

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

Cabinet Meeting: 4 September, 2017

Report of the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport

Everard Street, Barry - Proposed Disabled Persons' Parking Place - Objection Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider an objection received to the proposed installation of a disabled persons' parking place in Everard Street, Barry and to propose any appropriate action.

Recommendations

1. That the objection to the disabled persons' parking place in Everard Street, Barry is rejected for the reasons contained in this Report and that the disabled persons' parking place is installed.
2. That the objector is advised of this decision.

Reasons for the Recommendations

1. To allow the Traffic Regulation Order to be made and implemented.
2. To confirm the Council's position.

Background

2. The Council received a request for a disabled persons' parking place from the disabled resident of 30 Everard Street, Barry. The applicant meets the current criteria as detailed in Council Policy for disabled persons' parking places. A map of the location is attached at [Appendix A](#).
3. Under delegated authority the Head of Visible Services and Transport, in consultation with the former Cabinet Member for Building Services, Highways and Transportation gave approval to undertake statutory consultations and to give public notice of the Council's intention to install a disabled persons' parking place in Everard Street, Barry. This approval was given on 5th April 2017.
4. A letter of objection was received during the statutory consultation period which is attached at [Appendix B](#) for consideration.

Relevant Issues and Options

5. Everard Street is a terraced street situated within a highly populated residential area of Barry, which suffers from parking problem due to household owning multiple vehicles.
6. Parking surveys have been undertaken at various times throughout the day, evening and weekend and observations have confirmed the excessive demand for on-street parking at this location.
7. The main point raised by the objector is detailed below, together with the traffic officer's response.
 - Concern:
8. "There is nothing wrong with the 2 residents of no. 30, they can walk, play golf and drive."
- Officer Response:
9. It states within Council Policy for disabled persons' parking places that the applicant must be the holder of a Disabled Persons Parking Badge (Blue Badge). To obtain a Blue Badge the applicant goes through a strict assessment of their disability before the badge is issued.
10. I can confirm that the applicant of 30 Everard Street is the holder of a valid Blue Badge.

Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)

11. The cost of making the Traffic Regulation Order and implementing the scheme is estimated at £1500, which would be met from the Traffic Management's operational budget 2017/18, and would utilise the Council's own resources.

Sustainability and Climate Change Implications

12. There are no Sustainability and Climate Change Implications with regard to this report.

Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)

13. The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 allows highway authorities to make and vary Traffic Regulation Orders to regulate the movement of vehicular traffic, restrict or prohibit certain classes of vehicle and to improve the amenities of an area.
14. There are no Human Rights Implications with regard to this report.

Crime and Disorder Implications

15. This proposal will help prevent potential disorder arising from the demand for on street parking.

Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)

16. The proposal will benefit all disabled blue badge holders living within the community.
17. Any signage associated with this project will adhere to the requirements of the Council's Welsh Language Scheme.

Corporate/Service Objectives

18. To maintain and develop a safe and effective highway.

Policy Framework and Budget

19. This is a matter for Executive decision by Cabinet.

Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)

20. The Ward Members for this area prior to the local elections in June this year were consulted on the proposal before and during the statutory consultation period and no comments were received. Comments from the current Ward Members have been requested on this report and if any are received these will be tabled at this meeting.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

21. Environment and Regeneration.

Background Papers

None.

Contact Officer

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Officers Consulted

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Responsible Officer:

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