

Report for: Director of Built Environment & Highways following consultation with
Cabinet Member for Climate Action and Transport

Title: Disabled Parking Bays Removal Batch DPBR-2025-02

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Ward(s) affected: Alexandra Park, Crouch End, Fotis Green, Harringay, Hermitage & Gardens, Highgate, Hornsey, Noel Park, Northumberland Park, Muswell Hill, St Ann's, Seven Sisters, Stroud Green, Tottenham Central, Tottenham Hale, West Green, Woodside

**Report for Key/
Non-Key Decision: Non-Key decision**

1 Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 To report on the statutory consultation undertaken from 18th March 2026 to 8th April 2026 on the proposals to remove disabled bays from the streets listed in table 1 of this report.
- 1.2 To approve the recommendations outlined in section 3 of this report.

2 Cabinet Member Introduction

- 2.1 N/A.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 The Director of Built Environment & Highways following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Action and Transport is asked to:
- 3.2 Note the neutral/representations in support received to the proposals set out in paragraph 6.13 and consider the objections received to the consultation in Appendix 3 attached to this report, and officer's view/ recommendations set out in Table 2 in paragraph 6.11.
- 3.3 Agree that the Council exercise its discretion and not cause a public inquiry to be held for the reasons set out in paragraph 6.14 of this report.
- 3.4 Approve the making of the traffic management orders pursuant to powers in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA 1984), including publicising making of the order to implement the proposed changes at 38 locations detailed in Table 1, which includes the following:
 - Removal of 38 existing disabled parking bays
 - Reinstatement of residents parking permit bays where appropriate and where the disabled bays are removed.
- 3.5 Approve the spending of a total estimated implementation cost of £11,000, which includes the costs of making the traffic orders. This will be funded from the Council's approved Capital Programme within capital scheme 332 – Disabled Parking budget provision.

4 Reasons for decisions

- 4.1 As part of the Council's ongoing review programme, Disabled Persons' Parking Bays are periodically assessed where evidence suggests that a bay may be underused or no longer required. In accordance with the statutory consultation process, residents are formally consulted on proposals to remove disabled parking bays within their street. The 44 bays that were proposed for removal as part of this consultation are listed in Table 1, Section 6.
- 4.2 The purpose of this consultation is to establish whether each bay remains in active use or whether its removal is justified. The aim of this process is to ensure the efficient allocation of parking provision by removing bays that are no longer required and thereby improving overall parking availability and utilisation.
- 4.3 It is recommended that 38 disabled parking bays proceed to removal following consultation. Objections have been upheld in respect of six of the proposed removals, as evidence of parking activity was observed at these locations, indicating that those dedicated disabled parking bays provide essential support for disabled residents requiring accessible parking in close proximity to their homes.

5 Alternative options considered

- 5.1 An alternative considered was not to undertake the requested removal of the existing disabled bays listed in Table 1. This is not recommended as removing the proposed 38 disabled parking bays will not have an adverse impact on Blue Badge holders, as demonstrated by the feedback received during the consultation. Their removal will enable a more efficient allocation of parking provision by eliminating bays that are no longer required improving overall parking availability and utilisation for residents and other road users.

6 Background

- 6.1 Blue Badge holders in Haringey are entitled to make an application for a dedicated disabled persons' parking bay. Such bays are required to be located close to a Blue Badge holder's home.
- 6.2 A dedicated disabled persons parking bay (for the sole use by one vehicle) may be recommended if the applicant meets the following criteria (including conversion of a standard disabled persons parking bay to a dedicated disabled persons permit 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 an area of hardstanding within their property. Exceptions may be

considered if facilities can be demonstrated as being unsuitable for the use of a disabled person due to the nature of their disability.

