

**North Dudley Area Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2005**

**Report of the Director of the Urban Environment**

**Objection to Disabled Parking Place – Programme H**

**Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Committee of the objection received to an application in their area for a disabled parking place in programme H of the On-Street Disabled Parking Places Scheme.

**Background**

2. Traffic Regulation Orders for the establishment of parking places near the homes of registered disabled persons are introduced approximately twice every year.
3. These reserved spaces are provided for named individuals who do not have off-street parking facilities and whose level of disablement qualifies them for registration as Blue Badge Holders. One permit is issued for each parking place, which is marked out on the carriageway as a “white box”.
4. In the 6 month period up to January 2005, 31 applications in total were received, one of which is in your Committee’s area.
5. In order to speed up the process for applicants, in June 2003, the Cabinet Member for Transportation agreed that sites that were not objected to, could be implemented without reporting to Area Committee, subject to prior consultation with Ward Members. Consultation was duly carried out as detailed in paragraph 2.6 and no objections from Members were received.
6. Programme H is the first programme, where the unopposed applications will be made as an “Order in Part”. This means that those applications which are not objected to can be implemented as a separate Order via Decision Memo, negating the need to pass through the Committee process and thereby speeding up the implementation of unopposed applications by several months. For this programme (programme H) and future programmes therefore, only applications which receive objections will be reported to Area Committees.
7. The only application in your Committee’s area is 63 Viewfield Crescent, Sedgley and an objection has been received. The objector is not an immediate neighbour,

does not feel the space is necessary and questions the applicant's level of disability. However, the applicant is a blue badge holder and meets the criteria for the scheme. None of the applicant's immediate neighbours have objected. It is therefore recommended that the application be approved

### Consultation

8. Letters regarding the application were sent to the Police on the 23rd March 2005, replies were received on the 6th April 2005 (Police South) and 21st April 2005 (Police North). No objections were received.
9. The proposals were published in the "Express & Star" newspaper on 31st May 2005 and also on-street between 31st May and 24th June 2005. The single objection is reported in paragraph 2.5.
10. Members were consulted by letter on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2005 and no objections were received.

### Sustainable Transport

11. The introduction of on-street disabled parking assists registered disabled persons to park near their homes and to live in a community

### Finance

12. Implementation of On-Street Disabled Parking Places Orders is estimated at £500 each and, subject to funding being made available, would be funded from the Highways Capital Budget.

### Law

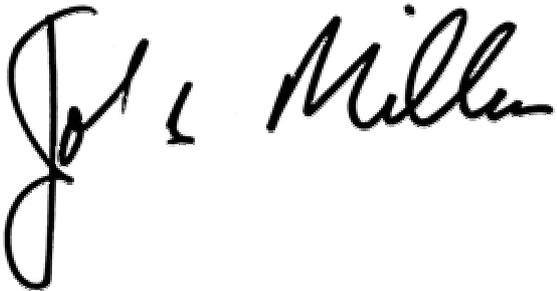
13. On-street parking places reserved for permit holders are made under Section 45(2) of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984.
14. Orders in part are made under the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

### Equality Impact

15. The proposals contained within this report are intended to benefit registered disabled persons. They comply with the Council's equal opportunities policy.

## Recommendation

16. That the Cabinet Member for Transportation be advised that the application from 63 Viewfield Crescent, Sedgley, be approved and the application be introduced as advertised

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## **List of Background Papers**

23/3/2005 Letter to Police  
31/5/2005 Notices of advertised proposals  
23/3/2005 Letter to members



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