Report for: Record of Decision Taken Under Delegated Authority

Item

To report on the statutory consultation carried out in July

number: and August 2020 on the introduction of dedicated

disabled persons' parking bays and removal of disabled

Title: persons' parking bays contained in Batch 23.

Cabinet Member for Transformation and Public Realm

Investment: Cllr Chandwani

Report authorised

by:

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Ward(s) affected: Bruce Grove, Crouch End, Northumberland Park, St

Stroud Green, White Hart Lane, Woodside.

Report for Key/

Non Key Decision: Non key decision

1 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide details of Traffic Management's proposal; and report on the representations received during the consultation period and then to seek approval to proceed with the recommendations as set out in Section 9 of this report.
- 1.2 During July and August 2020, statutory consultations were undertaken on proposals to introduce dedicated disabled persons' parking bays and remove disabled persons' parking bays in various locations throughout the London Borough of Haringey.

2 Background

- 2.1 Blue Badge holders in Haringey, are entitled to make an application for a dedicated disabled persons' parking bay. These are usually located in close proximity to the applicant's home.
- 2.2 A dedicated disabled persons parking bay may be recommended if the applicant meets the following criteria (including conversion of a standard disabled persons parking bay to a dedicated disabled persons parking bay):
 - The applicant must be the holder of a current blue badge issued under the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) Regulations 2000.
 - The applicant must reside permanently at the address; or be able to nominate another driver who also resides permanently at the same address.
 - The applicant, or the nominated driver, must have a driver's licence that is registered at the address where the bay is to be provided.
 - The applicant must be able to provide written consent (medical consent form) for the Council to access their Blue Badge mobility assessment form and gather evidence to show the applicant has considerable difficulty in walking.
 - The applicant has no access to alternative off-street parking. Applications are unlikely to be approved if the applicant has access to off-street parking areas such as a garage, a driveway or area of

hardstanding within their property. Exceptions may be considered if those facilities can be demonstrated as being unsuitable for the use of a disabled person due to the nature of their disability.

- The applicant must receive the higher rate mobility component of Disability Living Allowance (Attendance Allowance for the over 65's), or the enhanced mobility component of the Personal Independence Payment for 16 to 64-year olds;
- Or provide written evidence from a professional medical consultant (not a general practitioner) providing reasons as to why a disabled dedicated parking bay is required.
- 2.3 Haringey Council continue to provide disabled persons parking bays on the public highway near locations such as hospitals, doctor's surgeries, outside chemists or other public buildings and amenities.
- 2.4 For a person to be eligible to utilise a disabled persons parking bay they must be a holder of a current blue badge issued under the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) Regulations 2000.
- 2.5 A disabled persons parking bay or dedicated disabled persons parking bay may also be recommended for removal:
 - 1. If an individual's circumstances change, whereby the applicant no longer meets the criteria listed in Section 2.2.
 - 2. The applicant; or the applicant's relatives, friends or neighbours; advise the Council that a bay is no longer in use or required.
- 2.6 Occasionally, the Council receive requests to amend existing disabled persons parking bays or dedicated disable persons parking bays where:
 - 1. An applicant would like a bay moved closer to their property, or facility.
 - 2. An applicant would like a bay to be extended if they feel an existing bay does not or no longer meets their current needs.
- 2.7 In all cases, council officers will carry out an assessment, which will inform the recommendations as set out in Section 9 of this report.