- The applicant is in receipt of the higher rate of the Mobility Component of the disability living allowance elements of the Blue Badge Eligibility criteria; or
- Scores 12 points or more under the 'moving around' activity of the mobility component of Personal Independence Payment (PIP); or
- Is in receipt of the higher rate Attendance Allowance (aged 64 and over) or
- Is in receipt of the mobility component of PIP and has obtained 10 points specifically for Descriptor E under the "planning and following journeys" activity on the grounds that they are unable to undertake any journey because it would cause them overwhelming psychological distress; or
- Receives a War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement (WPMS); or
- Has been both awarded a lump sum benefit at tariffs 1-8 of the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme and certified as having an enduring and substantial disability which causes the inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking; or
- Can provide written evidence from a professional medical consultant (not a general practitioner) providing reasons why a disabled dedicated parking bay is required.

6.3 A disabled persons parking bay or dedicated disabled persons parking bay may also be recommended for removal:

- If an individual's circumstances change, whereby the applicant no longer meets the criteria listed in Section 6.2.
- The applicant; or the applicant's relatives, friends, or neighbours; advise the Council that a bay is no longer in use or required.

6.4 Occasionally, the Council receive requests to amend existing disabled persons' parking bays or dedicated disabled persons' parking bays where:

- An applicant would like a bay moved closer to their property or facility.

6.5 In all cases, Council officers will conduct an assessment and undertake statutory consultation on any proposed changes. The outcome of both helps inform officers' recommendations regarding the changes.

6.6 Due to the volume of applications the Council receives, undertaking each application on an individual basis would not be cost-effective. To efficiently process requests, applications are assessed and progressed in batches.

6.7 Table 1 below lists 44 locations where residents informed the Council that a dedicated disabled parking bay was no longer required and their removal the subject of the statutory consultation described in section 6.8 of this report.

Table 1

Reference	Location	Description	Reason for proposal and operation hours	Changes to waiting/loading restrictions required? (Y/N)
(1)	112/114 Warham Road, N4 1AU	Remove standard disabled parking bay and reinstate resident permit holders bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(2)	109/111 Warham Road, N4 1AS	Remove standard disabled parking bay and reinstate resident permit holders bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(3)	Outside 1-28 Dowding House, Hillcrest, N6 4HD	Remove designated disabled parking bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(4)	110 Manor Road, N17 0JE	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(5)	79 Napier Road, N17 6YQ	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N

Reference	Location	Description	Reason for proposal and operation hours	Changes to waiting/loading restrictions required? (Y/N)
(6)	19 Mannock Road, N22 6AB	Remove standard disabled bay and reinstate resident permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(7)	126 Woodside Road, N22	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(8)	56 Willingdon Road N22 6SD	Remove standard disabled bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(9)	120 Greyhound Road, N17 6XN	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(10)	Adjacent to 122b Colney Hatch Lane, Barnard Hill, N10	Remove standard disabled bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N

Reference	Location	Description	Reason for proposal and operation hours	Changes to waiting/loading restrictions required? (Y/N)
(11)	11 Penrith Road, N15 5QU	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(12)	Adjacent to 93 Tottenham Lane. (Eastern disabled bay), Montague Road, N8 9PJ	Remove standard disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(13)	12 Chalgrove Road, N17 0NP	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(14)	3 Blaenavon (opposite flank wall of 97 Fortis Green), Eastern Road, N2 9HT	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay and reinstate resident permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(15)	Adjacent to 41a The Broadway, Crouch Hall Road, N8 8DT	Remove standard disabled and extend the existing loading bay in its place	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(16)	79 Muswell Hill Place, N10 3RR	Remove standard disabled bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking	N

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			Bay no longer required	
(17)	93 Broadwater Road, N17 6ET	Remove standard disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(18)	14 Church Lane, N87BU	Remove standard disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(19)	17 Umfreville Road, N4 1RY	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(20)	67 Collingwood Avenue, N10 3EE	Remove standard disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(21)	73 Sherringham Avenue, N17 9RT	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N

Reference	Location	Description	Reason for proposal and operation hours	Changes to waiting/loading restrictions required? (Y/N)
(22)	58 Queens Road, N11 2QU	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(23)	81 Mayfield Road, N8 9LN	Remove standard disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(24)	49 Brantwood Road, N17 0DT	Convert dedicated disabled parking bay into resident permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(25)	Opposite 3 (Outside genesis house), Queen Street, N17 8HQ	Convert dedicated disabled parking bay into resident permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(26)	33 Glasslyn Road, N8 8RJ	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay and reinstate resident permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(27)	Opposite 1-11 Bennetts Close, N17 0HD	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay and reinstate	Residents reported the Disabled Parking	N

