Report for: Head of Highways and Traffic following consultation with Cabinet Member for Climate Action and Transport

Title: Disabled Parking Bays Removal Batch DPBR-2026-01

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Ward(s) affected: Alexandra Park, Bruce Castle, Fortis Green, Harringay, Hermitage & Gardens, Highgate, Hornsey, Noel Park, Northumberland Park, Muswell Hill, Stroud Green, South Tottenham, West Green, Woodside, White Hart Lane

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 **29th July 2026** to **26th August 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 Head of Highways and Traffic following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Action and Transport is asked to:

3.2 Consider the neutral comments and representations in support of the proposals set out in paragraph 6.13 and the objections received during the consultation in Appendix 3 attached to this report, together with the 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 (TMO) pursuant to powers in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA 1984), including publicising making of the order to implement the proposed changes at 44 locations detailed in Table 1, which includes the following:

- Removal of 44 existing disabled parking bays
- Reinstatement of residents parking permit bays where appropriate and where the disabled bays are removed.
- Introduction of waiting and loading restrictions where appropriate.

3.5 Approve the spending of a total estimated implementation cost of £12,000**,** 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 51 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 44 disabled parking bays proceed to removal following consultation. Objections have been upheld in respect of seven 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 near 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 44 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):
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- 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 sets out 51 locations where residents informed the Council that a dedicated disabled permit parking bay or standard disabled parking bay was no longer required. The proposed removal of these bays was 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)	100 Nightingale Road, N22 8PP	Convert dedicated disabled parking bay into permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(2)	123 Boundary Road, N22 6AR	Convert dedicated disabled parking bay into resident permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(3)	125 Boundary Road, N22 6AR	Convert standard disabled parking bay into resident permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(4)	159 Gladstone Avenue, N22 6LA	Convert dedicated disabled parking bay into resident permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(5)	24 Woodside Avenue, N6 4SS	Remove standard disabled parking bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer require	N
(6)	154 Risley Avenue, N17 7ER	Convert standard disabled parking bay into permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(7)	142 Risley Avenue, N17 7ER	Convert standard disabled parking bay into permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(8)	131 Risley Avenue, N17 7HN	Convert standard disabled parking bay into 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)
(9)	94 White Hart Lane, N17 8HP	Convert standard disabled parking bay into permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(10)	100 White Hart Lane, N17 8HP	Convert standard disabled parking bay into permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(11)	108 White Hart Lane, N17 8HP	Convert standard disabled parking bay into permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(12)	99 Lausanne Road, N8 0HL	Convert standard disabled parking bay into resident permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(13)	36 Nelson Road, N8 9RU	Convert standard disabled parking bay into resident permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(14)	6 Solway Road, N22 5BX	Convert standard disabled parking bay into resident permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(15)	20 Outram Road, N22 7AF	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(16)	17 Elgin Road, N22 7UE	Remove dedicated disabled parking 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)
(17)	43 Boyton Road, N8 7AE	Convert dedicated disabled parking bay into resident permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(18)	50 Windermere Road, N10 2RG	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(19)	61 Clyde Road, N22 7AD	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(20)	70 Farrant Avenue, N22 6PJ	Convert standard disabled parking bay into resident permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(21)	22 Fryatt Road, N17 7BH	Convert standard disabled parking bay into permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(22)	49 Queens Road, N11 2QP	Convert dedicated disabled parking bay into resident permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(23)	5 Dukes Avenue, N10 2PS	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(24)	10 Rostrevor Avenue, N15 6LR	Convert standard disabled parking bay into permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(25)	2 Kings Road, N17 8NP	Convert standard disabled parking bay into 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)
(26)	48 Rathcoole Avenue, N8 9NA	Convert dedicated disabled parking bay into permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(27)	9 Outram Road, N22 7XD	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(28)	52 Napier Road, N17 6YQ	Convert standard disabled parking bay into permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(29)	Outside no. 1-3 Queens Parade, N11 bay is on Bounds Green Road Flat 1 Queens Parade Mansions,Brownlow Road, N11 2QH	Convert dedicated disabled parking bay into Pay by phone bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(30)	20 Ashfield Road, N4 1PB	Convert standard disabled parking bay into permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(31)	Opposite 24 Flexmere Road Flexmere Road, N17 7AT	Convert dedicated disabled parking bay into permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(32)	16 Shropshire Road, N22 8LX	Convert standard disabled parking bay into 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)
			disabled parking bay	
(33)	120 Woodside Road, N22 5HS	Convert standard disabled parking bay into permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(34)	Adjacent to 205 North Hill, Kenwood Road, N6 4ED	Convert dedicated disabled parking bay into permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(35)	24 Marriott Road, N10 1JJ	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(36)	23 Marriott Road, N10 1JJ	Remove standard disabled parking bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(37)	71 Lealand Road, N15 6JT	Remove standard disabled parking bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(38)	3 Elms Avenue, N10 2JN	Remove dedicated disabled parking 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)
(39)	194 Alexandra Park Road, N22 7UQ	Remove standard disabled parking bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(40)	95 Thackeray Avenue, N17 9DU	Convert dedicated disabled parking bay into permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(41)	117 Thackeray Avenue, N17 9DU	Convert standard disabled parking bay into permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(42)	33 Commonwealth Road, N17 0PL	Convert dedicated disabled parking bay into permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(43)	2 Honeymead, Campsfield Road Campsfield Road, N8 7AN	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(44)	29 Rectory Gardens, N8 7PJ	Convert standard disabled parking bay into 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)
(45)	35 Rectory Gardens, N8 7PJ	Convert standard disabled parking bay into permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(46)	78 Walpole Road, N17 6BL	Convert dedicated disabled parking bay into permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(47)	19 Curzon Road, N10 2RB	Remove dedicated disabled parking bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(48)	39 Grand Avenue, N10 3BS	Convert dedicated disabled parking bay into permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(49)	2 Crescent Road Crescent Road, N15 3LL	Convert standard disabled parking bay into resident permit holders only bay	Residents reported the Disabled Parking Bay no longer required	N
(50)	5/7 Queens Parade N11	Convert standard disabled parking bay into pay by phone parking 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)
(51)	Hatherley Gardens N8 outside Hornsey Town Hall	Replace with no waiting/no loading at any time	To allow for turning point for vehicles at location	Y

