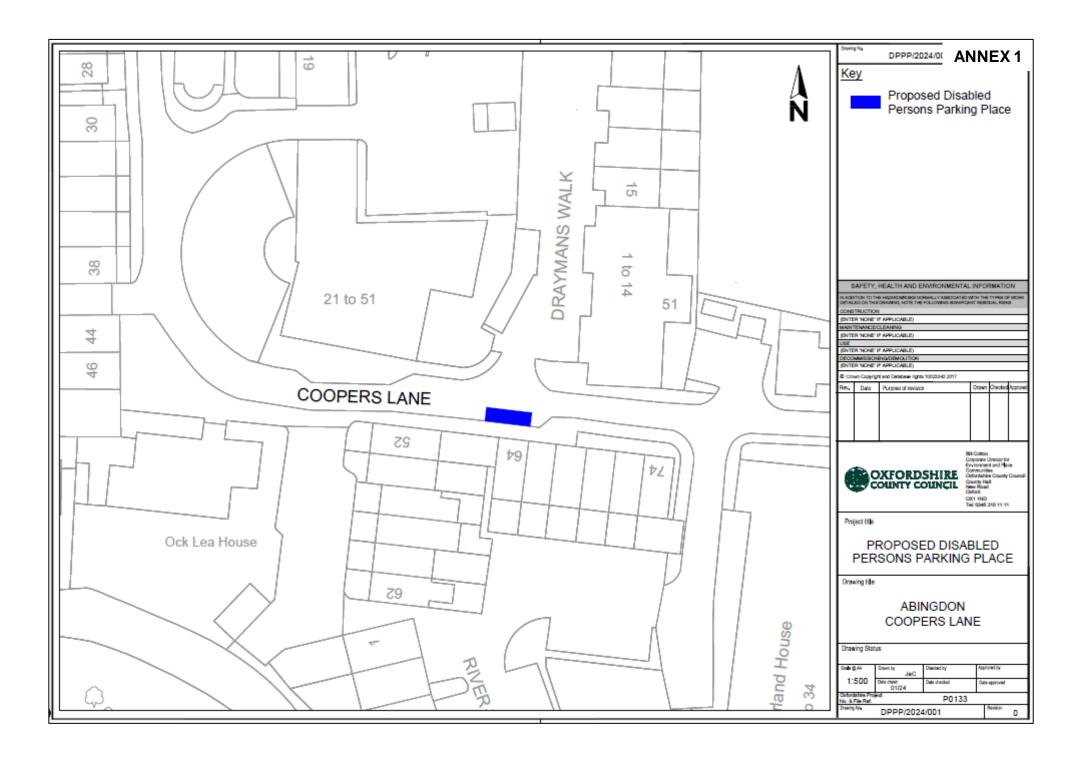
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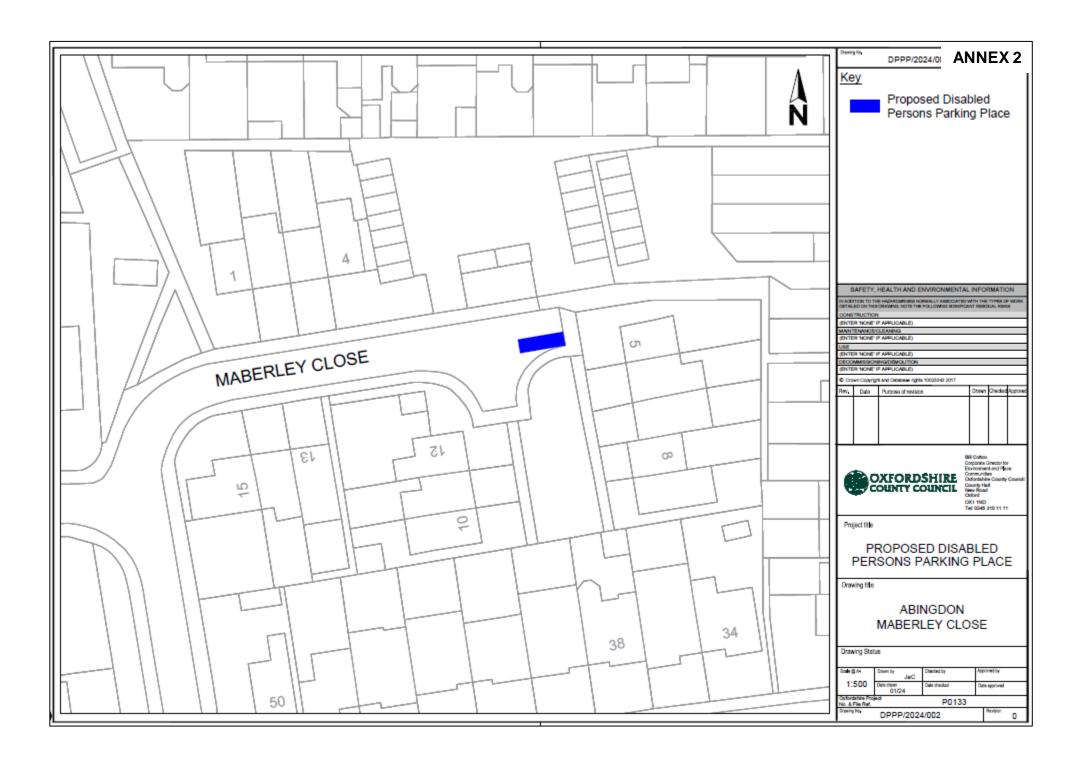
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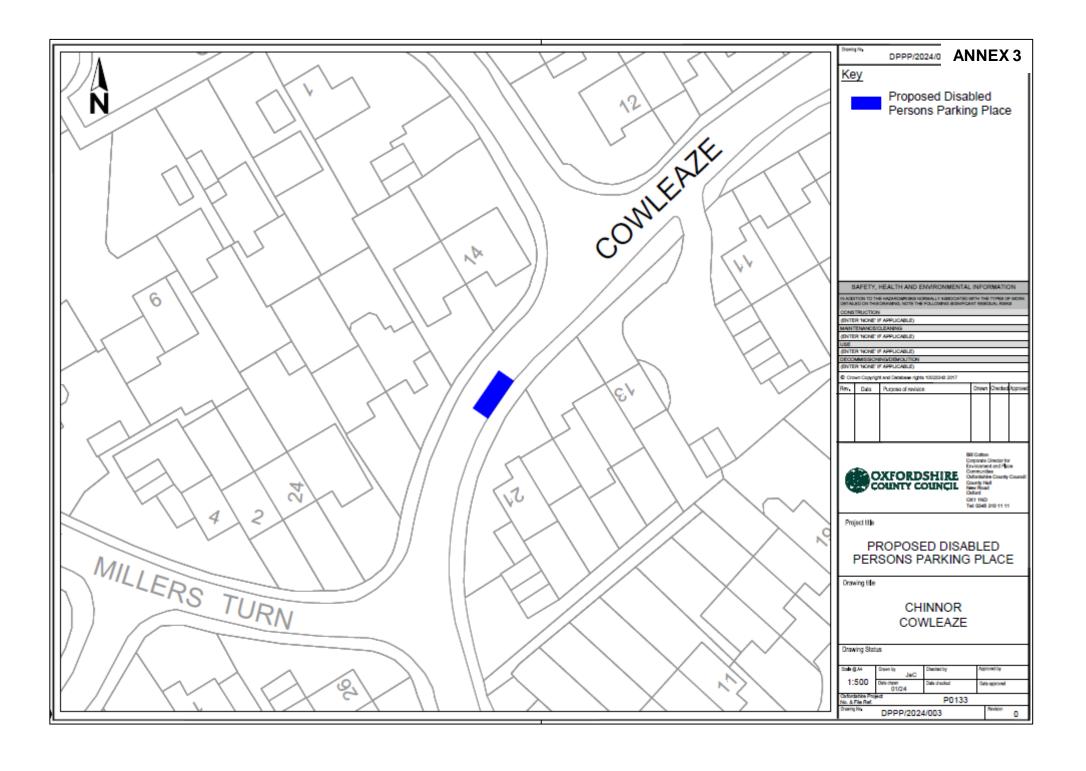
