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ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION AND STREETSCENE
SERVICES CABINET BOARD

14th November 2023

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

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Pontardawe

(QUARR ROAD, PONTARDAWE)
(DISABLED RESIDENTS PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2023

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the correspondence received following the advertisement of the (Quarr Road, Pontardawe) (Disabled Residents Parking Places) Order 2023, as indicated in Appendix A.

Executive Summary:

The report outlines the proposed Individual Disabled Parking Place for 21 Quarr Road, Pontardawe which was formally advertised resulting in one objection 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. 21 Quarr Road, Pontardawe. 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 21 Quarr Road, Pontardawe 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 14/08/23 – 04/09/23.

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 14/08/23 – 04/0923.

There were 21 letters and plans hand delivered to the properties on Quarr road detailing the proposals. Following a three-week consultation exercise, we received 1 objection and 1 letter of support to the proposal.

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

Objection:-

- 1) The resident feels that parking is already restricted on Quarr road in particular at times when there is an event on at the nearby swimming pool.

- 2) Residents currently manage parking on the street already moving their cars later on in the evening when there is parking spaces available.
- 3) The resident is concerned that other residents with a blue badge will park in the space and that in turn will cause problems.

Support: -

- 1) There is 1 letter of support for the scheme, they support the IDPP for 21 Quarr Road, Pontardawe.

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 objection is overruled in full to the (Quarr Road, Pontardawe) (Disabled Residents Parking Places) Order 2023(as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) and that the scheme is implemented as advertised at the earliest convenience.

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

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

Having due regard to the objection that was received and also the letter of support there are many factors that were considered before making the proposed decision. Due to the Topography of Quarr road I believe there is a strong case for the scheme to be implemented as the road is at a steep gradient. 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 21 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 – IDPP 21 Quarr Road, Pontardawe.

Appendix B – Integrated Impact Assessment.

List of Background Papers:

None.

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