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		permit holders only bay	Bay no longer required	
(28)	124/126 Rathcoole Gardens, N8 9PG	Remove standard disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(29)	64 Windermere Road, N10 2RG	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(30)	90 Effingham Road, N8 0AD	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(31)	19 Curzon Road, N10 2RB	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(32)	9 Park Avenue North, N8 7RU	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required disabled parking bay	N

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(33)	71 Lothair Road South, N4 1EN	Convert dedicated disabled parking bay into resident permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(34)	29/31 Sperling Road, N17 6UQ	Remove standard disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(35)	4 Boreham Road, N22 6SP	Convert dedicated disabled parking bay into resident permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(36)	6 Tilson Road, N17 9UY	Remove standard disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(37)	62 Palace Road, N8 8QP	Convert dedicated disabled parking bay into resident permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N

Reference	Location	Description	Reason for proposal and operation hours	Changes to waiting/loading restrictions required? (Y/N)
(38)	30 Seymour Avenue, N17 9EB	Remove standard disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(39)	Opposite 3 Pellatt Grove, N22 5PJ	Convert dedicated disabled parking bay into resident permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(40)	5 Frome Road, N22 6BP	Convert dedicated disabled parking bay into resident permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(41)	23 Thorold Road, N22 8YE	Remove standard disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(42)	9 Argyle Road, N17 0BE	Remove standard disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N

Reference	Location	Description	Reason for proposal and operation hours	Changes to waiting/loading restrictions required? (Y/N)
(43)	143 Northumberland Park, N17 OTL	Convert dedicated disabled parking bay into resident permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(44)	30 Rusper Road, N22 6RA	Remove standard disabled parking bay and reinstate permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N

(Rows highlighted in red in Table 1 are not recommended to be progressed)

Statutory Consultation

- 6.8 Statutory notification commenced on 18th March 2026 for a period of 21 days. The process consisted of a Notice of Proposals being published in the London Gazette, Enfield and Haringey Independent and street notices being placed in each of the affected streets. The closing date for representations and comments was 8th April 2026.
- 6.9 In addition to the above, letters informing parties of the proposed changes were hand delivered to all properties in proximity to the proposed changes. **Appendix 1** contains copies of the letters delivered to affected frontages.
- 6.10 See **Appendix 2** for a copy of the statutory 'notice of proposal' advertised. As part of the statutory process, the views of the following statutory consultees were also sought, as required by the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 ("LATOR") and other organisations that the Council thinks it appropriate to consult:
- 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

Responses to Statutory Consultation

- 6.11 The legal requirements for this statutory consultation were followed by the instalment of street notices and newspaper adverts to notify the public of the proposals and statutory consultation and how they could object should they wish to.
- 6.12 The statutory consultation allows anyone to make a formal objection or to confirm they are neutral but have comments or suggestions.
- 6.13 58 responses stated they were neutral and all commented that they were in support of the proposals.
- 6.14 A total of 16 objections were received for 11 of the proposals in Table 1. The objections received to the statutory consultation, along with officer's views and recommendations, can be found in Table 2 below.

Table 2

Reference	Objection Theme	Officer Recommendation	Officer Response
Item (20) Table 1 67 Collingwood Avenue, N10 3EE	1 objection - the objector states that the disabled bay is used full-time and is necessary due to mobility needs.	Officers have reviewed the objection and upheld it. Parking activity is currently taking place at	The objector has been notified via e-mail that their objection/comments have been recorded and will be