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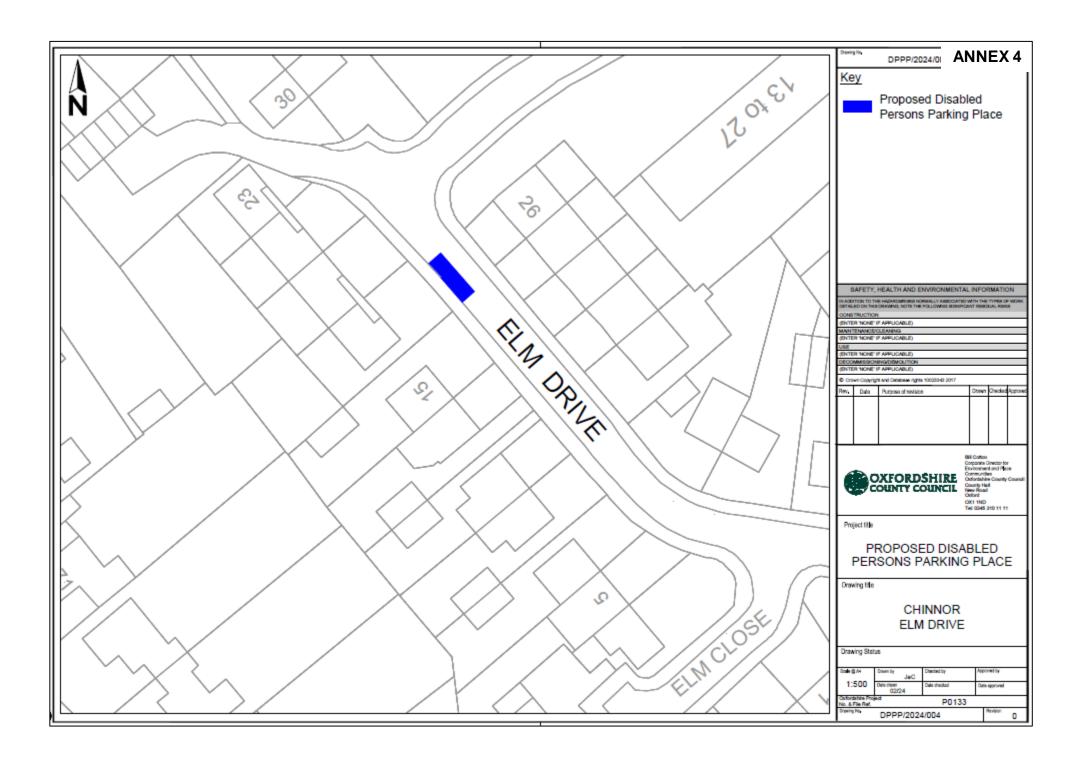
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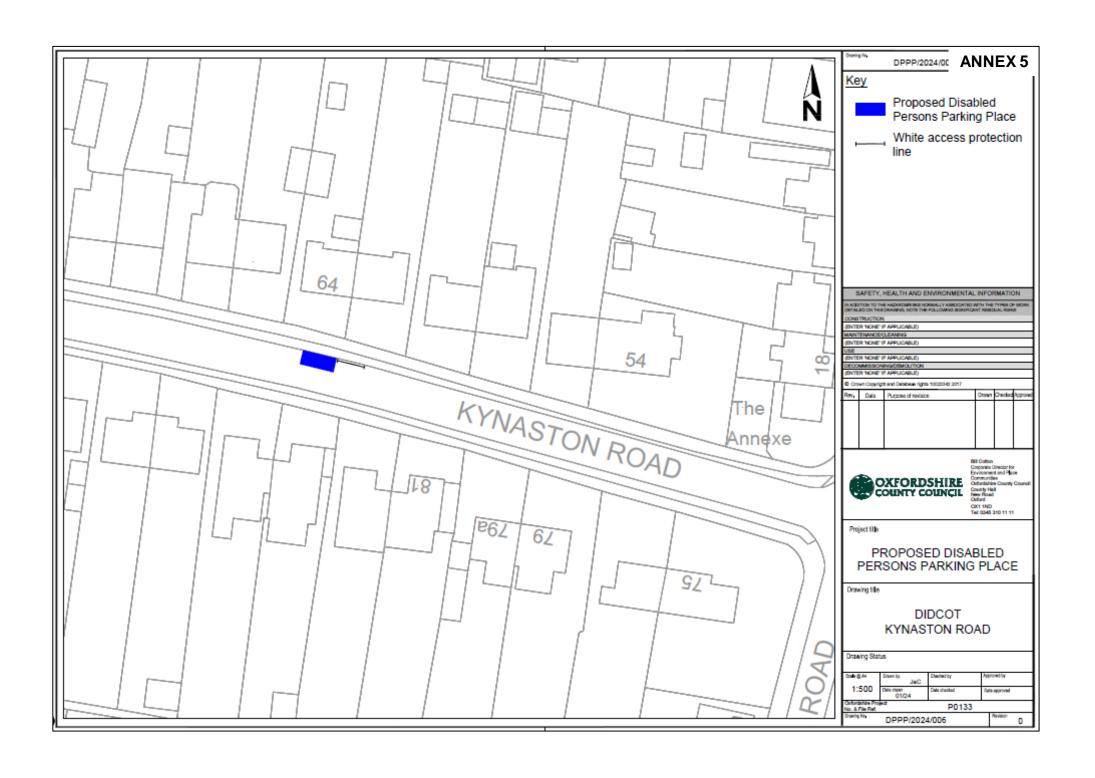
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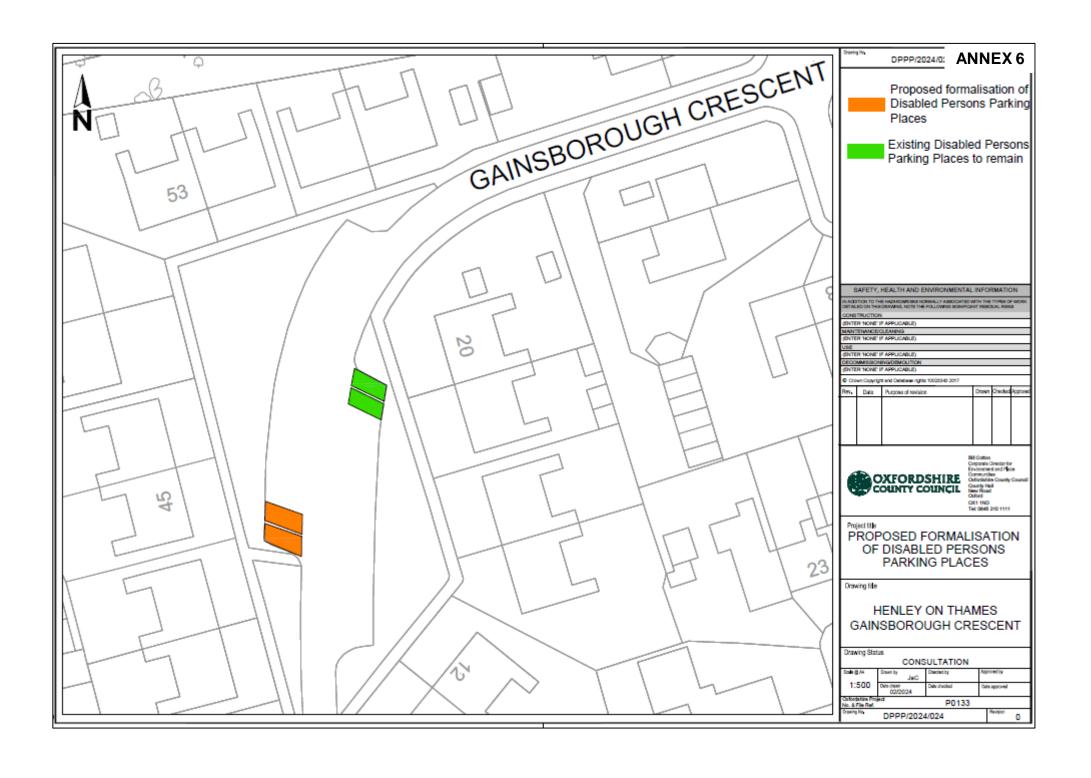


