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Teignbridge Highways and Traffic Orders Committee
14 November 2019

Fore Street, Bishopsteignton – Provision of Mandatory Disabled Parking Bay

Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

Recommendation: It is recommended that:

- (a) the contents of this report be noted and;***
- (b) the proposal for the mandatory disabled parking bay at Fore Street, Bishopsteignton is implemented as advertised and the traffic regulation order in respect of the disabled parking bay is made and sealed.***

1. Background

An application for a disabled parking bay was received by Devon Council County from a blue badge holder at Fore Street, Bishopsteignton. The applicant has met the criteria for provision of a disabled parking bay.

2. Proposal

The most appropriate location for the disabled parking bay was identified at the end of the limited waiting section outside 52-54 Fore Street. The Bay would have to be mandatory as the Bay would be adjacent to other enforceable restrictions. Details of the proposal are shown in Appendix I to this report.

3. Consultations

Following approval by the local member and Chair of Teignbridge Highways and Traffic Orders Committee, formal consultation on the proposed traffic regulation order for the county wide disabled parking bay order began on 10 July to 31 July 2019. During the consultation period, three submissions were received including one from Bishopsteignton Parish Council objecting to the proposed mandatory disabled parking bay at Fore Street, Bishopsteignton. A summary of the objections is detailed in Appendix II.

An extract is reproduced below from the correspondence received from the Bishopsteignton Parish Council on 3 July 2019.

Bishopsteignton Parish Council wish to object to the proposal of a mandatory disabled bay being introduced to the current parking on Fore Street, Bishopsteignton.

The availability of parking spaces in the vicinity is already limited and it is felt this would have a detrimental effect on local businesses and cause problems for patients visiting the doctors surgery.

Blue Badge Holder are permitted to park within limited waiting bays without time limit but there is no guarantee that a space will be available at any particular location. Applicants for Disabled Parking Bays are made aware that any bay provided cannot be guaranteed for

their personal use. However, provision of a Disabled Parking Bay will reduce competition for the space in a given area thereby improving the chances that the applicant will be able to park close to their residence more often.

4. Financial Considerations

The Disabled Parking Bay Budget funded from the On-Street Parking Account, approved at the March 2013 Cabinet, will be used to fund identified works.

5. Environmental Impact Considerations

The proposals are intended to improve mobility and access for blue badge holders and therefore the environmental effects of the scheme are therefore positive.

6. Equality Considerations

The proposal should ease the parking problem being experienced by the blue badge holder when parking near their home.

7. Legal Considerations

The lawful implications and consequences of the proposal have been considered and taken into account in the preparation of this report.

When making a Traffic Regulation Order it is the County Council's responsibility to ensure that all relevant legislation is complied with. This includes Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 that states that it is the duty of a local authority, so far as practicable, secures the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic and provision of parking facilities. It is considered that the proposal complies with section 122 of the Act as it secures and maintains safe access to premises for the blue badge holder.

8. Risk Management Considerations

This proposal has been assessed and all necessary safeguards or action have been taken/included to safeguard the Council's position.

9. Options/Alternatives

The recommendation is to proceed with the proposal to implement the disabled parking bay as advertised. The option of not proceeding with the disabled parking bay will not ease the parking problems experienced by the blue badge holder.