- 2.8 To proceed with any recommendation to introduce, change, relocate or remove a disabled persons parking bay or a dedicated disabled persons parking bay, the Council is required to follow a statutory process.
- 2.9 Due to the volume of applications the Council receives, undertaking each application on an individual basis would not be cost effective. To process requests more efficiently, applications are reviewed in batches covering a period of approximately one to two months.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 During the most recent period, the Council received 8 requests in relation to disabled persons parking bays, which included the introduction of 7 dedicated disabled bays and 4 disabled bay removals.
- 3.2 To introduce 7 dedicated disabled persons parking bays, by either converting an existing disabled bay, or making changes to the public highway at the following locations, See **Appendix 1** for detailed drawings:
 - 26 Briston Grove, NS 9EX
 - 48 Waverley Road, N17 0PX
 - 26 Elmhurst Road, N17 6RQ
 - 32 Southey Road, N15 5LL
 - 52 Ferme Park Road, N4 4ED
 - 11 Cavell Road, N17 7BJ
 - 6 Fitzroy Court, 57-59 Shepherds Hill, N6 5RD
- 3.3 The proposed dedicated disabled parking bays mentioned above which are located in existing Controlled Parking Zones, if implemented will result in removal of Controlled Parking Zone restrictions at said location.
- 3.4 To remove 4 existing Disabled Persons Parking Bays at the following locations, see **Appendix** 2 for detailed drawings:
 - 140 Sylvan Avenue, N22 5JB
 - 200 Stapleton Hall Road, N4 4QL
 - 210 Stapleton Hall Road, N4 4QL
 - 198 Stapleton Hall Road, N4 4QL
- 3.5 The proposed disabled parking bay removals mentioned above which are located in existing Controlled Parking Zones, if removed will result in reinstatement of the surrounding Controlled Parking Zone restrictions at said location.

4 Legal Requirements

- 4.1 Before reaching a decision to make the necessary Traffic Management Order to implement or amend parking controls, the Council must follow the statutory consultation procedures pursuant to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("RTRA") (as amended) and the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (as amended). All representations received must be properly considered in the light of administrative law principles, Human Rights and equalities law and the relevant statutory powers.
- 4.2 The Council's powers to make Traffic Management Orders arise mainly under sections 6, 9, 45, 46, 122 and 124 and schedules 1 paragraph 8 and 9 of the RTRA.
- 4.3 The power of a local authority to make an order regulating or controlling vehicular and other traffic is contained within the ambit of section 6(1) of the 1984 Act.
- 4.4 By virtue of section 122, the Council must exercise its powers under the RTRA to secure the expeditious, convenient, and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic including pedestrians, and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. These powers must be exercised so far as practicable having regard to the following matters: -
 - The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises.
 - The effect on the amenities of any locality affected including the regulation and restriction of heavy commercial traffic so as to preserve or improve amenity.
 - The national air quality strategy.
 - Facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and securing the safety and convenience of their passengers.

5 Equalities comments

- 5.1 The Council must, when carrying out the Council's functions (which includes making decisions), have due regard to the needs set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 (the Public Sector Equality Duty ('PSED')). This duty includes having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (including people with a disability) and persons who do not share it. The Council must consider the duty, which is personal to decision makers.
- 5.2 S149 (4) of the Equality Act 2010 stresses the public sector equality duty strongly in respect of disabled persons and extends the meaning of 'due regard' to include the steps involved in meeting the needs of disabled persons in particular "steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities" even if it would mean treating disabled persons more favourably than persons who do not have a disability.
- 5.3 The proposal to recommend the introduction of disabled parking bays at various locations in the borough is a necessary step that recognises and takes account of the parking needs of Haringey's disabled residents even if it appears to be a more favourable treatment on grounds of their disability. It accords completely with meeting the Council's public sector equality duty in regard to the protected characteristic of disability.

6 Statutory Notification

- 6.1 Statutory notification commenced on the 29th July 2020 for a period of 21 days. The process consisted of a Notice of Proposal published in the London Gazette, Enfield and Haringey independent and the notice was erected on site in the affected streets. The closing date for representations and comment was the 19th of August 2020.
- Although not a legal requirement, statutory notification letters, informing of the process and proposals, were also posted to affected frontages located in proximity of the proposals. **Appendix 3** contains copies of statutory notification letters delivered to affected frontages.
- As part of the statutory process, the views of the following statutory bodies were also sought:
 - AA
 - London Transport
 - Police (local)
 - Fire Brigade

- London Ambulance Service
- Freight Transport Association
- Road Haulage Association
- RAC
- Metropolitan Police (traffic)
- London Travel Watch
- Haringey Cycling Campaign

See **Appendix 4** for a copy of e-mail sent to the above statutory bodies.