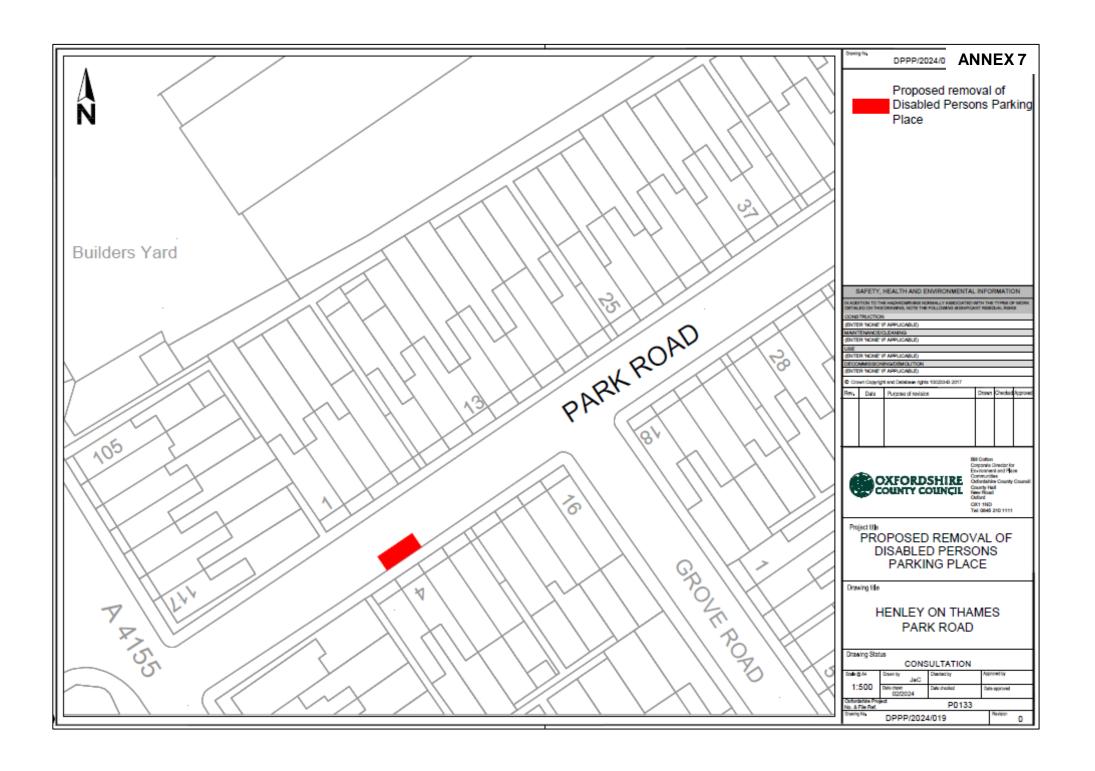


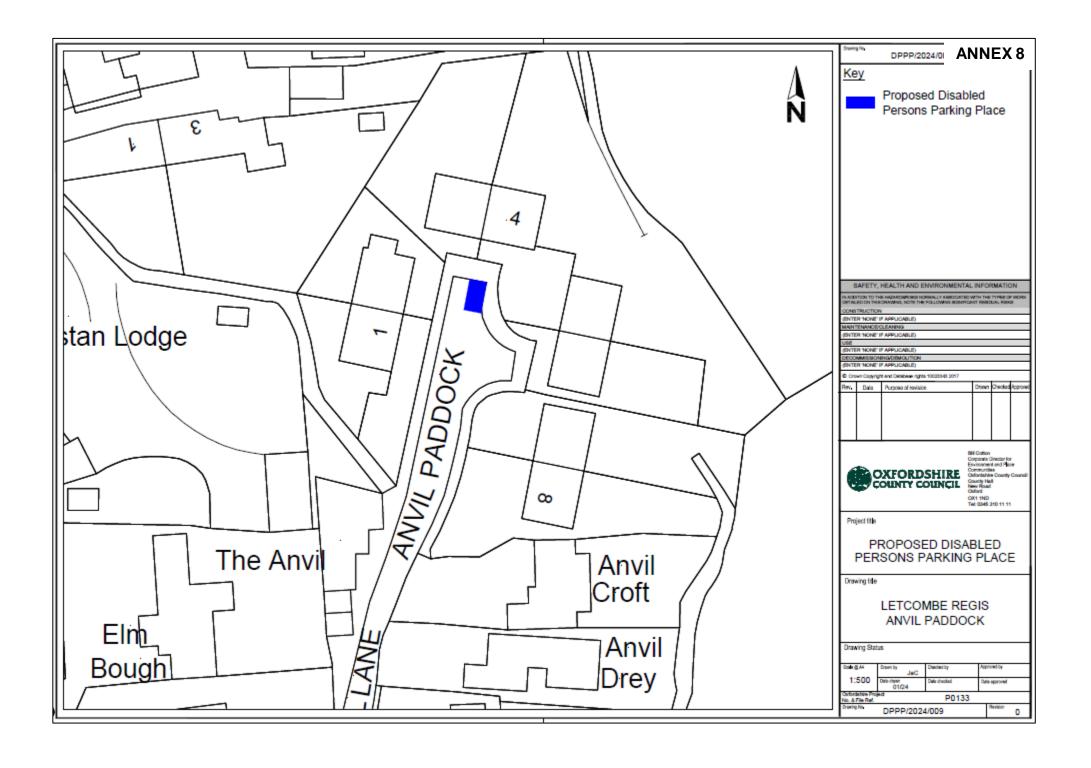


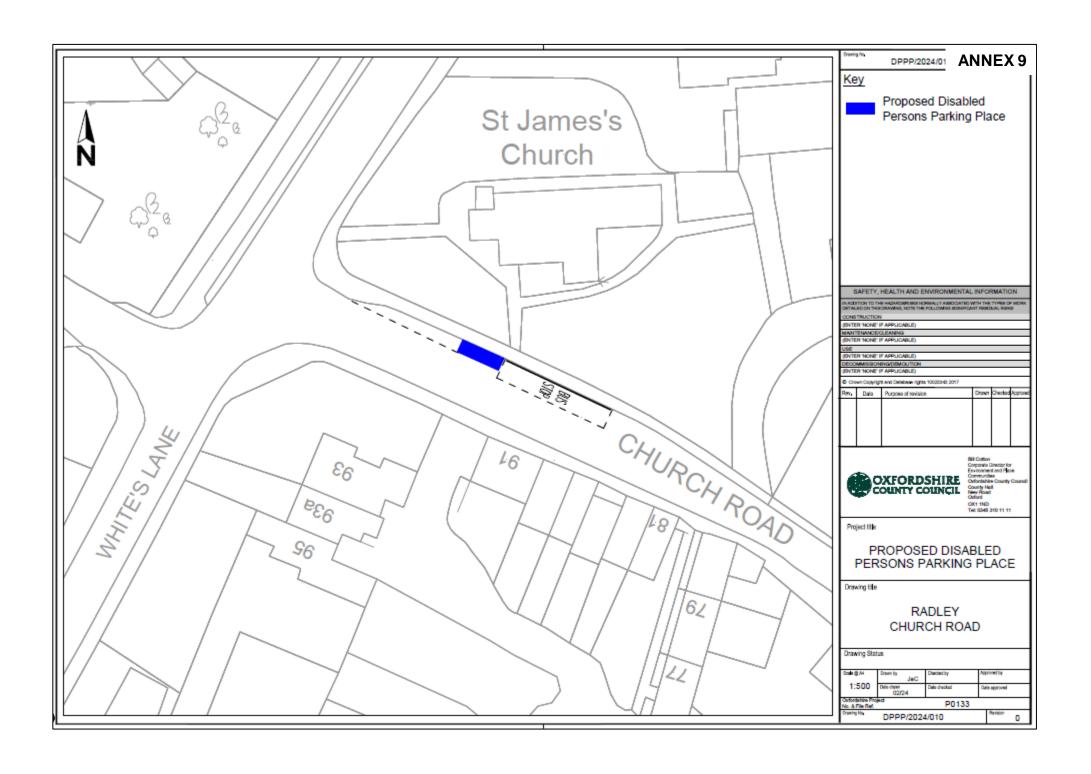


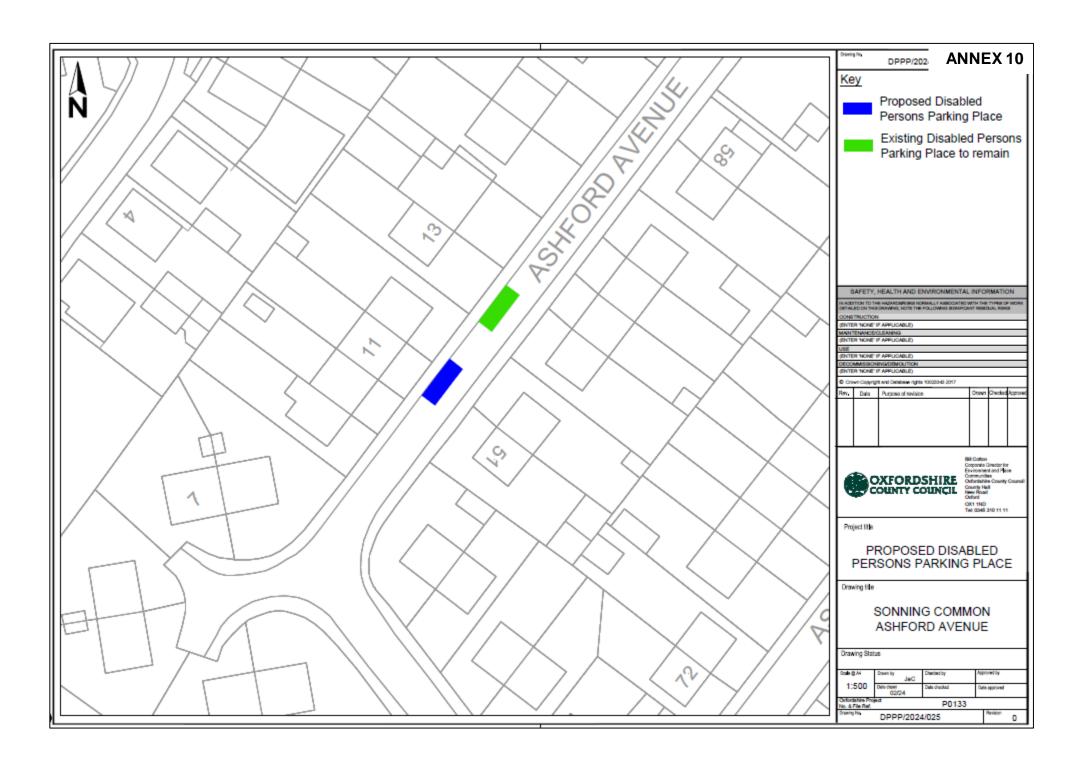


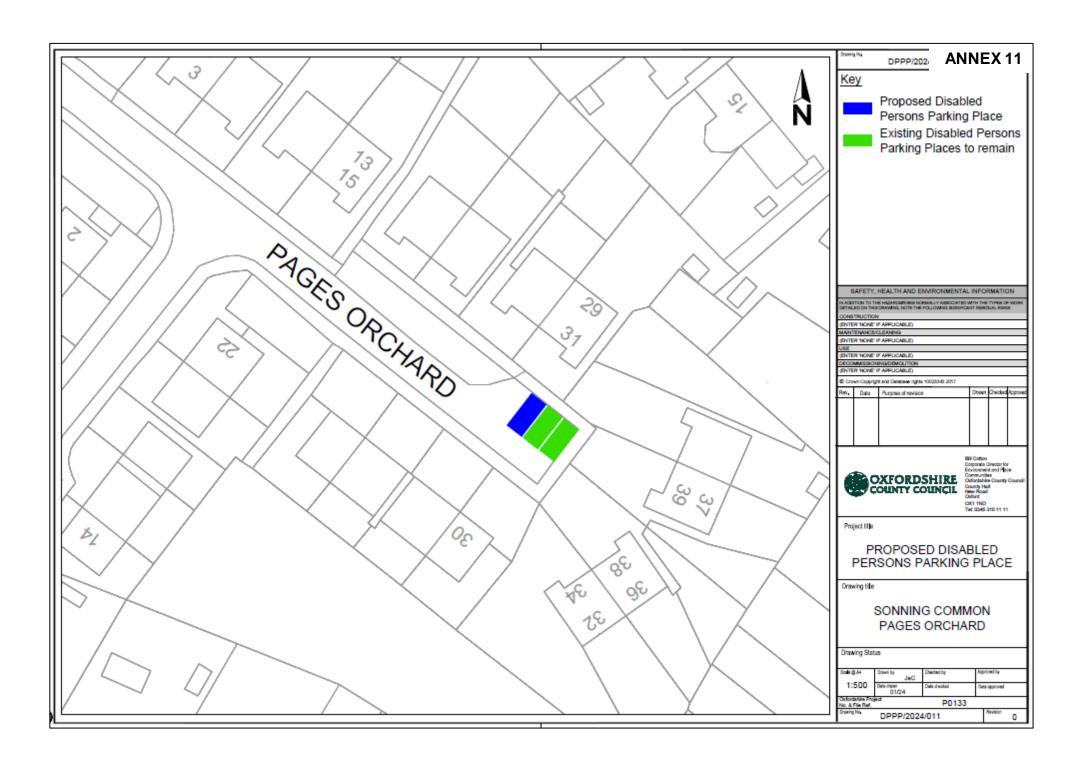


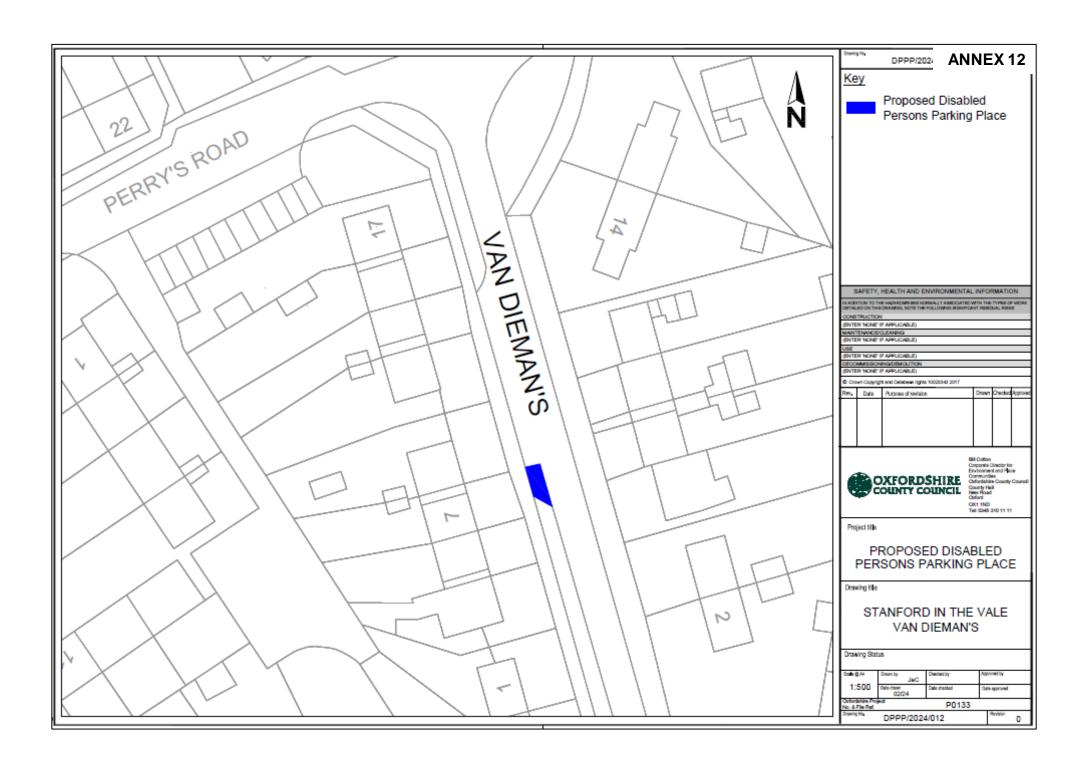


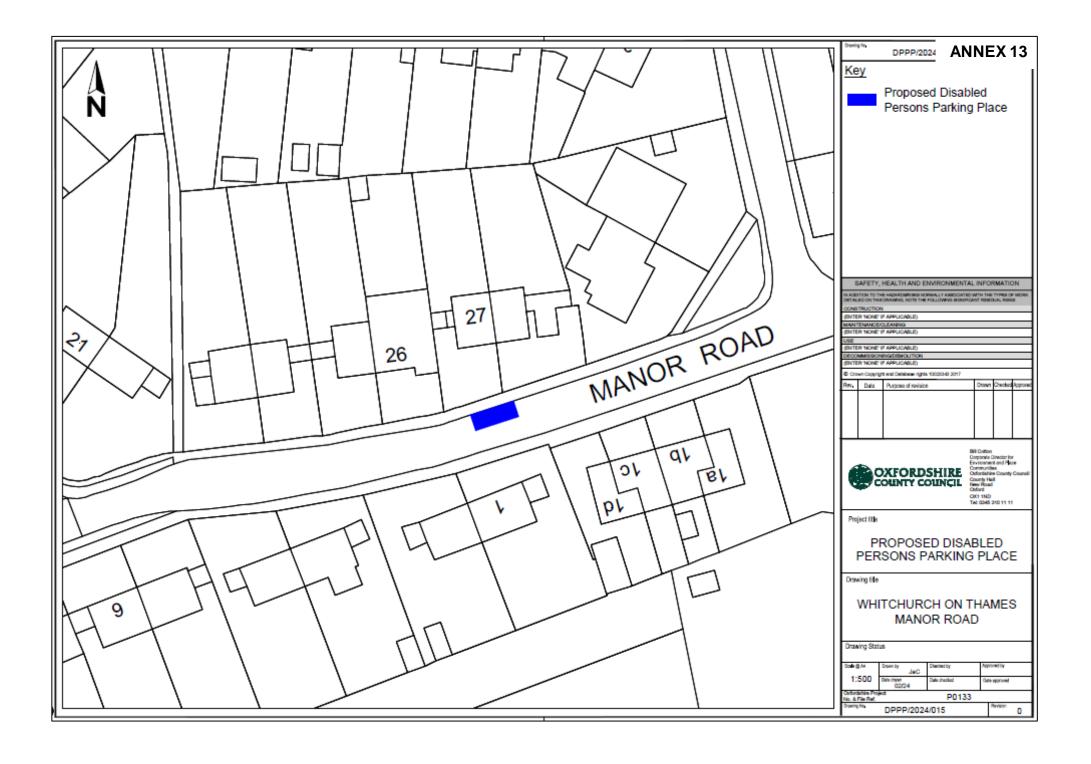












RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No objection
Coopers Lane (Abingdon)	- Proposed new DPPP
(1) Local Resident, (Abingdon)	Concerns (Coopers Lane) - I believe that I would be the blue badge holder who uses the proposed disabled parking, I have found it difficult to drive into where it is proposed, there are also high kerbs here. Where the double yellow lines parking restriction ends, i would propose the Disabled Parking Space should begin. This would be much more accessible.
(2) Local Resident, (Abingdon)	Concerns (Coopers Lane) - Firstly, there is a lot of competition for parking spaces in this area and I think the disabled parking space might make this worse. People with mobility issues can already try to park close to the building. Secondly, because of the nature of the housing in Drayman's Walk lots of the tenants have disabilities. It would not be clear who should use the space. People might argue over this.
Maberley Close (Abingdon,) - Proposed new DPPP
(3) Local Resident, (Abingdon)	Objection (Maberley Close) – the person who has applied for it I know has a disabled badge but he is more than capable of walking a 100 yards, he has been seen walking round tescos and other places without sticks. Parking is a problem and I have to often park my car round at the garages. I feel if this is granted it is taking liberty's as he was a councillor.

	Our deeds say that the parking is one car space per household at the garages, a new family has moved in who has at least 4 cars, we are all struggling to park our cars. The applicant always feels that parking spot is his. A photo is supplied of the man who has applied for this, walking carrying a bag unaided without the use of sticks.
