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CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT– 24 JULY 2014

PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT

Report by Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Commercial)

Introduction

1. This report considers objections received as a result of a formal consultation on proposals to introduce two new Disabled Persons' Parking Places (DPPP) in Charlbury, West Oxfordshire District.

Background

2. The report considers the proposed provision of a new DPPP in Brown's Lane to assist disabled shoppers in the adjacent supermarket, as shown at Annex 1 and a new DPPP in Market Street to assist disabled customers of the nearby Pharmacy, as shown at Annex 2. Both proposals have been requested by the Town Council on behalf of disabled users of the Pharmacy and the supermarket. This report considers the outcome of a formal consultation held on the proposals; other proposals advertised at the same time were unopposed and have therefore been dealt with under my delegated authority to avoid unnecessary delays to applicants.

Formal Consultation

3. Oxfordshire County Council sent a copy of the draft Traffic Regulation Order, statement of reasons and a copy of the public notice appearing in the local press, containing the proposed parking place changes to formal consultees on 14 April 2014. These documents, together with supporting documentation as required and plans of all the DPPPs, were deposited for public inspection at County Hall and West Oxfordshire District Council offices. They were also deposited at Charlbury Library and are also available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre. At the same time the Council wrote to local residents affected by the proposed changes, asking for their comments. Finally, public notices were displayed at each site and in the Oxford Times.

4. Two objections have been received in respect of the proposal in Market Street and four objections have been received in respect of the proposal in Browns Lane. Finally, one letter of support has been received for both proposals. These are summarised at Annex 3.

5. In response, the proposed DPPP in Market Street is justified as it will provide a clear place for disabled people to park when visiting the pharmacy rather than relying on the double yellow lines being free of other vehicles which are loading or parked illegally. The DPPP in Browns Lane will likewise provide convenient parking for disabled shoppers; the concerns about the loss of parking for residents is noted – this could be somewhat relieved by removing the DPPP in Playing Close which will be the subject of formal consultation at the next available opportunity.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

6. The cost of all the proposed work under consultation, including that described in this report, will be met from the fund set up for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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Background papers: Consultation documentation

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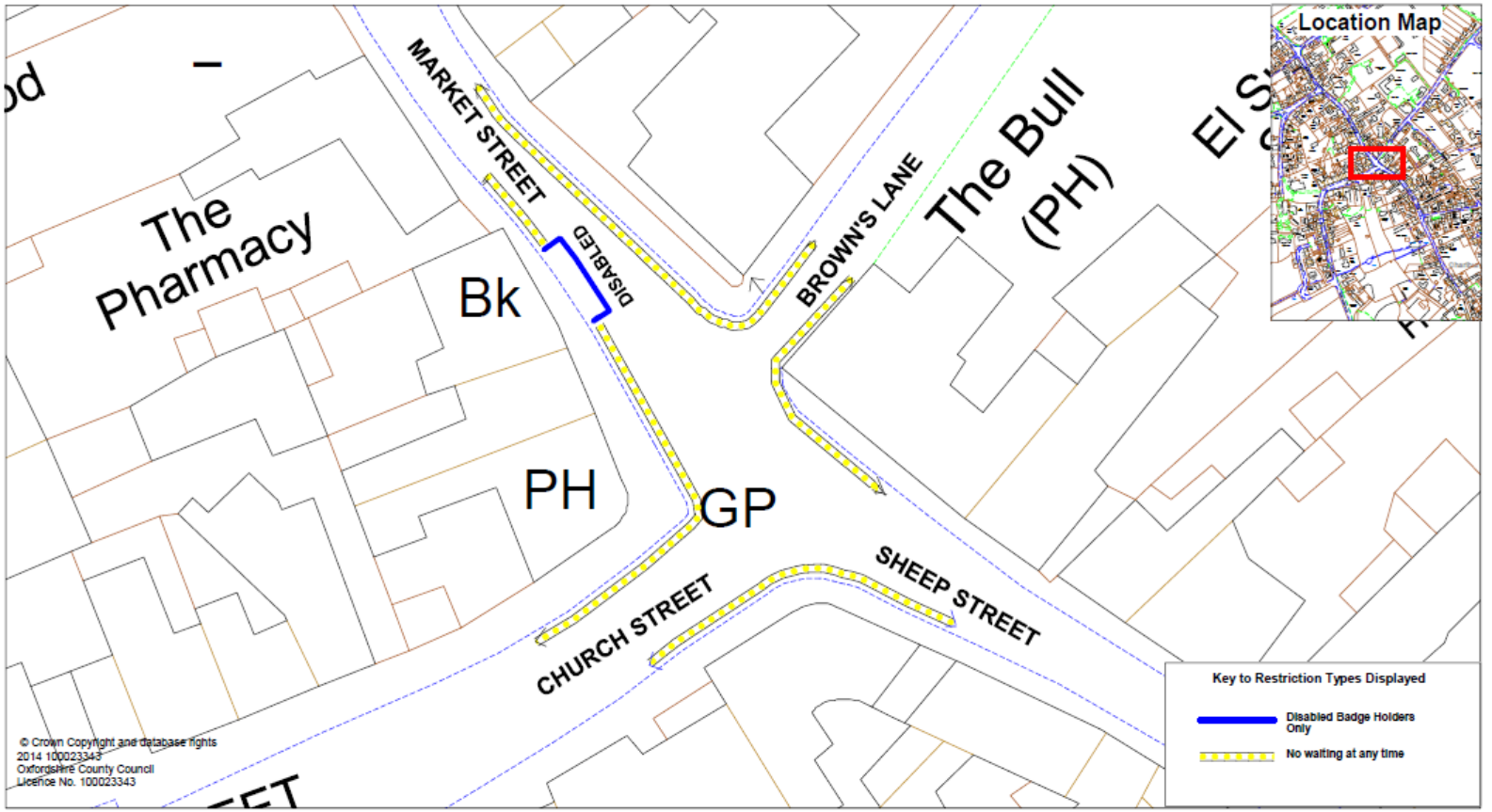