7 Statutory notification feedback

7.1 Two representations have been received from the statutory bodies stated in the form of two objections to the proposed dedicated disabled parking bay outside of 32 Southey Road, N15

7.2 Two objections to the installation of the dedicated disabled parking bay outside 32 Southey Road, N15;

Please note that the objection letter received was titled 'All residents of Southey Road, N15 5LL & 5LJ', however, only two signatures were present at the bottom of the letter and so it has been concluded that the letter represents two objections.

These objections were received on the basis that there is already a lack of parking in the area for residents and that the objectors had seen the person, who they believed to be the applicant, walking. It is because of this the objectors feel that the person, who they believe to be the applicant, does not require a dedicated disabled parking bay.

The Council Officers' response;

By installing the proposed dedicated disabled bay existing levels of parking would not be affected as the applicant already uses Southey Road for parking.

The Applicant meets all requirements for approval of a dedicated disabled parking bay as set out within The Council's Disabled Place Parking Policy and valid documentation has been provided.

8 Summary

- 8.1 All applicants of the proposed dedicated disabled bays meet the required eligibility criteria.
- 8.2 Proposed locations have been consulted in accordance with relevant legislation and established council procedures.

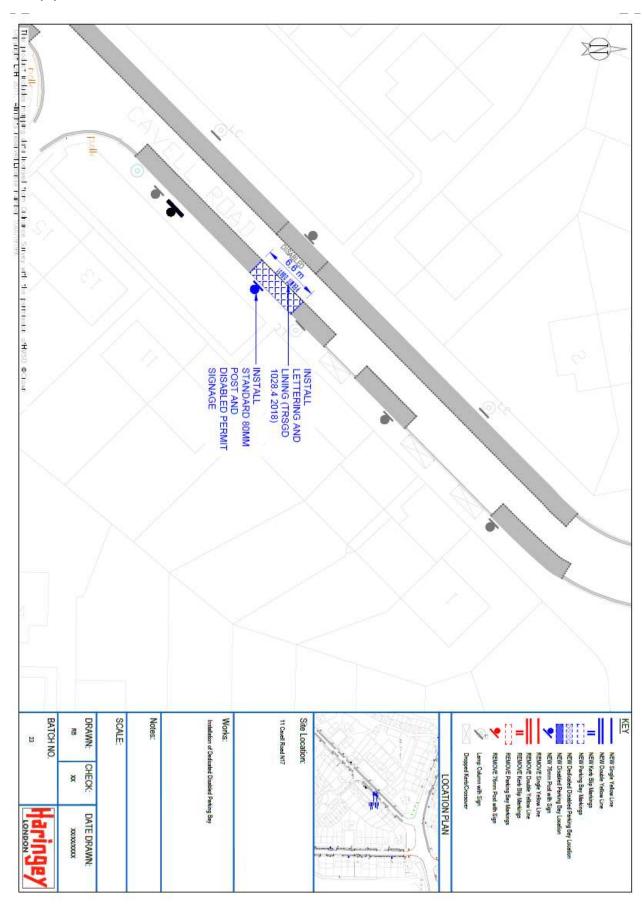
- 8.3 The council received 2 responses, both of which were in objection to the proposed dedicated disabled parking bay outside of no. 32 Southey Road, N15.
- 8.4 Not installing the proposed dedicated disabled bays would be in breach of the Council Policy for Disabled Parking Places as all applicants meet the required eligibility criteria.