(4) Local Resident, (Abingdon)	Objection (Maberley Close) – if it was proposed it would make parking absolutely awful as there is 24 cars in our close and this disabled place would cause absolutely mayhem for cars trying to park and the person in mind is not disabled he can walk with out a stick and he has only got the badges so he can claim disabled allowance so I am against this going head and I will be contacting my local MP.
(5) Local Resident, (Abingdon)	Concerns (Maberley Close) - Over the past couple of years, parking has become more congested for residents living at the end of Maberley close whose houses are set back from the main road. Many houses have between two and four cars per household and there are three commercial vehicles taking extra space. Therefore, I am not surprised a resident has requested the parking space closet to his house. I understand the person requesting the space has a blue disability parking badge and ensuring a parking space is correct.
	Before allocating a parking space on the road I would like to be sure the following option has been considered. All properties in Maberley Close have access to a private car park with garage. The parking space and garage are clearly marked on the deeds of the property. Would it make sense to use the section of the private car park shown on the deeds of the property as his personal disabled space. That way we would not be losing a public parking space on the road. The car park is an additional 30 steps from the proposed disabled persons parking space. I do not know if there are any regulations stating the parking space should be close to the persons house or if the requester can walk those additional 30 steps.
(6) Local Resident, (Abingdon)	Concerns (Maberley Close) - The garages are fifteen steps further away, this should never have been applied for in the first place, I suspect this has come about because of a tit for tat neighbouring feud. You know this is ridiculous.
(7) Local Resident, (Abingdon)	Support (Maberley Close) - Increased car ownership (per house) is making it very difficult to park on the road.

(8) Local Resident, (Abingdon)	Support (Maberley Close) - Lack of disabled parking
(9) Local Resident, (Abingdon)	Support (Maberley Close) – No comment
Fane Drive (Berinsfield) – I	Proposed DPPP
(10) Local Resident, (Berinsfield)	Support (Fane Drive) – I think this is a good and positive move. I would however like to suggest the space is placed at the side of the parking area closer to house number 1. My reason would be that the path leads directly to far more properties on this side than where it is currently proposed, and it would be far easier for anyone with a disability to access this side and avoid negotiating several turns and an uneven path surface. Also the current proposed position is very close to a public bus stop that at least 3 school buses also use so the area gets very loud and busy at least twice a day with school children and also would present more of a hazard to traffic when pulling out or into the space.
(11) Local Resident, (Berinsfield)	Support (Fane Drive) – I am a disasbled car user and having a usable parking space near the kerb would benefit me and make things eaiser and safer for me getting in and out of a car.
(12) Local Resident, (Berinsfield)	Support (Fane Drive) – Husband is disabled
(13) Local Resident, (Berinsfield)	Support (Fane Drive) - I believe this is a suitable requirement for one to exist in that parking bay for current and future people that may require mobility aid
(14) Local Resident, (Berinsfield)	Support (Fane Drive) - It will make life better for disabled people in the area giving them the safety and space to get in and out of their vehicles safely.

