

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Environment and Highways Cabinet Board

17th September 2015

Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport

D. W. Griffiths

Matter for Decision

Ward Affected: Bryn and Cwmavon

Proposed individual Disabled Parking Places:

7 Coronation Street, Bryn

5 Ebbw Vale Row, Cwmavon

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the response received following the advertisement of the proposed Individual Disabled Parking Places at 7 Coronation Street, Bryn and 5 Ebbw Vale Row, Cwmavon, as indicated in Appendices A and B respectively.

Background

2. The schemes are necessary to alleviate parking problems that the disabled residents experience outside of their homes.
3. In June 2015, the proposals were advertised at the same time a Consultation Exercise was undertaken to all properties affected by the scheme in Appendix C.
4. A Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the Assessment it has been determined that this function does not require an Equality Impact Assessment.

Financial Implications

5. At the start of the financial year, £20K was allocated to fund new Individual Disabled Parking Places and Residents' Parking schemes as part of the 2015-16 Capital Works Programme.

Consultation Outcome

6. List of Consultees:

Councillor Mrs M A Lewis
Councillor D Whitelock
Councillor D Williams

Residents affected by proposal:

Following the Consultation Exercise there were five letters of objection to the 7 Coronation Street, Bryn scheme and one letter of objection to the 5 Ebbw Vale, Cwmavon scheme. A summary of their contents are listed below:

1. 7 Coronation Street, Bryn

Objectors

- i) Letter 1
- ii) Letter 2
- iii) Letter 3
- iv) Letter 4
- v) Letter 5

Letter 1 stated that parking is always an issue in the street and that the applicant should not be given a reserved space as they can easily walk to the pub and play bingo three times a week so are not disabled.

Letter 2 stated that the applicant sometimes park at the top of the street and walk down to allow their daughter to park outside of the house. The applicant is also seen walking their dog around the village on a daily basis and are back and forth to the rugby club many times a week so do not need a disabled space as they are fully mobile.

Letter 3 stated that they have witnessed the applicant walking their dog around the village, to the club and their daughter's on numerous occasions and that there are more worthy residents in the street.

Letter 4 stated that there are already two disabled bays and a dropped kerb in the street and is concerned there could be further applications to follow. The street is already full of vehicles belonging to residents from other streets and before individual spaces are allocated, then applicants should be observed as in this case the resident is out walking several times a day without difficulty. The disabled bays should be allocated to genuine wheelchair users only.

Letter 5 stated the person concerned does not need or require the use of a mobility scooter or wheelchair and their level of disability do not warrant an IDPP due to them able to walk their dog on a daily basis and there being sufficient parking access and spaces in the street. Furthermore, over recent years a number of residents of Coronation Street with a higher level of disability and mobility have applied for such a request and have been declined.

Observation of Objections:

There is a strong opinion from some residents in Coronation Street that the applicant does not have significant disabilities and has few problems walking around the village. There is also concern that there are already two Individual Disabled Parking Places in the street and a third will add to the current parking problems. The proposed bay will butt up against an existing bay so would have a low impact on existing parking in the street.

Sustainability Appraisal

7. No Change.

Recommendation

8. It is recommended that the objections be overruled and that the objectors be informed accordingly.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

9. That the applicant has provided evidence of their disabilities which meets the Authority's criteria on health grounds and that by providing a bay directly outside of their property should not impact on the objector's current parking arrangements. The application is supported by one of the Local Councillors and the Police.

1. 5 Ebbw Vale Row, Cwmavon

Letter 1 stated that the applicant's neighbour does not own a car but he still parks in such a manner that other residents vehicles are displaced in the street. There is a sports field opposite which attracts other vehicles into the street but the applicant is unaffected as his car is already parked. The applicant is elderly and struggles to walk and see, which has been reported to the DVLA as he shouldn't be driving. Also a white square on the road would look unsightly on a quiet street.

Observation of Objections:

The objector states that the manner in which the applicant parks displaces other vehicles in the street. By providing a dedicated parking bay outside the applicant's property it should assist with neighbours parking. The objector also confirmed that the applicant has certain disabilities which are supported by the fact that they met the Authority's criteria on health grounds.

Sustainability Appraisal

10. No Change.

Recommendation

11. It is recommended that the objection be overruled and that the objector be informed accordingly.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

12. That the applicant has provided evidence of their disabilities which meets the Authority's criteria on health grounds and that by providing a bay directly outside of their property should not impact

on the objector's current parking arrangements. The application is supported by one of the Local Councillors and the Police.