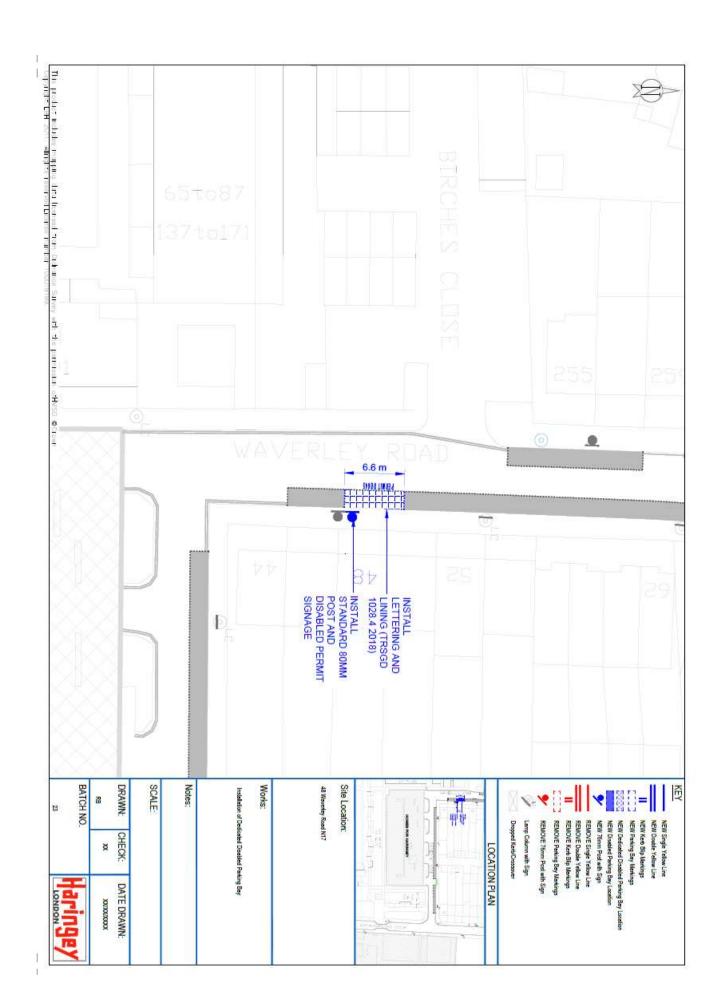
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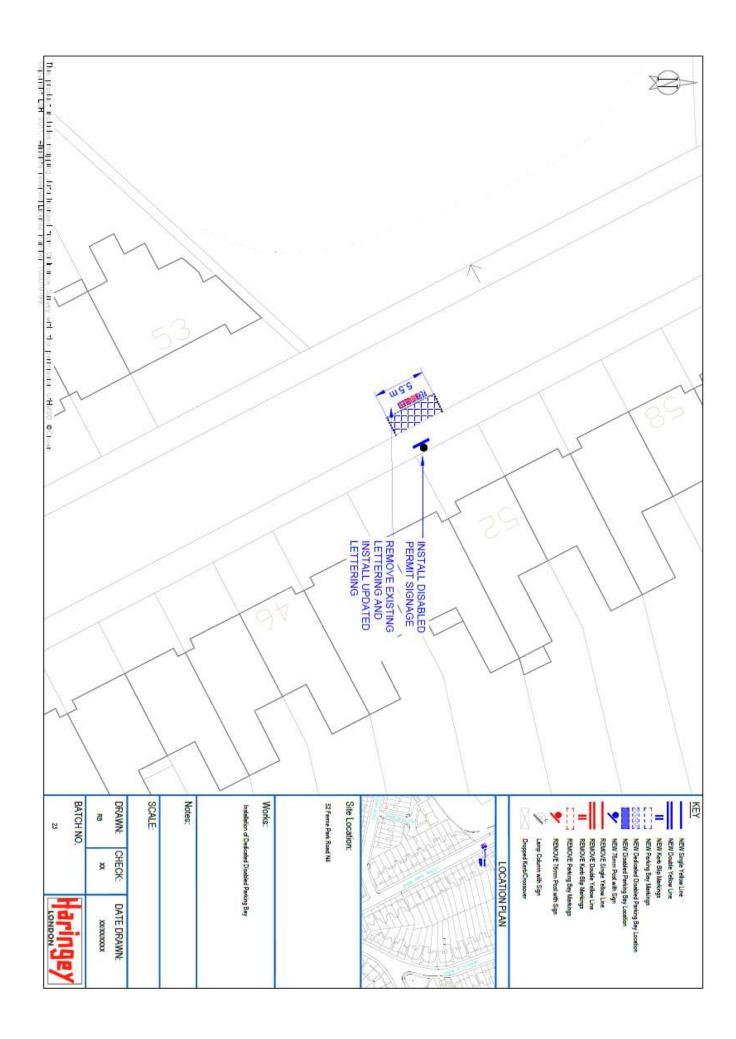
- 9.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Transformation and Public Realm Investment and the Head of Service for Highways and Parking, having considered the rationale and criteria for the proposals, the responses to the consultation and officer comments, and having due regard to the needs set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010:
- 9.2 Notes the proposals set out in Section 3.2 and 3.3 of this report and approves the following:
- 9.3 Implementation of all proposed new dedicated disabled parking bays (7 locations)
- 9.4 Removal all disabled parking bays proposed (4 locations)