Cowleaze (Chinnor) - Pro	oposed DPPP
(15) Local Resident, (Chinnor)	Object (Cowleaze) - I object to this proposal for this disabled parking bay outside 19 Cowleaze in Chinnor. The couple who live in that property have flaunted the disability & benefit scheme for years and I'm sure this has been applied for to guarantee a parking space outside their house. They have a guaranteed parking space & garage 20 yards from the property but have chosen to park a large caravan in that space. They have no problem walking to and from that to hitch it up and go on numerous caravan holidays. They also have a dog which they have no problem walking to the fields & round the village! Not so long ago they had a dispute with various neighbours over parking so I'm sure this application has been requested as a result of that. If this space is granted does that mean anyone with a disability can apply for a disabled parking bay outside their property? What happens if the tenants of this shared housing property move out and non disabled tenants move in? It means they can't park outside their property. I hope you will re think this application.
(16) Local Resident, (Chinnor)	Object (Cowleaze) - Thank you for your letter and we are totally supportive of providing disabled parking spaces and are always totally respectful of these spaces. However, with the continual pressure on your finances, we feel it is important that your funds are spent in the correct areas and on those people in genuine need. We are unaware of any of our neighbours having mobility issues so are unsure why a disabled parking space is being proposed. If this is a specific request from the owners of the property where this space is being proposed, we would oppose this as we do not believe this is a genuine request. The residents of the property have an allocated parking space which they do not use for their car as their touring caravan is parked in this space. They do not seem to have any issues walking to or accessing this caravan and it does not appear to have any specific modifications for disability. Also, they do not seem to have any issues walking their dog regularly without any walking aids. We are aware of their insistence in always parking directly outside their house (on a public road) and they have been known to show passive-aggressiveness to other drivers who may encroach on that space. We would therefore ask you to reject the request for this disabled parking space in light of the comments above.

(17) Local Resident,	Object (Cowleaze) - I object very strongly to this disabled parking space being allocated for several reasons. The bay will be on entry to a bend in the road, which forces cars into the path of oncoming traffic on a bend. You cannot see the traffic coming as the car in question is an MPV and high, so limiting visibility.
	May I propose that the garden of number 19 is paved, and the kerb dropped as all other residents in the vicinity have done at their own expense to minimise on road parking in this area, keeping our road safe. If said occupier of number 19 is so badly disabled that he cannot walk to the parking bays in front of his garage, then he won't be able to keep up with the gardening either, will he. Two problems solved at the same time. Or maybe allocate them a bungalow? If he can't walk to the garage, how can he manage stairs in the house?
(Chinnor)	However, the person in question is not at all disabled but a benefits cheat. I have seen him building the brick wall around his garden, and he seems to have no problem walking to and from his garage for that.
	The man (I won't put gentlemen, and cannot put what I would like to!) has been verbally abusive to anyone who has parked in front of number 19. He also is rude to his neighbours.
	I feel that in these times of such financial hardship for the councils, people like this should be outed, and the precious funds they take from the truly needy in our society can be rightfully allocated. I'm sure there are others that may genuinely need a parking space that funds may not be there for.
(18) Local Resident, (Chinnor)	Object (Cowleaze) - This car is continuously parked here, even though they have 2 allocated parking bays in front of their garage, which they never use & are now taken up by a huge great caravan, which said resident has no problems hooking up to their "disability" car. Said 'disabled" resident has no problems climbing up and down steps of said caravan, or wheelbarrowing gravel from said drive to their front garden, nor building a brick wall around said garden. He also manages to walk their dog out onto the Driftway(lower lcknield way). He is no more disabled than myself!! Maybe they should pay to put their caravan in proper storage and stop scamming the benefits system!! Your precious funds will be much better spent elsewhere. I don't object to people that have genuine mobility issues being granted permission, but this man is a cheat.
(19) Local Resident, (Chinnor)	Object (Cowleaze) – Evidence can be supplied to show this person is not disabled.

(20) Local Resident, (Chinnor)	Concerns (Cowleaze) - Not suitable position due to hazards with traffic
(21) Local Resident, (Chinnor)	Concerns (Cowleaze) - There is no good reason to have a disabled space along Cowleaze. The family at No 19 have a large driveway where they choose to park an enormous caravan. There is always parking along the road and they park their large car outside their home address every day. In my view spending money for a disabled parking bay here would be a burden to the tax payer.
(22) Local Resident, (Chinnor)	Concerns (Cowleaze) - In response to the recent letter received we feel that this request is not warranted as the family who has requested this dedicated parking space is quite able bodied. I have no objections to people having there lives made easier, but in this case the couple here both are able to walk their dog, seen quite often walking towards the drift way, is also able to tow a caravan that is currently parked on his driveway round the corner hence the reason for this request, to ensure that he has access to a house that is a 3 bed home, for two people who's bathroom is upstairs, I totally understand that he may have health conditions that may hinder his lifestyle but so do others in this road and they don't ask for special treatment, it's a public road which can be hazardous at times as the road bends as you proceed along it in which by adding a personal parking request to would increase the issues. They drive quite a large car and both show no disability in doing so and manage to tow a caravan when they go away several times a year. There are families in need everywhere but surely a parking space is not a priority just so they can have your own way.
Elm Drive (Chinnor) - Prop	posed DPPP
(23) Local Resident, (Chinnor)	Concerns (Elm Drive) –. In your letter to me it states "permanent or substantial disability" the resident certainly does not have trouble walking. She walks her dog everyday. She also does lots of gardening including digging.

Its more a case that she wants her own parking space, a year or so ago she put an 'orange no parking cone' in line with her front path. She will also come out as late as 11pm in her dressing gown just to move her car a few feet, to park in what she considers is her space.

She is away quite a lot, so there will be a space that will remain empty for weeks at a time that no one can park. Parking here is quite tight with residents, visitors and carers that come several times a day to one of our residents. These are my views for OCC to take into consideration.

Kynaston Road (Didcot) - Proposed DPPP

Objection (Kynaston Road) – I would like to submit an objection to the proposed Disabled Persons Parking Place that has been requested on Kynaston Road.

Our key points to our objection is that the application does not meet the specified criteria that would qualify them for a DPPP

(24) Local Resident, (Didcot)

- Our understanding is that the applicant has applied for this for his granddaughter who visits infrequently (she does have a disability but <u>does not</u> reside at the address). To our <u>knowledge no one at the address</u> <u>has a blue badge or mobility needs</u> and therefore doesn't meet the first criteria described on the Oxfordshire.gov.uk website "The applicant holds a valid Blue Badge and lives or works near the proposed DPPP"
- The applicant has access to a <u>large driveway that is sufficient to accommodate the adaptive car</u> that he transports his granddaughter in when she visits and therefore doesn't meet criteria 3 described on the Oxfordshire.gov.ukwebsite "There is no access to off-street parking (unless the applicant is the vehicle driver and their disability prevents them from using the off-street facility."
- To our understanding the applicant has no disability that prevents them from using the off street facility and therefore also doesn't meet criteria 3 described on the Oxfordshire.gov.uk website "There is no access to off-street parking(unless the applicant is the vehicle driver and their disability prevents them from using the off-street facility."

In addition to the above, the applicant has previously been able to accommodate a large caravan on his driveway (he no longer has this at his property). As the caravan was larger than his adaptive car it further evidences that he

	has suitable access to off-street parking. (See attached Google Maps image – since removing the caravan from his property he has also removed the wall that was in place along the outside of his driveway.) Based on this, our understanding is that the applicant does not meet 2 of the 4 criteria required to qualify for a Disabled Persons Parking Place and therefore we object to the application.
Gainsborough Cresent (F	denley on Thames) - Proposed formalisation of two DPPP's
(25) Local Resident (Henley on Thames)	Concerns (Gainsborough Crescent) - I have no issues with specific parking spaces allocated to disabled residents if these residents do park in their allocated spaces everyday.
	I have seen ON MANY OCCASIONS, the disabled resident not use their parking space but park in the normal space because its a shorter stride to her flat, which is unfair to other residents as parking is limited.
(26) Local Resident (Henley on Thames)	Concerns (Gainsborough Crescent) - My view on this matter and I can vouch for everyone else who lives here and drives, think all of the disabled parking spaces, apart from one, who rightful needs it for her son, are a complete waste of time. They are always empty and nearly every night there is not enough spaces as they have been taken up. One of the new disabled spaces a neighbour got especially for her never parks in it and when asked the response was I just can't be bothered, it's literally 5 metres extra further from her door. We have had letters to say we shouldn't park on the side of the road and to be honest if I come home and anyone else for that matter can't find a space then we should be able to park in the disabled parking as there isn't enough spaces.
(27) Local Resident (Henley on Thames)	Concerns (Gainsborough Crescent) - In response to the letter I received today regarding the disabled bays at Gainsborough Crescent Henley on Thames, I would like to ask that they are not formalised. I understand the need of disabled spaces and I wouldn't go against decision normally. There is not adequate parking spaces here and I know there is only 1 disabled parking space that is actually used for its purpose.