Reference	Objection Theme	Officer Recommendation	Officer Response
		this location, and the bay is essential to support disabled residents who require accessible parking close to their homes. Therefore, the bay will remain in place and will not be removed, as it is actively used by Blue Badge holders on the street.	considered as part of the reporting process. The outcome of the decision report will be available to share with the objectors once a decision has been taken.
Item (15) Table 1 Adjacent to 41a The Broadway, Crouch Hall Road, N8 8DT	2 objections - the objections state that the disabled bay provides parking close to the main shopping amenity in Crouch End commenting that parking is severely restricted and having a disabled bay makes access to the shops possible for many users with restricted movement.	Officers have reviewed the objection, and it has not been upheld. The existing disabled parking bay does not meet the minimum required length of 6.6 metres and is therefore unsuitable for continued use. In 2024, two additional disabled parking bays were installed on the southern side of the road to provide adequate provision for Blue Badge holders, ensuring convenient access to nearby shopping amenities. Accordingly, the bay will proceed to removal. However, consideration will be given to reviewing the two standard disabled parking bays located opposite on the southern side of Crouch Hall Road, with a view to introduce time restrictions, improving vehicle turnover.	The objector has been notified via e-mail that their objection/comments have been recorded and will be considered as part of the reporting process. The outcome of the decision report will be available to share with the objectors once a decision has been taken.
Item (3) Table 1 Outside 1-28 Dowding House, Hillcrest, N6	1 objection - the objector states that their dedicated disabled bay (DB166) is still in use.	Officers have reviewed the objection and upheld it. The dedicated disabled parking bay DB304,	The objector has been notified via e-mail that their objection/comments have been recorded

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4HD		which was proposed for removal, has since been reassigned to another resident and is currently in active use. As a result, this bay will be retained and will not be removed. With regard to dedicated disabled bay DB166, referenced in the objection received, this bay was not included within the scope of the current consultation. Consequently, it will remain in place and is unaffected by the proposals.	and will be considered as part of the reporting process. The outcome of the decision report will be available to share with the objectors once a decision has been taken.
Item (4) Table 1 110 Manor Road, N17 OJE	1 objection – the objection received was submitted by a Blue Badge holder, who advised that the dedicated disabled parking bay had previously been allocated to their partner, who has since passed away. The objector requested that the bay be converted to a standard disabled parking bay for their own use, citing ongoing mobility difficulties.	Officers have reviewed the objection, and it has not been upheld. This dedicated disabled bay is no longer required by the registered owner. There are sufficient existing standard disabled bays to accommodate the number of blue badge holders in this section of Manor Road. Blue Badge holders can park in any resident, shared-use, or pay-by-phone bay for an unlimited duration, and on single or double yellow lines for up to 3 hours. Accordingly, the bay will be removed as proposed.	The objector has been notified via e-mail that their objection/comments have been recorded and will be considered as part of the reporting process. The outcome of the decision report will be available to share with the objectors once a decision has been taken.
Item (23) Table 1 81 Mayfield Road, N8 9LN	1 objection- The objector is a Blue Badge holder with significant mobility and health issues and relies heavily on the nearby disabled parking bay	Officers have reviewed the objection and upheld it. Parking activity is currently taking place at this location, and the bay is essential to	The objector has been notified via e-mail that their objection/comments have been recorded and will be considered as part

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	for daily access and medical appointments. The objection comments that parking in the area is often very difficult due to school drop-offs and community activities, making the bay essential for safe access to their home. Removal of the bay would cause hardship, and relocation closer to the objector's residence would be preferable.	support disabled residents who require accessible parking close to their homes. Therefore, the bay will remain in place and will not be removed, as it is actively used by Blue Badge holders on the street.	of the reporting process. The outcome of the decision report will be available to share with the objectors once a decision has been taken.
Item (12) Table 1 Adjacent to 93 Tottenham Lane. (Eastern disabled bay), Montague Road, N8 9PJ	2 objections- The objections state that the disabled bay should be retained, as it significantly improves accessibility for blue badge holders on the road. Its removal would make parking much more difficult, particularly due to limited spaces, nearby pub parking demand and the challenges of parking further away from their properties, especially when carrying shopping. They request that the bay remain on the road with one objector requesting for a dedicated disabled bay to be located outside their home.	Officers have reviewed the objections and upheld them. Parking activity is currently taking place at this location, and the bay is essential to support disabled residents who require accessible parking close to their homes. Therefore, the bay will remain in place and will not be removed, as it is actively used by Blue Badge holders on the street. However, consideration will be given to reviewing the standard disabled parking bay, with a view to introduce time restrictions, improving vehicle turnover.	The objector has been notified via e-mail that their objection/comments have been recorded and will be considered as part of the reporting process. The outcome of the decision report will be available to share with the objectors once a decision has been taken.
Item (16) Table 1 79 Muswell Hill Place, N10 3RR	1 objection – the objection received comments that the bay is in use and that there are numerous blue badge holders in the area. The resident	Officers have reviewed the objection, and it has not been upheld. The standard disabled parking bay outside 79 Muswell Hill Place was	The objector has been notified via e-mail that their objection/comments have been recorded and will be considered as part