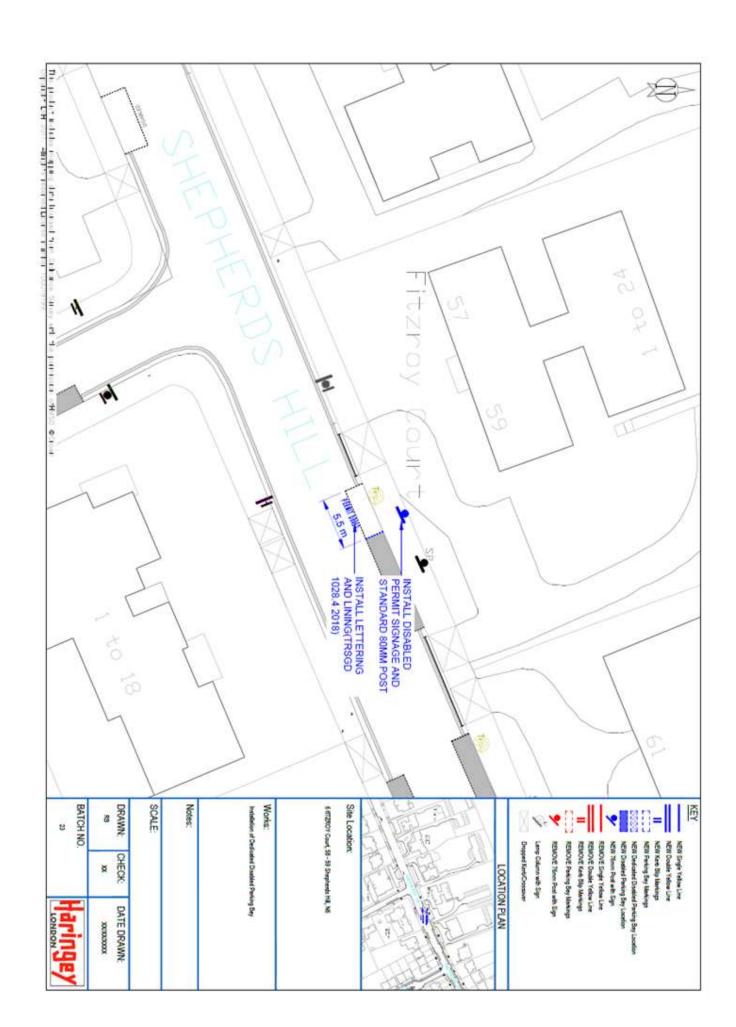
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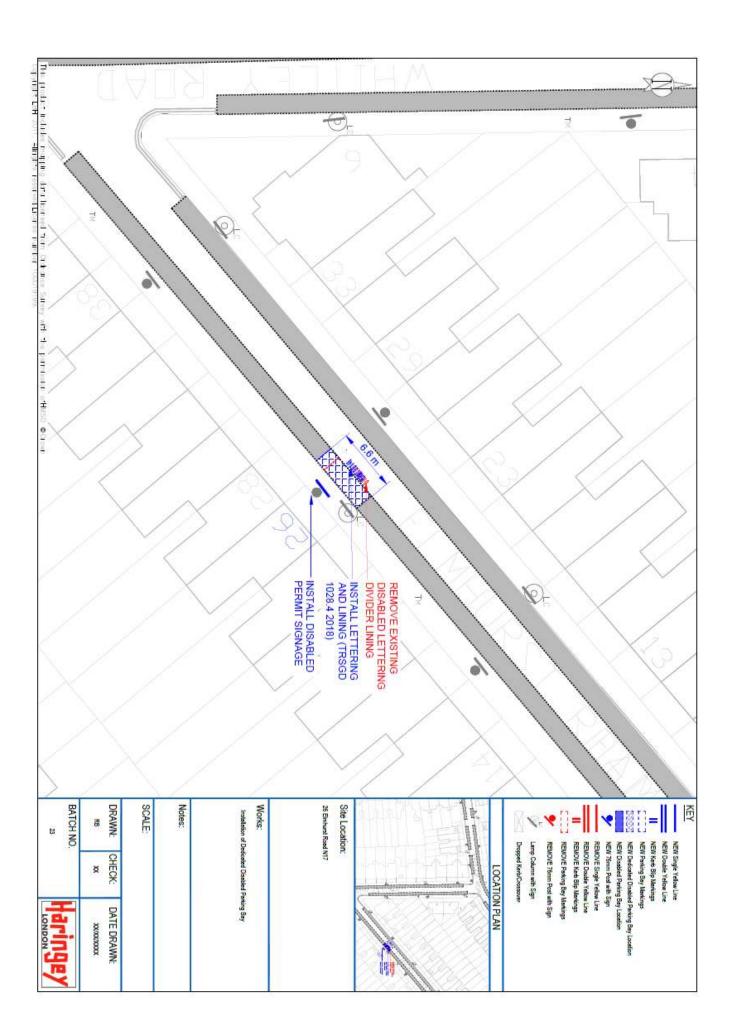
- 1. Detailed designs showing the extents of the proposals for new dedicated disabled parking bays
- 2. Detailed designs showing the extents of the proposals for removal of existing disabled parking bays
- 3. Statutory Consultation notification letters delivered to properties/businesses
- 4. Statutory Consultation notification email sent to statutory bodies