Anvil Paddock (Letcombe	e Regis) - Proposed new DPPP
(30) Local Resident (Henley on Thames)	Support (St. Mark's Road) - To confirm, the disabled lady has permanently moved away from St Marks Rd – she moved over 6 months ago and before that she had not driven for years. There is no need for a disabled space in this part of town as we are not right near the town centre or other amenity. It is taking up space that we badly need to park our own cars.
St. Mark's Road (Henley	on Thames) - Proposed removal of DPPP
(29) Local Resident (Henley on Thames)	Support (Park Road) - I have no objection to removal of this disabled bay.
(28) Local Resident (Henley on Thames)	Object (Park Road) – I still use the disabled parking place that I applied for, please do not remove it.
Park Road (Henley on Tr	names) - Proposed removal of DPPP
	If anything, there should be allocated property spaces which would save the unnecessary need of resources and confusion.
	The spaces opposite that aren't proposed formalisations are used by one person who actually needs it. So I think it is a waste of resources to change what is already here.
	The two spaces in question are never used for anyone with disabilities. I arrive home in the evening to find no spaces available apart from those two spaces which aren't being used by a disabled user. Therefore they are needed for the tenants that live here.

(31) Local Resident (Letcombe Regis)	Object (Anvil Paddock) – Not needed. Been here 20 years never needed before only reason it's been requested is to stop workers parking there. Will cause more problems when carers come for 15 minutes a day as will have no where to park.
(32) Local Resident (Letcombe Regis)	Object (Anvil Paddock) – There are multiple people at the end of the road that require a disabled bay making one irrelevant. It's not necessary needed as the only person who parks in the space is the resident at number 4. Other than the odd work van or delivery driver who if asked nicely will move. As it's at a dead end with very little traffic there only people who travel down the close are resident who either only have one car or don't drive meaning when all residents are at home there are 2/3 parking spaces available. Plus there is space for a few more cars. As all residents have lived there for many years they all know one another and if for whatever reason they have parked in an area and need the car moved all residents have never had a problem. By putting a bay outside the front of number four you push out the space for number 3. Who also has access to a disabled meaning multiple residents will be able to use the space making it irrelevant and getting rid of a space. An unnecessary expense that will only lead to conflict in the area. Don't fix what's not broken waste of money.
(33) Local Resident (Letcombe Regis)	Object (Anvil Paddock) – I object to the proposal of a disabled parking space because we are a small OAP cul-de-sac and we have a very good relationship with parking. If for reasons the parking you normally parking is blocked by a worker, a subcontractor or anything like that we make exceptions to the rules, we all work together to help. we have lived here for 20 years and have had no problems before there are only two new people that have moved in recently and one is causing the problem. We all have medical conditions and if you take a parking space to make blue it will rebound on somebody else.
(34) Local Resident (Letcombe Regis)	Concerns (Anvil Paddock) – With reference to the above, personally I do not think a disabled parking place is necessary because there are enough parking spaces to accommodate everyone who lives in the cul-de-sac. After speaking to everyone, they all seem to agree because we all know each other and look out for one another. No. 4 who has applied for the disabled space have been here just over a year. However the rest of us are all old age pensioners and have been here for some years. Someone of Authority should come along to Letcombe Regis and have a good look and see how things stand.

(35) Local Resident (Letcombe Regis)	Support (Chapel Lane) - Re your letter, received today, concerning the proposed removal of a DPPP in Chapel Lane, Letcombe Regis, this should have happened 5 years ago. The person for whom this DPPP was put in place died in 2022, and had not driven for at least 3 years prior to that. Given the scarcity of on street parking in Letcombe, the removal of this DPPP, as soon as possible, would be appreciated.
Church Road (Radley) -	Proposed DPPP
(36) Local Resident (Radley)	Concerns (Church Road) - I received correspondence notifying of the proposal to locate a disabled parking space outside St. James the Great, Radley. As vicar of the church, I am concerned that this will make it difficult for necessary vehicles to be able to use the space outside. In particular, we need to have enough space for both hearses at funerals and for wedding parties at weddings, and this needs to be as close to the church as possible. It would be extremely inconvenient if, for example, a hearse was not able to park next to the church for a funeral (both before and after) because the space was already occupied by a blue badge holder. In addition, we also have a significant amount of work to do on the building in the coming years, and it will be important for contractors to have easy access by parking as closely as possible and inconvenient to have this space taken away.
	I am supportive of the idea of having more disabled parking, but please could you think again about the location? There is a car park just about a hundred yards away which could easily accomodate a designated disabled space.
Ashford Avenue (Sonnii	ng Common) - Proposed DPPP
(37) Local Resident (Sonning Common)	Object (Ashford Avenue) – Parking in this road is already a nightmare There is already 1 disabled parking bay 2 doors down from the proposed new bay which is 90 percent of the time empty preventing anyone else parking there I do not see the point of having yet another taking up valuable parking space.

(38) Local Resident (Sonning Common)	Concerns (Ashford Avenue) – I personally think that it is difficult enough to find a parking space down the road without adding another Disabled Space. I am sure I am not alone in saying it is a real struggle to get a space as it is and I would be surprised if other people were not against this happening too. I really feel it needs to be left as it is at the moment. Also the Existing Disabled Persons Parking Place seems to only be used very little throughout the month. I would say 70% of the time it is empty.
	Concerns (Ashford Avenue) – Nobody in number 11 has mobility issues impacting their ability to walk longer distances - I see the mother and daughter walking to school. Parking is a nightmare and very limited down the avenue. We have a disabled bay outside number 13 which is very
(39) Local Resident (Sonning Common)	often vacant. Anyone with a blue badge can use this space and it isn't exclusively allocated to an address. More often than not the occupants of number 11 can and does manage to park outside her house - this is because both adults in the home swap their cars around to ensure they have a parking space outside. They have 2x cars currently and then they sometimes have 3 as he buys and sells cars from time to time - cars are often parked on the front garden (which is a separate issue for the council) but by doing this this will often lead to people not parking outside their house for risk of 'blocking' that car in.
	I myself have mobility issues and meet the criteria for a blue badge and I'm in the process of applying however I would not use this to request a disabled parking bay outside my property as I respect the very limited parking on my road and will use this exclusively for parking at supermarket, shopping centre etc
	In summary my views are that I would not welcome another disabled parking bay in a road already over populated by vehicles.
Pages Orchard (Sonning	Common) - Proposed new DPPP
(40) Local Resident (Sonning Common)	Object (Pages Orchard) - I don't see a need for it. There is a shortage of parking space already, where are the non-disabled residents supposed to park? Those of us who live at the end of Pages Orchard where the disabled spaces are located, often have to park at the far end of Pages Orchard. This is very bad for women at night and for everybody when unloading shopping or in the rain. Losing 1 more of the 5 spaces - Therefore a 3 rd disabled space would take the

