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Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

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Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport – D.W.Griffiths

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Neath north and Neath east

**(London Road, Neath)
(Revocation) and (Disabled Residents Parking Places) Order
2024**

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the correspondence received following the advertisement of the (London road, Neath)(Revocation) and (Disabled Residents Parking Places) Order 2024, as indicated in Appendix A.

Executive Summary:

The report outlines the proposed Individual Disabled Parking Place for 42 London road, Neath which was formally advertised resulting in two objections and one letter of support being received.

Background:

The individual disabled parking place (IDPP) is required due to the resident meeting all the criteria required for an individual disabled

parking place to be located directly outside No. 42 London road, Neath. This will give the applicant peace of mind to know that they will always be able to park directly outside the property they live in and therefore allowing them to use their motor vehicle to access shops, parks, medical centres etc. safe in the knowledge that no other vehicle can park in the proposed individual disabled bay.

The proposed scheme is indicated in Appendix A.

Financial Impacts:

The scheme is to be funded by the Council's Capital Programme.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The first stage assessment, attached at Appendix B, has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required. A summary is included below: -

A full impact assessment is not required as the introduction of the Individual Disabled Parking Place (IDPP) will assist in the resident of 42 London road, Neath in having their independence to leave home, safe in the knowledge that they can return to park directly outside their property.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

There are 'No Implications' associated with this report.

Workforce Impacts:

There are 'No Implications' associated with this report.

Legal Impacts:

The proposal was advertised for a 21-day period from the 20/05/2024 – 10/06/2024

Risk Management Impacts:

There are no risk management impacts associated with this report.

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

A consultation exercise was undertaken for a period of 21-days from the 20/05/2024 -10/06/2024.

There were 28 letters and plans hand delivered to the properties on London road detailing the proposals. Following a three-week consultation exercise, we received 2 objections and 1 letter of support to the proposal.

A summary of the support and the objection received is given below:-

Officers comments are shown in Italics

Objection:-

- 1) The resident feels that parking is already restricted on London road due to residents having parking permits for the existing residents only parking scheme and that the applicant already parks outside number 42 anyway.

Whilst it is appreciated that parking on London road is very limited at times the IDPP bay will only be 5m in length which is roughly 1 car parking space. It is hoped that giving residents that are eligible for a IDPP bay will have the security of knowing that they can leave home for various reasons and return to park directly outside of their property without the fear of losing the parking space they need to give direct access to the front door.

- 2) The objector feels that some existing resident parking permit holders have more than one vehicle per property.

We have notified our parking section that there may be some residents who are taking advantage of the existing resident parking scheme at London road. Issued permits will be checked and enforcement will be carried out to ensure compliance with the existing residents parking scheme at London road, Neath.

- 3) The objector is concerned that there are two vacant properties on London road which they feel that if 42 London road were to have an IDPP bay approved, it would lead to the new residents requesting the same.

Each Individual Disabled Parking Place is assessed on an individual basis. Strict criteria is required to be eligible to apply and checked rigorously to ensure the system is not misused. It is simply not the case that if you are a blue badge holder you are automatically eligible for your own bay. The suitability of an Individual Disabled Parking Place is determined on Medical grounds of the applicant and Highway safety grounds in relation to the location of the proposed bay.

Support: -

- 1) There is 1 letter of support for the scheme, they support the IDPP for 42 London road, Neath.

The Local Members have been consulted on the feedback received and support that the objections are overruled. They are aware of the applicants Medical conditions and feel that it will benefit the resident.

Recommendations:

Having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment it is recommended that the objections are overruled in full to the (London road, Neath)(Revocation) and (Disabled residents parking places)

order 2024(as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) and that the scheme is implemented as advertised at the earliest convenience.

The objectors will be notified of the decision of the board accordingly.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

Having due regard to the objections that were received and also the letter of support there are many factors that were considered before making the proposed decision. Due to the length of the applicants rear garden and the nature of the applicants disability we believe there is a strong case to approve the provision of an individual disabled parking place at 42 London road. The applicant met all the criteria to apply for an Individual Disabled Parking Place. It is also worth noting point 3 of the objection summery. The resident was concerned that anybody that holds a blue badge would be able to park in the bay, this is not true. Only the occupier of number 42 will be able to apply for the disabled parking permit in relation to this bay and the council parking enforcement team are able to check this with the vehicle registration linked to the proposed permit.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Plan – Individual Disabled Parking Place 2023 – 24
42 London road, Neath

Appendix B – Integrated Impact Assessment.

List of Background Papers:

None

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