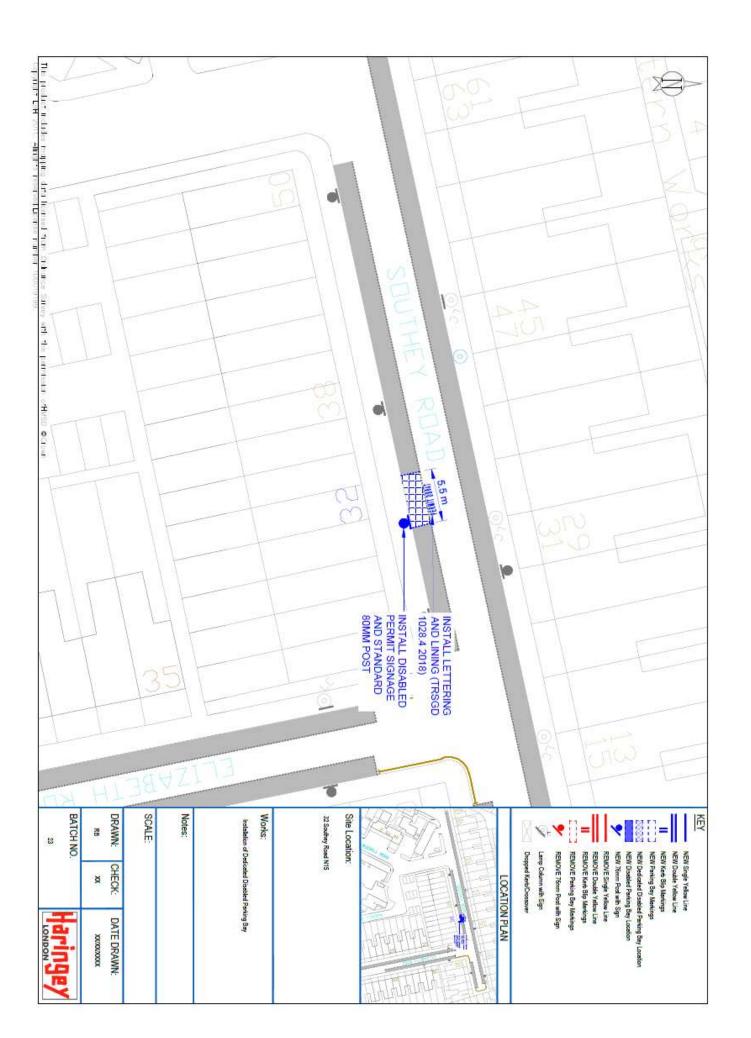




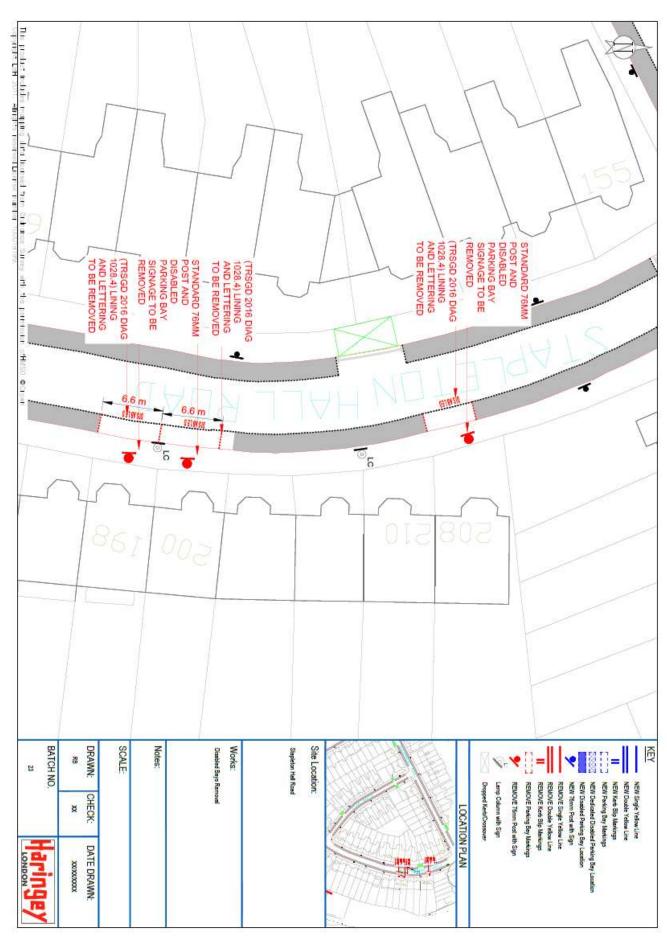


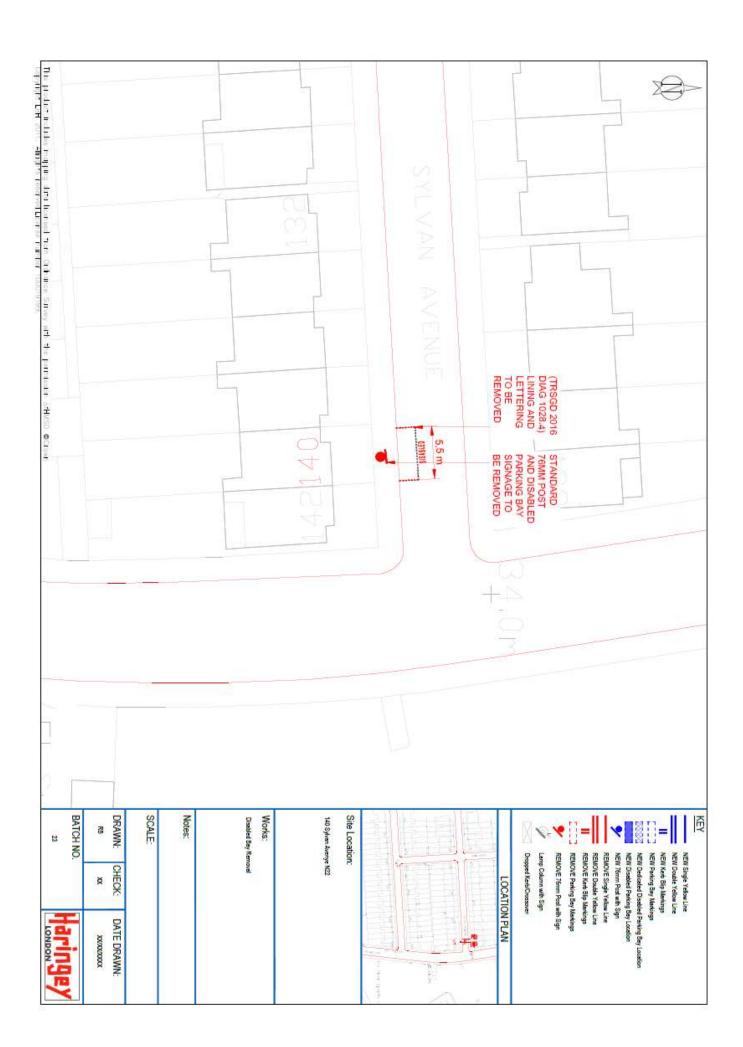












Parking Operations

Ann Cunningham: Head of Highways & Parking



Date

Public Consultation

Roads Proposed Dedicated Disabled Bay - *Address*

Dear Occupier,

Due to parking pressures in the Borough, Dedicated Disabled Parking Bays are one of the concessions being offered by the Council to accommodate residents with severe walking impairments and those residents who cannot travel far to their vehicle. Each applicant who meets the required criteria within the Disabled Parking Place Policy, which has been set by the Council, is entitled to one Bay for one nominated vehicle. No vehicle other than the applicant's or their nominated driver's will be permitted to park within the Dedicated Bay.

It is as a result of this Policy that a Dedicated Disabled Bay is proposed *location*. The bay is intended to provide the eligible resident ease of access to and from their property. The installation of the mentioned Dedicated Disabled Parking Bays is considered necessary to improve quality of living for the person of which the bay is intended for.

