



**DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING BAY,  
OAKFIELD, GOLDSWORTH PARK –  
PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION  
ORDER**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR WOKING  
14 OCTOBER 2004**

**KEY ISSUE:**

To seek approval for a Traffic Regulation Order which will enable the Police to enforce the disabled persons' parking bay in Oakfield, Goldsworth Park.

**SUMMARY:**

Able-bodied drivers are parking in the disabled persons' parking bay in Oakfield, making it difficult for parents of a disabled resident to use their car. Making the bay enforceable should remove this problem and improve the quality of life for these residents.

**CONSULTATIONS:**

Requests have been received from the residents concerned for appropriate action to be taken to overcome the problem described above.

The Police and the relevant Borough and County Councillors have been consulted on the proposals and have no objections.

If approved, the proposals will be advertised in the local press and on the Council's website, so that members of the public are given an opportunity to make representations.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**The Committee is asked to agree**

- (i) That a Traffic Regulation Order be advertised, under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to make the disabled persons' parking bay in Oakfield, Goldsworth Park, enforceable, and that, if no objections are received, the order be made; and**
- (ii) That authority be delegated to the Local Transportation Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Divisional Member, to consider and determine any objections and to make the order.**

## **INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND**

- 1 The Council occasionally receives requests from disabled persons for the provision of a disabled persons' parking bay to enable them to park on street close to their property. All requests are assessed individually and, if the request is deemed to be reasonable, the parking bay is provided, following consultation with the applicant's neighbours.
2. The bay is defined by a broken white line and the word "DISABLED" on the carriageway, and may be used by any disabled badge-holder. However, without an appropriate Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), and accompanying sign, the bay cannot be enforced by the Police. The procedure is outlined in the Council's Manual of Policy and Procedures, which recommends that, initially, only the white markings on the carriageway are provided. This keeps costs to a minimum and is generally satisfactory, as most motorists respect the markings. However, occasionally such parking bays are abused by able-bodied drivers who park in them. If this is a regular occurrence, causing hardship for disabled drivers, then consideration is given to making a TRO so that the Police may take action against such abuse.

## **ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY**

- 3 Complaints have been received from parents of a disabled resident in Oakfield, Goldsworth Park about able-bodied drivers parking in the disabled parking bay, and it is proposed that a TRO is made so that the bay can be enforced by the Police.
4. The proposal is shown on Drawing No. 11825 attached at Annex A.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5 The cost of advertising and making the order, and of providing the necessary sign, is estimated to be £1200 and can be funded from the Signs and Aids to Movement budget for 2004/5

## **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 6 There are no sustainable development implications.

## **CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 7 Once the TRO has been made, parking by drivers not displaying a disabled persons' badge will be an offence, enforceable by the Police.

## **EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 8 Making the bays enforceable should improve access to private transport, as enjoyed by able-bodied drivers, for the disabled drivers concerned, thus promoting their levels of social inclusion.

## CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9 Parents of a disabled resident in Oakfield are experiencing regular problems with able-bodied drivers parking in the disabled persons' parking bay.
10. Making the bay enforceable should remove this problem and improve the quality of life for these residents.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS: None**

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