

## Item No.

### REPORT TO THE HEAD OF SERVICE – HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

April 2018

#### OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER TO INTRODUCE DISABLED BADGE HOLDER PARKING RESTRICTION IN SKETTY WARD

#### COMMUNITY BUDGET PROGRAMME 2017/18

##### Summary

<b>Purpose:</b>	This report refers to one objection received to the proposal to introduce a Disabled Persons parking restriction in the Sketty Ward.
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Under the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 and the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulations 1996 the Council must consider all objections.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	To consider the objections and determine how to proceed.
<b>Consultation:</b>	Local Ward Members & Legal Services
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that the proposed Traffic Regulation Order is made and sealed as advertised.

#### 1.0 Background:

- 1.1 A disabled resident at 55 Carnglas Road, Sketty raised concerns regarding their inability to park near their home due to the presence of non-residents vehicles. The resident has requested that measures be taken to alleviate the parking and access difficulties they are experiencing. They made representations to their Ward Councillors.
- 1.2 In response Council Officers proposed to mitigate the residents parking difficulties that a disabled person parking space be introduced fronting 55 Carnglas Road. The proposal met the Council's criteria for a scheme and was supported by Sketty Ward Councillors.

#### 2.0 Details of the relevant objections:

##### 2.1 One objection from a resident of Carnglas Road

- a) The resident's vehicle is parked fronting the property most of the time.
- b) The vehicle is mostly used by Mrs Owen who is not disabled

c) The bay is not necessary as Mr Owen is not severely disabled.

d) There is a more deserving case elsewhere on the street that needs transport several times a week.

### **3.0 Comments on the objections:**

3.1 a) The purpose of the disabled parking space is to ensure the resident has legally a priority to park fronting the property. Currently any vehicle can be parked there. However, the space provided is available for all residents with a blue badge and a valid permit.

b) Mrs Owen is her husband's transport; Mr Owen does not have to be the driver to use the parking space.

c) Mr Owen has met the Council's criteria for a disabled parking space by producing a doctor's letter confirming his disability.

d) The Council has not received a disabled person parking request from the resident of number 43 Carnglas Road. Any formal request for a disabled person's parking space would be investigated in line with Council Policy.

### **4.0 Financial Implications:**

4.1 There are no financial implications with this report.

### **5.0 Legal Implication:**

5.1 The objection must be considered under the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 and the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulations 1996

### **6.0 Recommendation:**

6.1 It is recommended that the objection be noted but that the proposed Traffic Regulation Order is made and sealed as advertised.

### **7.0 Background Papers:**

7.1 Copies of the objection.

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