The Council therefore invite you to make comment regarding the proposal, you may do so by emailing disabledparkingbays@haringey.gov.uk or writing to the address shown below quoting reference *T-***. The closing date for receipt of comments is the *date*.

Further information on the proposed changes, including reference plans, can be found on the Council's website.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully

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Date

Public Consultation

Proposed Disabled Bay Removal- *Address*

Dear Occupier,

Haringey Council are currently in the process of carrying out a review of the Disabled Persons' Parking Bays in your area and therefore are contacting you regarding the bay which has been installed outside of *address*.

Please can you let us know if the bay is still required OR if you are in favour of its removal by completing the enclosed short questionnaire using the free post envelope provided. Alternatively, you can email your response to disabledparkingbays@haringey.gov.uk providing us with up to date information quoting reference 'T**'.

Please arrange for your response to be sent to The Council within 21 days from the date of this letter so that records can be updated accordingly. If you are unable to provide the relevant documentation, then please notify us by making comments on the bottom of the questionnaire.

Please note that eligibility is subject to proof of the higher rate of the mobility component for Disability Living Allowance or Enhanced rate for Personal Independence Payment, or the higher rate for Attendance Allowance.

Due to the high volume of responses, the Council will only contact you if there is a query.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully

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Dear all

I attach documents relating to proposed/made Traffic Orders and should be grateful for any objections or representations that you may have regarding any proposed permanent Orders within 21 days from the date of this email, and within 6 months from the in force dates for any experimental Orders. If I do not hear from you, I will assume that you have no comments to make.

Regards