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	suggests converting it into a standard disabled parking bay rather than removing it.	scheduled for relocation under scheme reference DPB-2023-05. The replacement bay was provided at the junction with Muswell Hill, on the western side of Muswell Hill Place. As a result, there is no associated traffic order for the disabled bay outside No. 79, rendering it unenforceable. Standard disabled parking bays are no longer routinely provided by the Council. Residents who require a dedicated disabled bay may submit an application for the provision of a dedicated bay located outside their property, which will be considered in accordance with the Council's eligibility criteria and assessment process. Accordingly, the bay will be removed as proposed.	of the reporting process. The outcome of the decision report will be available to share with the objectors once a decision has been taken.
Item (43) Table 1 143 Northumberland Park, N17 OTL	2 objections - both objections oppose the removal of the disabled parking bay, emphasising that it is essential for residents and visitors with mobility needs, including Blue Badge holders, elderly residents, and disabled visitors to the area. The objections comment that the bay provides vital, safe access to homes in an area with high parking demand and no nearby	Officers have reviewed the objections, and they have not been upheld. The existing dedicated disabled parking bay (DB578) was originally installed outside number 143 Northumberland Park; however, the resident has now relocated, and therefore the dedicated disabled bay is no longer required. Accordingly, the bay will be removed as proposed.	The objector has been notified via e-mail that their objection/comments have been recorded and will be considered as part of the reporting process. The outcome of the decision report will be available to share with the objectors once a decision has been taken.

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	alternative disabled bays. Instead of removal, the objections urge the Council to retain the bay and address any misuse through improved signage or enforcement, ensuring continued support for those who rely on it.		
Item (39) Table 1 Opposite 3 Pellatt Grove, N22 5PJ	1 objection - the objector requests that the dedicated disabled parking bay remains in use as a standard disabled bay as they regularly care for a disabled resident who lives nearby and relies on safe nearby parking. The resident holds a disabled badge and benefits from accessible parking. The objector comments that retaining the bay would also support other disabled residents in the area.	Officers have reviewed the objection, and it has not been upheld. This dedicated disabled bay is no longer required by the registered owner. We propose to re-designate the existing dedicated disabled bay (DB322) as a resident permit holder bay meaning that residents and blue badge holders will be entitled to park in the bay without time restriction. Blue badge holders will also continue to be able to use the neighbouring standard disabled bay and the single yellow line (for up to three hours), which should support pick-up and drop-off for hospital appointments if the bays are occupied. Accordingly, the bay will be removed as proposed.	The objector has been notified via e-mail that their objection/comments have been recorded and will be considered as part of the reporting process. The outcome of the decision report will be available to share with the objectors once a decision has been taken.
Item (41) Table 1 23 Thorold Road, N22 8YE	2 objections - both residents object to the proposed removal of the disabled parking bay outside 23 Thorold Road, stating that it is essential for nearby residents who hold Blue Badges,	Officers have reviewed the objections and upheld them. Parking activity is currently taking place at this location, and the existing standard disabled bay is essential	The objector has been notified via e-mail that their objection/comments have been recorded and will be considered as part of the reporting process. The