Appendices

13. Appendix A – Proposed Disabled Parking Place Plan; 7 Coronation Street, Bryn
Appendix B – Proposed Disabled Parking Place Plan; 5 Ebbw Vale Row, Cwmavon
Appendix C – Consultation Exercise Letter to Residents

List of Background Papers

14. TR29/02
Equalities Impact Assessment Screening Form

Wards Affected

15. Bryn and Cwmavon

Officer Contact

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

PROPOSED INDIVIDUAL DISABLED PARKING PLACES:

7 Coronation Street, Bryn

5 Ebbw Vale Row, Cwmavon

(a) Implementation of Decision

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

(b) Sustainability Appraisal

Community Plan Impacts

Economic Prosperity	-	No Impact
Education and Lifelong Learning	-	No Impact
Better Health and Well Being	-	No Impact
Environment and Transport	-	Positive
Crime and Disorder	-	No Impact

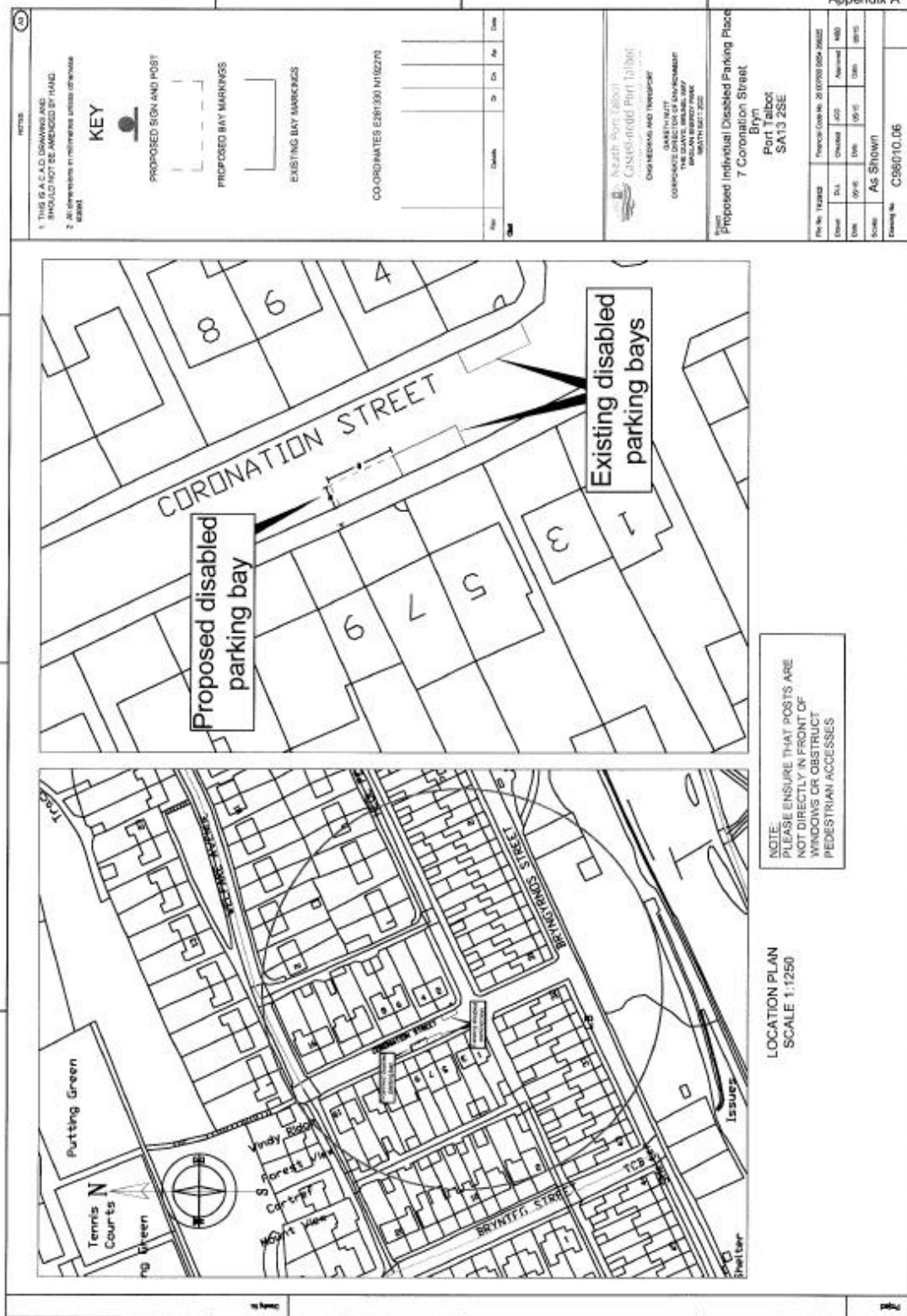
Other Impacts

Welsh Language	-	No Impact
Sustainable Development	-	Positive
Equalities	-	Positive
Social Inclusion	-	Positive