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

Statutory Consultation

6.8 Statutory notification commenced on **29th July 2026** for a period of 29 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 **26th August 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 55 responses stated they were neutral and all commented that they were in support of the proposals.

6.14 A total of 10 objections were received for 10 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 (8) Table 1 131 Risley Avenue N17	1 objection - the objector stated that the resident still uses the disabled bay and objected its removal. Also requested for the bay to be converted to a designated disabled bay.	Officers have reviewed the objection and upheld it. The disabled bay will remain in place and will not be removed, as it is actively used by Blue Badge holders. With regard to the request to convert the bay into a designated disabled parking space, the resident has been advised to submit an application through the appropriate channels. The application will need be assessed to determine eligibility. The bay can only be converted to a designated disabled parking space if the resident meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Council's policy for designated disabled bays	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 (13) Table 1 36 Nelson Road N8	1 objection – the objector stated that that they are the user of the disabled parking bay outside 38 Nelson Road and that the bay was originally installed following their request and expressed concern that they were not consulted about their continued use of the bay before the review process commenced.	Officers have reviewed the objection and noted the respondent's comments. It is understood that the respondent may have misunderstood the proposal and believed that the disabled bay outside No. 38 Nelson Road was being considered for removal. The proposal relates to the disabled parking bay outside No. 36 Nelson Road.	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.

Reference	Objection Theme	Officer Recommendation	Officer Response
		Accordingly, the objection is not upheld, and the disabled bay outside No. 36 Nelson Road will be removed as proposed.	
Item (27) Table 1 9 Outram Road N22	1 objection- 1 objection - the objector stated that the disabled bay is still in use and will affect them if it removed.	Officers have reviewed the objection and upheld it. 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.	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 (28) Table 1 52 Napier Road N17	1 objection - the objector stated that they are a Blue Badge holder and use the disabled bay regularly, it will affect them if it is removed.	Officers have reviewed the objection and upheld it. The disabled bay will remain in place and will not be removed, as it is used by Blue Badge holders on the street.	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 (32) Table 1 16 Shropshire Road N22	1 objection - was received from a resident who advised that both residents in their household are Blue Badge holders. The resident stated that one of them uses the disabled bay outside their property while they other rely on the disabled bay at 16 Shropshire Road.	Officers have reviewed the objection and upheld it. 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.	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

Reference	Objection Theme	Officer Recommendation	Officer Response
	They also questioned whether they would need to apply for a disabled bay on their side of the road and expressed concern that removing the existing bay only to potentially install another bay in the future would represent an inefficient use of public fund	Therefore, the bay will remain in place and will not be removed, as it is actively used by Blue Badge holders on the street.	once a decision has been taken.
Item (40) Table 1 95 Thackeray Avenue, N17	1 objection - was received from a resident with mobility difficulties who advised that the disabled bay was originally allocated to their late husband, who had been their primary carer. Following his passing, the resident has become reliant on their daughter, who regularly assists with hospital appointments and daily needs. The resident requested that if the bay could remain and their daughter could be allowed to park.	Officers have reviewed the objection and upheld it. The resident has been advised to contact the Concessionary Travel Team to apply for their daughter to be registered as a nominated driver. Any application will be assessed by the relevant team in accordance with the Council's eligibility criteria and procedures. Therefore, the bay will remain in place and will not be removed for now until the application process completed.	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 1 117 Thackeray Avenue, N17	1 objection was received from a resident who advised that they and their children have disabilities and that they hold a Blue Badge on behalf of their son. The resident stated that the disabled parking bay is beneficial to their household and requested that it be retained for their continued use.	Officers have reviewed the objection and upheld it. 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	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