	total number of disabled spaces to 60% of available spaces and leave only 2 spaces for 10 flats and several bungalows, this will make parking an even bigger problem. I object to another disabled space being created.	
	Could the council instead convert the unused and large grass area into parking spaces? It's rarely mowed and looks untidy, car parking would be neater and much more beneficial to the residents.	
	I don't see any of the current residents with mobility issues - they can all walk to their cars i.e. they do not appear to have permanent or substantial disabilities. I have also seen one of the disabled space owners run and have seen them walking without a stick - why does that person have a reserved space when they obviously don't need it? I would guess that it is because they don't want to struggle to find a space near where they live. If the new application is from an existing resident, I expect this will be the reason they have made the application - we are all totally fed up with having to park a long way away or park on the grass areas, and this appears to be a way to get a reserved parking space. Please can you look into a more suitable solution to the parking issue at Pages Orchard, and not make it worse by	
	reserving another of the spaces.	
	Support (Pages Orchard) – I totally agree with the proposal because Pages Orchard needs at least TWO more Disabled Persons Parking Spaces - BUT im am wondering if there is anything that you can do to hellp me please.	
(41) Local Resident (Sonning Common)	I am a disabled person, li have a driveway that I can park my car on but often my driveway is blocked because there is very limited parking along Pages Orchard in Sonning Common and sometimes when I come home and my driveway is blocked I have to park a long way down the road and struggle walking back to my home, often because my driveway is totally blocked, or partially blocked, I cannot get into my driveway and on other times I cannot actually get out of my driveway because its blocked. Maybe the words 'NO PARKING' painted on the road outside of my home?	
Van Dieman's (Stanford in the Vale) - Proposed new DPPP		
(42) Local Resident (Stanford in the Vale)	Object (Van Dieman's) - I am writing to you with my objection to the proposal to provide a Disabled Persons Parking Place within the area that you are proposing. My reason for this is that the parking outside of our house and my neighbours is very limited. The car parking at the rear of the houses on this side of the road so the parking at the front of our houses is very important to us and my neighbors. Most of us are courteous to each other and the parking is in most parts good. To limit the parking at the front will not help this and may cause some upset to	

	the street. I feel there is a very simple solution to this that will provide the Disabled Parking that is being requested and help the parking at the front of the houses at the same time. My proposal is to put the Disabled parking place at the rear of number 7 as there is parking around the back of these houses that is not available to all the street but will benefit the person that is looking to use the disabled parking.	
(43) Local Resident (Stanford in the Vale)	Concerns (Van Dieman's) - I would like to know if this parking space is for any person who holds a disabled blue badge or specifically for number 7. This road has very limited parking already as most houses have 2 cars and the lay by is of great use to all and obviously visitors. Also the odd number side of the road all have rear parking access and a car park at the rear which they also use to park there vehicles in already. As I am in the process of applying for a blue badge for myself, if this is for anyone's use it would be extremely beneficial to me as in the past it has been much easier to park but now it is almost impossible and people can get very possessive over who parks where.	
(44) Local Resident (Stanford in the Vale)	Concerns (Van Dieman's) - This space is regularly used by residents and we feel that if the marks on kerb are size of disabled bay it will reduce the number of cars able to park by one. Assuming this is required for number 7, they currently park two cars in the lay-by outside their house with no problem. If safety is an issue or concern then why have they no gate on front path. It would make more sense to park around the rear of their property away from road as the have done in the past, where they now have a caravan and abandoned mini, that does not move along with another Renault belonging to another person.	
Park Street (Thame) - P	roposed removal of DPPP	
(45) Local Resident (Thame)	Support (Park Street) - Given that a second disabled bay was recently installed further along the road and parking spaces are limited for the number of houses on Park Street, we are of the opinion that one bay is sufficient for the street and agree with the proposal to remove the bay outside of number 25 Park Street if it is no longer required.	
Radnor Road (Thame) - Proposed DPPP		

(46) Local Resident	t
(Thame)	

Support (Radnor Road) – I would be more than happy for this to go ahead. I think as this most directly affects myself, any objections - if any arise, should be ignored and the space to be provided for our disabled neighbours and/or visitors. Thank you for your time in dealing with this and I hope it will be a smooth installation.

Manor Road (Whitchurch-on-Thames) - Proposed new DPPP

Object (Manor Road) - I object due to the permanent negative impact it would have on available parking in Manor Road. We are of course sensitive to anybody's needs regarding disability, however permanently limiting the availability of parking places to benefit one property will be restrictive. Due to the location of Manor Road within Whitchurch and the proposed location of the Disabled Parking Place the assumption must be that it is not being provided to allow anybody with a disability to park to access facilities such as shops or even the local Park as there are locations closer to it. Therefore presumably the Disabled Parking Place has been requested for the benefit of one property only and that the property is provided by the Council.

(47) Local Resident (Whitchurch-on-Thames)

Whilst providing a Disabled Parking Place would of course benefit the resident by guaranteeing parking directly outside of their house rather than having to walk up to 50 yards, it naturally is unfair the it is benefitting one property only and prevents houses on the other side of the road from parking outside of their house, or their guests parking there.

The space in question is often empty during the day, whereas other parts of the road is often full with parked cars. Making this space a Disabled Parking Place removes the ability for Trades persons or delivery drivers to park.

Due to the potentially transient nature of Council Housing providing a permanent Disabled Parking Place for a resident will have a long-term negative impact when they leave the property and it is no longer required, potentially leaving Manor Road with one permanently empty parking space.

Parking in the road is clearly an issue with lack of space, with most properties having multiple vehicles. The recently agreed changes to parking on the High Street in Whitchurch, with resident only parking in dedicated bays to be implemented, clearly threatens to push more parked vehicles on to Manor Road to exacerbate the problem therefore consideration surely should be given to how to increase parking for Council properties, not to reduce parking for spaces that effects all residents of the road.

Private owners of houses on Manor Road purchased property with no expectation of a future reduction of available onroad parking, which may negatively affect house prices. It is clearly unfair that actions of the Council for the benefit of a Council House resident only may affect Private owners.

The Council provided properties on the south side of Manor Road have sufficient space in the front gardens to create off-road parking, and as this is on the side of the road that cars do not park then this option would relieve the pressure on parking in the road, not increase it. It is noted that Number 1 Manor Road is the only property that does not have off-road parking. Number 2 (next door) appears to have an identical footprint and off-road parking has been provided for the property on their front area by the use of a dropped kerb and a low-cost concrete driveway.

On the assumption that No.1 is the property that has requested the Disabled Parking Place then surely it is correct that the Council strongly considers providing off-road parking for the property. This will ensure that both Council residents and Private residents on the road do not suffer from permanently reduced availability of on-road parking.

This suggestion would obviously be of benefit to No.1 by providing off-road parking to ensure that they always have an available parking space. Presumably the proposal is to provide a Disabled Parking Place for all road users, not just the residents of one property, so there is a clear and obvious risk of another Disabled road user moving into the road and using the space, meaning the situation would be no different or worse than at present for the residents of No.1. This risk would permanently be removed by providing off-road parking on the front area of No.1 by using a dropped kerb. This suggestion would further benefit the residents of No.1 by ensuring that any disabled persons are parked directly outside of the property with less distance to walk, and without the need to cross over a road. This would also benefit all residents of the road by providing more parking spaces, not less.

Whilst I obviously support assistance to be provided to disabled persons wherever practicable, as all residents of the road pay Council Tax and are customers of Oxfordshire County Council I trust that consideration for all road users will be taken into account, especially when there is an obvious option to provide off-road parking that will be of greater benefit to the disabled person(s).

(48) Local Resident (Whitchurch-on-Thames)

Concerns (Manor Road) - I have not got a direct issue with the installation of a dedicated bay. However feel that the installation of a dedicated bay will cause a knock on effect to the overall parking on the street, which will affect me. I am one of the many properties with a driveway from the road, on this space I can park up to 3 vehicles. However, the people parking on the road opposite can at times restrict the ability to get on and off the road.

There are many houses, number 1 included who have plenty of space to install a drive onto the front garden of their
property. In doing so they would have convenient parking for themselves and would be leaving more room on the road
for other residents and visitors to use. I feel that this would be a better solution for the resident to ensure convenient
and close parking to their property.