10. Reasons for Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposal for the mandatory disabled parking bay is implemented as advertised as the bay will not cause any additional congestion in the area as this is already a parking bay. It is also accepted by the applicant that the bay will be available to all blue badge holders.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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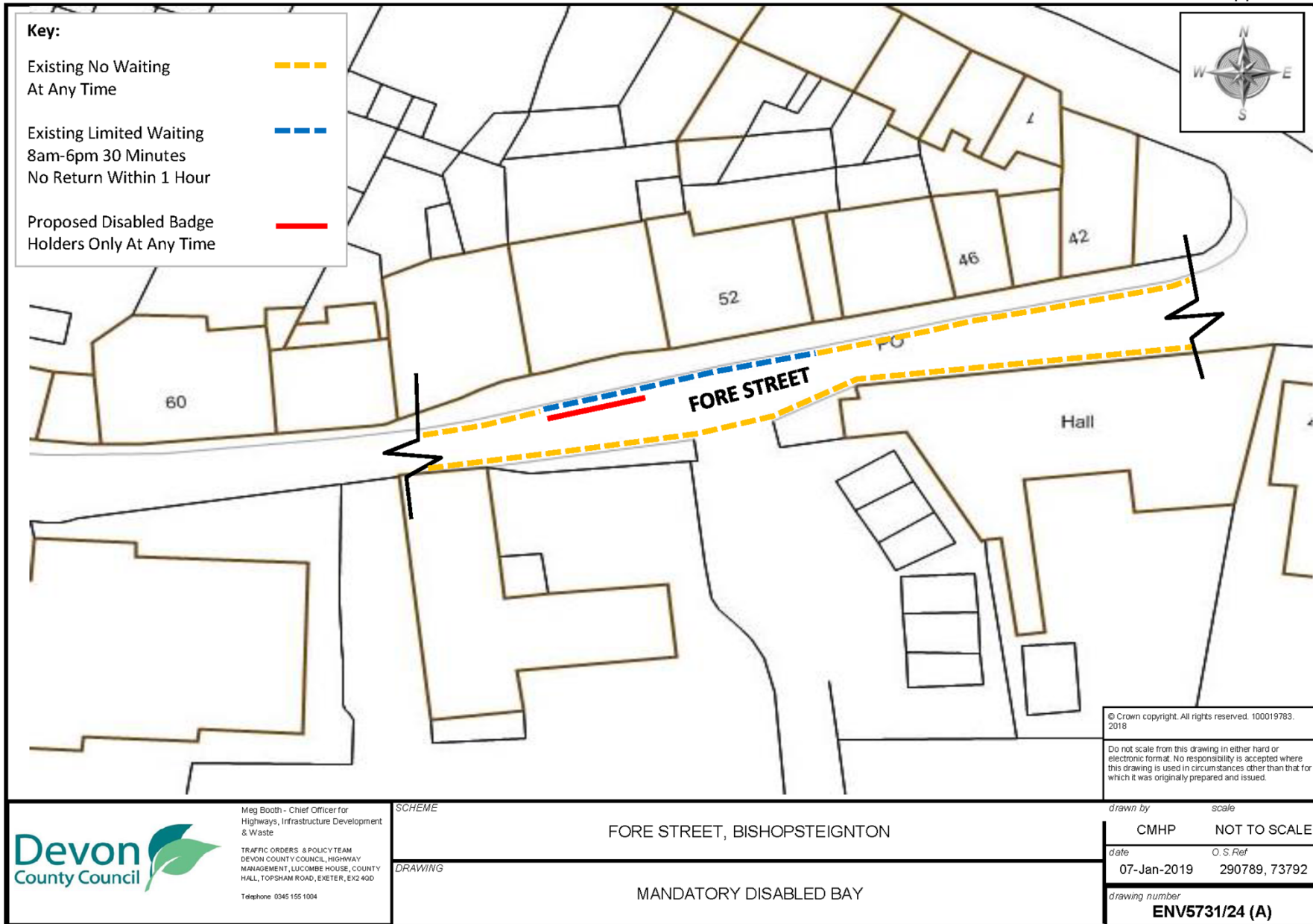
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Appendix I
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**Appendix II
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| Comment | Devon County Council Response |
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| First Respondent: Residents of Fore Street, Bishopsteignton | |
| Respondents object to the proposals. | Noted. |
| Says the disabled bay will take up a valuable space for accessing the local amenities for villagers and visitors alike. There is limited parking and the blue badge vehicle parked there does not allow rotation of parking for visitors. | On street disabled parking bays are provided in a residential area where parking is in high demand and local residents with a blue badge are in need of parking in close proximity to their home. |
| Residents should be aware of the parking limitations and the applicant has only recently moved in. They say the applicant is often away and their vehicle is left in the limited waiting bay for weeks at a time. | Noted. |
| Second Respondent: Resident of Fore Street, Bishopsteignton | |
| Respondent objects to the proposals. | Noted. |
| Parking in the village is difficult and the existing restrictions enable motorists to use the amenities. | Limited waiting bays are provided to enable short stays to the local amenities and maintain regular vehicular rotation. |
| Taking a space away would not help both customers and the businesses. | Noted. |
| The applicant should have known parking was limited before they moved in recently. | Noted. |
| Third Respondent: Bishopsteignton Parish Council | |
| Objects to the proposals. | Noted. |
| The availability of parking spaces is already limited and this proposal would have a detrimental effect on local businesses and the doctors surgery. | Limited waiting bays are provided to enable short stays to the local amenities and maintain regular vehicular rotation. |