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Market Street, Charlbury

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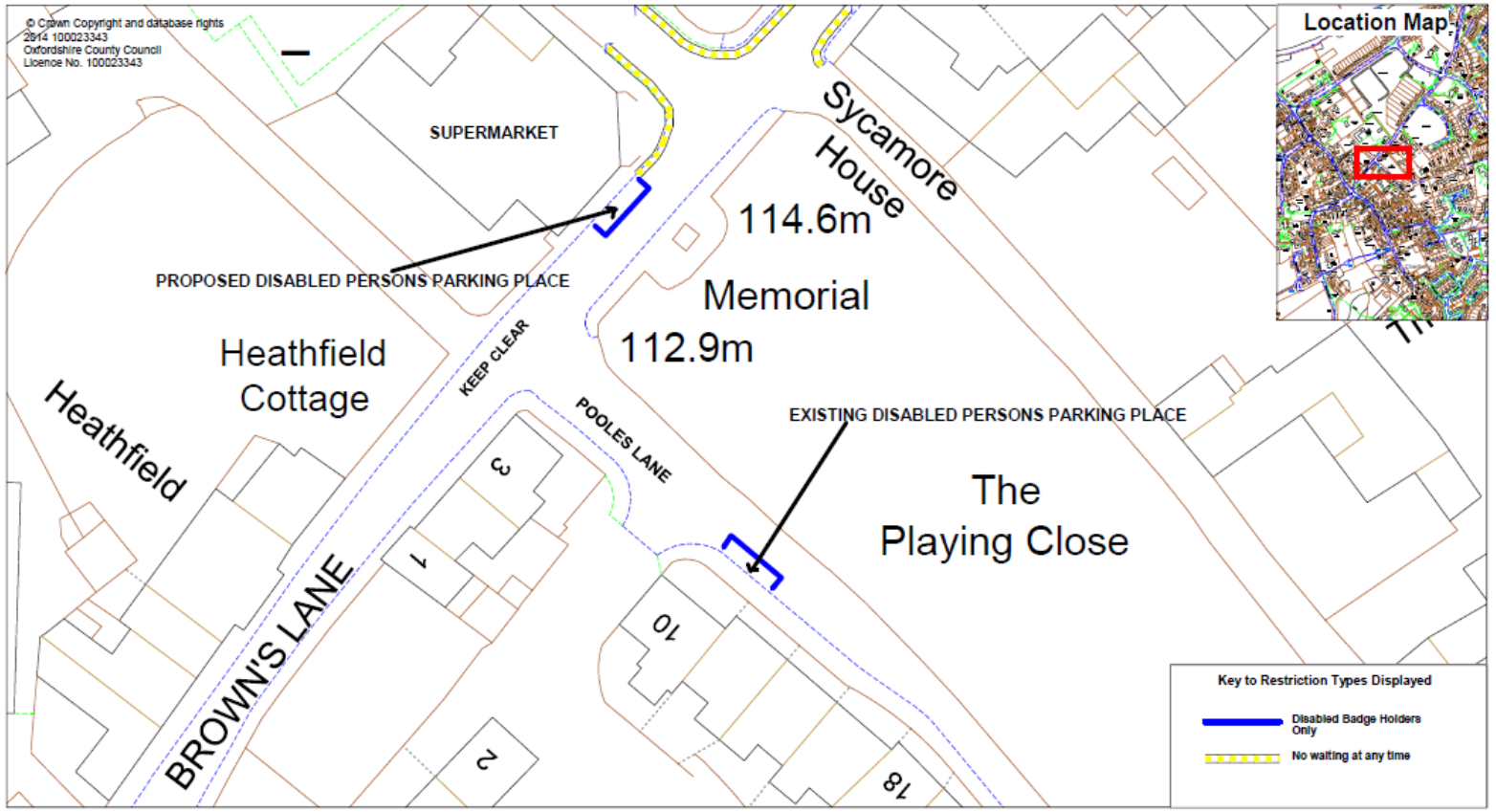
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PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE
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EXISTING DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE
The Playing Close
BROWN'S LANE
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RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION

RESPONDENT	COMMENT	RESPONSE
A business in Market Street	Concerned about large vehicles negotiating the junction with Brown's Lane and Church Street. The proposed DPPP would be in front of their shop window and parked vehicles would obscure it. Believes there is more space in Church Street for a DPPP although accepts it would be further away.	Market Street is reasonably wide in the immediate locality and the proposed DPPP would be away from the junction and so wouldn't be a problem for large vehicles. Vehicles park here currently and obscure the window, especially to visit the Pharmacy. Church Street is too far away for disabled badge holders to walk.
Resident, Market Street	Believes the proposed DPPP would be outside the Pharmacy and would take away parking space for residents. Parking is difficult here because of rail commuters wanting to avoid the station car park charges. Building work and scaffolding have reduced the available parking space. Cars often park on the double yellow lines. Believes the proposed DPPP will take away more available parking space and will be underused. Would like additional parking space by removing sections of double yellows.	The proposed DPPP would be outside the Estate Agent which is near to the Pharmacy replacing a section of double yellow lines. No current parking would be lost. Some of the double yellows could be reduced but this would be considered as a separate exercise.
Resident, Brown's Lane	Strongly objects as proposal will prevent residents parking. Due to supermarket's long opening hours there is constant demand for parking. Room for 4 cars outside supermarket but the DPPP would take 2 away. Town Council have sent residents a parking survey concerning difficulties parking in the town centre. Yet this DPPP proposal initiated by the Town Council will make parking even worse. Existing DPPP in Poole's Lane also initiated by Town Council and is rarely used. Has conducted own survey and results show a parking problem exists – wants OCC to find	Parking pressure evident here. Existing disabled bays in car park are too far away for the more seriously disabled users of the supermarket; the proposed location is intended to address that. The District Council are happy to remove some bays in the car park if this proposal goes ahead which will provide additional space. The Disabled bay in Playing Close may not be needed and could be removed, subject to consultation.

	measures to solve this problem similar to Dyers Hill restrictions.	Dyers Hill restrictions not suitable for centre of Charlbury. They do not differentiate between residents and commuters vehicles. Resident Permit schemes are not currently available in West Oxfordshire.
Resident, Brown's Lane	Objects to the proposal as parking pressure exists and is added to by shoppers and rail commuter parking. The supermarket has extensive opening hours so situation no better in evenings and early morning. Disabled bay in Poole's Lane (Playing Close) never used and should be removed. A single vehicle bay proposal would be more acceptable. Wants help for local residents to park.	As above.
Resident, Brown's Lane	Resident's difficulties in parking are caused by shoppers and rail commuters. Some shoppers still prefer to park in Brown's Lane above the car park. The disabled bay in the Playing Close is rarely used. Drivers park on the yellow lines near the supermarket and cause a hazard. Disabled users of the proposed bay would be ("*more*") at risk of accident. Wants help for local residents to park.	As above.
Resident, Brown's Lane	No off-street parking here so difficult to park and proposed disabled bay would make things worse. Village Hall might be built in the Spendlove Centre area which would also affect parking.	As above.
Resident, The Green	Supports the proposal in Brown's Lane as a badge holder, as disabled bays in the car park are too far away and under-used. Most badge holders park on double yellow lines which obstructs passing traffic and proposal would resolve this. The proposal near the Pharmacy would solve the problem of badge holders having to park on double yellow lines to visit and give them better priority.	Noted.