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	including an elderly disabled resident who relies on the bay for parking close to home.	to support disabled residents who require accessible parking close to their homes. Therefore, the bay will remain in place and will not be removed, as it is actively used by Blue Badge holders on the street.	outcome of the decision report will be available to share with the objectors once a decision has been taken.
Item (7) Table 1 126 Woodside Road, N22	2 objections - both objections comment that the dedicated disabled bay is needed, actively used daily and should not be removed. One objection suggests a review of the disabled bay outside No. 120 commenting that the blue badge holder associated with the bay has since passed away.	Officers have reviewed the objections and upheld them. Parking activity is currently occurring at this location, and the existing dedicated disabled parking bay remains operational. Accordingly, the bay will be retained and will not be removed. However, the standard disabled parking bay located outside No. 120 Woodside Road will be considered for potential removal as part of a future consultation process.	The objector has been notified via e-mail that their objection/comments have been recorded and will be considered as part of the reporting process. The outcome of the decision report will be available to share with the objectors once a decision has been taken.

- 6.15 Having considered the objections received during the statutory consultation officers recommend that 38 of the 44 disabled bays are removed. The reasons why six of the disabled parking bays should not be removed are given in Table 2 above and in paragraph 6.16 below.
- 6.16 Objections were received from residents regarding the proposed removal of bays at the following location – Outside 1-28 Dowding House, Hillcrest, 126 Woodside Road, Adjacent to 93 Tottenham Lane (Eastern disabled bay), Montague Road, 67 Collingwood Avenue, 81 Mayfield Road and 23 Thorold Road that those bays are being used have been considered and so it is recommended that the bays at these 6 locations should not be removed.
- 6.17 Officers have considered the Protocol for Key Decisions in the Council’s Constitution and consider that the decision to approve the proposals contained within Table 1 of paragraph 6.7 are not key decisions, because:
6.14.1 although the decision will impact on communities living and working in 2 or more wards, when assessing those impacts, officers have concluded that they are not likely to be significant in terms of their effects on those communities; and

6.14.2 will not result in significant expenditure being incurred or savings being made nor any virements.

- 6.18 It is noted that regulation 9 of LATOR provides local authorities with the discretion of whether or not to hold a public inquiry prior to the making of a traffic management order (TMO). This report does not include the recommendation to hold a public inquiry on account of the effect of the order, that the project will contribute towards achieving a number of policy objectives and that holding a public inquiry would lead to expense and delay.
- 6.19 The Council is also not under an obligation to a public inquiry prior to the making of these TMOs, because the TMO is not treated as prohibiting loading or unloading as provided in regulation 9 (4)(a) which applies where an order *“authorises the use of part of a road as a parking place, or designates a parking place on a road, for the use of a disabled person's vehicle as defined by section 142(1) of the 1984 Act”*;
- 6.20 Officers also do not consider that the proposals will impact on peoples' human rights and their enjoyment of their possession/use of their home as the removal of both the general and dedicated disabled bays which are no longer needed will increase the number of residents parking bays that people can use to park their cars in/access their home.
- 6.21 Section 122 of the RTRA 1984 provides that the Council must exercise its powers under the RTRA 1984 so as 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 amenities.
 - The national air quality strategy.
 - Facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and securing the safety and convenience of their passengers.
 - Any other matters appearing to the Council to be relevant.
- 6.22 The proposals are intended to secure reasonable access to premises and will not hinder the passage of vehicular and other traffic including public service vehicles. The above factors are also the factors that officers considered will secure the expeditious movement of traffic on its road network as required under section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.
- 6.23 In exercising its powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council has had regard to the provisions relating to the designation and operation of parking places under section 45(3). The legislation enables an authority to designate parking places for use by specified persons or classes of vehicles, including those authorised by permit, and to determine the conditions under which such parking places may be used. These conditions may include restrictions on duration, times of operation, and eligibility.
- 6.24 In determining the appropriateness of redesignating disabled persons' parking bays as residents' permit bays, the Council has taken into account the relevant factors set out in section 45(3), including the need to ensure the efficient use of kerb space, to prioritise parking provision based on evidenced demand, and to manage parking in a way that supports the broader traffic management objectives of the area.
- 6.25 The designation of parking places is subject to ongoing review, and changes may be made where circumstances indicate that an alternative use would better meet current demand

and policy objectives. Where a disabled bay is no longer supported by an identified and eligible user, or where usage levels do not justify its retention, it is appropriate to consider its reallocation.