Reference	Objection Theme	Officer Recommendation	Officer Response
		actively used by Blue Badge holders on the street.	
Item (42) Table 1 33 Commonwealth Road, N17 0PL	1 objection – was received from a resident who advised that they have a dedicated disabled parking bay outside their property and had received notification that it is proposed for removal. The resident stated that the bay is still required and requested that it remain in place	Officers have reviewed the objection and upheld it. The dedicated disabled Parking Bay is still in use. Therefore, the bay will remain in place and will not be removed.	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 (43) Table 1 2 Honeymead Campsfield Road N8 7AN	2 objections- One respondent explained that they care for a person with severe walking difficulties who holds a Blue Badge and relies on the bay due to its close proximity to their home. The respondent stated that removing the bay would make access significantly more difficult. The second respondent objected on the grounds that they have a young child with additional needs and explained that nearby parking is essential for safely getting the child in and out of the vehicle and that parking is often unavailable close to their home.	Officers have reviewed the objections, and they have not been upheld The bay is a dedicated disabled parking bay which was provided solely for the use of a specific permit holder and other Blue Badge holders are not permitted to park at the location. As the permit holder no longer requires the bay, it will be removed as proposed. Officers will contact the residents and with the view to consider introducing a new standard disable parking bay at suitable location which can be used by all Blue Badge holder as part of the council's upcoming disabled parking bay proposals.	The objectors have 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 44 of the 51 disabled bays are removed. The reasons why 7 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 – 95 Thackeray Avenue, 131 Risley Avenue, 52 Napier Road, 9 Outram Road, 33 Commonwealth Road, 16 Shropshire Road, 117 Thackeray Avenue, N17 that those bays are being used have been considered and so it is recommended that the bays at these 7 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

- 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

- 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 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 (TMA) 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 following statutory consultation undertaken from 29th July 2026 to 26th August 2026 on proposals to remove disabled bays at the locations listed in table 1 of this report.

- Removal of 44 existing disabled parking bays
- Reinstate the residents parking permit bays where appropriate where the disabled bays are removed.
- Introduction of waiting and loading restrictions where appropriate

9.2 The cost to implement the proposed changes is estimated to be approximately £12,000 including the costs associated with processing the required Traffic Management Orders. This expenditure will be funded from the Council's approved Capital Programme within capital scheme 332 – Disabled Parking budget allocation of £80,000 for 2026/27.

9.3 Once implemented, the future operational maintenance cost will be funded from the existing Lines & Signs service revenue budget of £159,431 (cost centre P21201 GL code 34500).

10 Comments of the Director of Legal and Governance

10.2 The Director of Built Environment & Highways is authorised to make this decision under the officer scheme of delegation contained in Part 3, Section E of the Council's Constitution.

10.2 The Council's powers to make TMOs 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 TMA 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 The decision concerns the retention and removal of disabled persons' parking places following review and consultation. The protected characteristic most likely to be affected is

disability, as the proposals relate directly to the provision of parking facilities for Blue Badge holders.

10.6 All objections were carefully considered. Where objections provided evidence of an ongoing need for accessible parking and related to matters within the scope of the consultation, they were upheld, resulting in seven proposed bay removals being withdrawn. Objections to the proposed removal of the disabled parking bay in Honeymead were not upheld, as the bay was a disabled person's permit allocated to a single vehicle, meaning the space was not available for use by other Blue Badge holders. However, officers plan to engage with the affected residents and will consider the introduction of a standard disabled persons' parking bay, which would provide accessible parking while ensuring equitable availability for all eligible Blue Badge holders.

10.7 The removal of the 44 disabled persons' parking bays is not considered to adversely affect persons with disabilities. Each bay was reviewed to establish whether there was an ongoing need, including consideration of current usage and consultation responses. Where a continuing need was identified, the proposed removal was withdrawn. The bays recommended for removal are those for which no ongoing need or eligible user was identified.

10.8 As mitigation, officers will continue to engage with residents affected by the proposed removal of the disabled parking bay in Honeymead and will consider the introduction of a standard disabled persons' parking bay, subject to further assessment. This would ensure that accessible parking provision remains available to eligible Blue Badge holders while enabling equitable access to the bay for the wider disabled community.

10.9 The consultation process has informed the final recommendations. Following a review of usage, permit records and consultation responses, officers are satisfied that the disabled parking bays proposed for removal are no longer required and that their removal will not adversely affect disabled residents. Where consultation responses identified an ongoing disability-related need for accessible parking, the proposed removals have been withdrawn and the bays retained. In the case of Honeymead, whilst the proposed removal remains recommended, officers will continue to explore alternative accessible parking provision to ensure the needs of eligible Blue Badge holders are appropriately accommodated.

11 Use of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Statutory Consultation 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