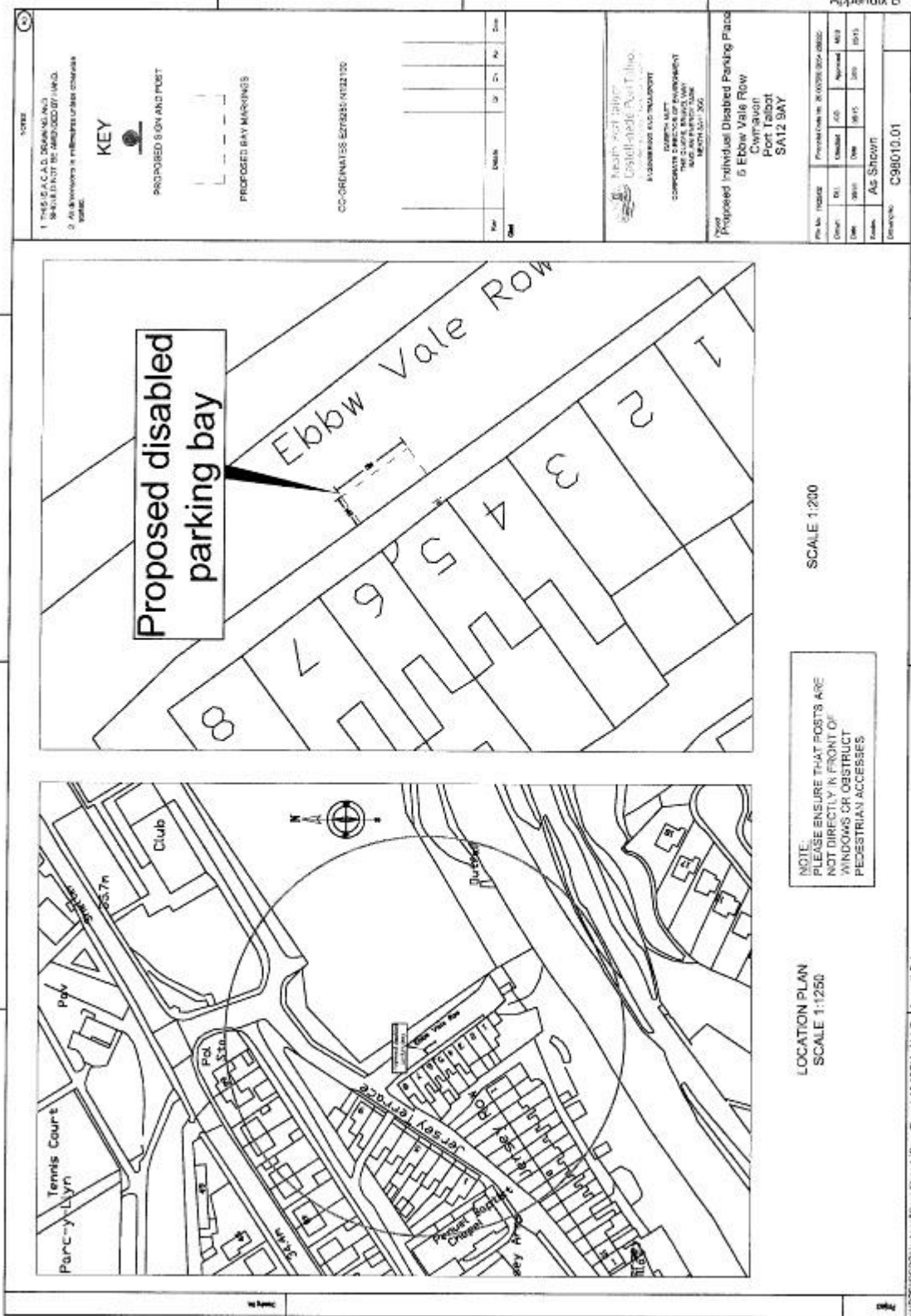
(c) Consultation

The item has been subject to external consultation.

Appendix A



Appendix B



Appendix C

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The Occupier(s)

Appendix C

Dear Occupier(s)

Re:- INDIVIDUAL DISABLED PARKING PLACE

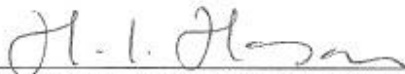
It is the intention of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to implement the Individual Disabled Parking Place as indicated on the attached plan.

A copy of the proposed Order, Statement of Reasons and an appropriate plan may be inspected during normal office hours at the main reception desks in the Neath and Port Talbot Civic Centres and at the Pontardawe Library.

Any comments should be submitted in writing to reach the Head of Engineering and Transport, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, The Quays, Baglan Energy Park, Neath, SA11 2GG by 26th June 2015.

Should you require any further information, please contact my officer on the above telephone number.

Yours sincerely



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