- 6.26 The conversion of such bays to residents' permit parking reflects a balanced approach to managing limited on-street parking, ensuring that provision is aligned with current need while continuing to support accessible parking where it is demonstrably required.

7 Contribution to strategic outcomes

- 7.1 The introduction and management of disabled parking places align with the Council's Theme 2: Responding to the climate emergency in the Corporate Delivery Plan –2024-2026. The delivery of this change to disabled parking will ensure that the Council manages parking for local residents on the public highway. This will improve access to disabled parking and provide managed street space.

8 Carbon and Climate Change

- 8.1 Parking controls contribute positively to carbon emission reduction and mitigate climate change in the following ways:
- **Reduced vehicle emissions:** managed parking reduces congestion.
 - **Modal change:** Managed parking arrangements can also support modal change. When motorised access is restricted, motorists may choose alternative transportation modes, reducing the number of vehicles on the road and associated emissions. Over time, this can lead to a shift in commuting habits with lasting environmental benefits.

9 Comments of the Chief Financial Officer

- 9.1 This report seeks approval from the Director of Built Environment & Highways to implement the following proposed changes at the locations detailed in Table 1:
- Removal of 38 existing disabled parking bays
 - Reinstate the residents parking permit bays where appropriate where the disabled bays are removed.
- 9.2 The cost to implement the proposed changes is estimated to be approximately £11,000 and this includes costs for processing traffic orders. This will be funded from the Council's approved Capital Programme within capital scheme 332 – Disabled Parking budget provision.
- 9.3 Once implemented the future operation cost will be funded from the existing service revenue budgets.

10 Comments of the Director of Legal Services and Governance

- 10.1 The Director of Built Environment & Highways is authorised to take the decisions in section 3 of this report under the authority delegated to his post in the general delegations to director's in the Council's Constitution (Section 2 of Section E in Part Three of the Constitution).
- 10.2 The Council's powers to make traffic management orders in respect of disabled parking spaces and regulating vehicular traffic on the highway are contained in sections 6, 45, 46 and 49 of the RTRA 1984.

- 10.3 Officers have considered the Council's statutory duties in sections 45(3) and 122 of the RTRA 1984 and section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 as set out in paragraphs 6.26 and 6.22 when recommending that TMOs be made to remove the proposed disabled parking bays in section 3 of this report and concluded that they will not impact on peoples' human rights as set out in paragraph 6.20.
- 10.4 Before deciding whether to implement the proposals in this report, the Council must undertake consultation in accordance with the LATOR, which is explained in paragraphs 6.8 to 6.10 of this report has been done. The Director of Built Environment & Highways must take into account the consultation responses in Appendix 3 before taking the decisions in section 3 of this report.
- 10.5 The Courts have held that a decision maker must consider consultation responses with 'a receptive mind' and be prepared to change course if persuaded by a response but is not under a duty to adopt the views of consultees.

11 Equalities Comments

- 10.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:
- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not.
 - Foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not
- 10.2 The three parts of the duty applies to the following protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy/maternity, race, religion/faith, sex and sexual orientation. Marriage and civil partnership status apply to the first part of the duty.
- 10.3 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.
- 10.4 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 person's disabilities".
- 10.5 All objections were reviewed and those demonstrating a clear need and relating to matters within the scope of the consultation were upheld, resulting in positive outcomes for the affected users with disabilities.
- 10.6 The Council will explore alternative locations for the potential introduction of standard disabled bays, if required, to mitigate any possible negative impacts on residents.

11 Use of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Statutory Consultation notification letters delivered to properties

Appendix 2 – Statutory Consultation Notice of Proposal, advertising the proposals detailed in Table 1 in Section 6

Appendix 3 – List of Responses Received to the consultation

12 Background Papers

None