

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Advisory Disabled Persons Parking Bay on Sandiway, Bredbury

Report to: (a) Werneth Area Committee

Date: 11th September 2023

Report of: (b) Director of Place Management

Key Decision: (c) **NO / ~~YES~~** (Please circle)

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency (Tick box)

Summary:

To report the findings of a consultation exercise and to seek approval for the installation of an Advisory Disabled Persons Parking Bay, with a departure from design guidelines.

Recommendation(s):

For the Werneth Area Committee Members to consider the report and consultation responses from other residents of Sandiway, and instruct Traffic Services to:

- Install an extended advisory disabled persons parking bay
- Not install an extended 9m advisory disabled persons bay due to there being two available bays nearby

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): **(d)**
Communities & Transport Scrutiny Committee

Background Papers (if report for publication): **(e)**

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'Urgent Business': (f) **YES / NO** (please circle)

Certification (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor _____ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on _____ /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.

Advisory Disabled Persons Parking Bay on Sandiway, Bredbury

Report of the Director of Place Management

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report the findings of a consultation exercise and to seek approval for the installation of an Advisory Disabled Persons Parking Bay, with a departure from design guidelines.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. A resident of Sandiway applied for an Advisory Disabled Persons Parking Bay. Following initial investigations, the resident was informed that the application could not be progressed due to not meeting the required criteria; the carriageway width is less than the recommended 5.5m, which is not sufficient in line with current guidance. There were also 2 other bays close to the resident's property that could be used by any blue badge holder.
- 2.2. The resident approached their Local Ward Councillor responsible for traffic issues who asked Traffic Services to reopen the application.
- 2.3. The outcome of the investigation was heard at the Werneth Area Committee on Monday 6th March 2003. Details of the report can be found below.
- 2.4. [Agenda Item 10. Werneth Area Committee, Monday 6th March 2023](#)
- 2.5. Following the ward boundary changes, Sandiway now comes under the ward of Bredbury & Woodley and councillors requested that another report be submitted to Area Committee so that the members could further discuss the outcome of the consultation that had taken place with the residents of Sandiway.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

- 3.1. The resident could alter their frontage to allow for off-road parking.
- 3.2. The existing advisory disabled persons parking bays do not belong to any one specific resident. They are on adopted highway, working on a first come, first served basis and are available for anybody to use. Taking this into account, the resident could therefore, park in one of the 'historic' Advisory Disabled Persons Parking Bays already installed near to their property.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1. Affected residents have been consulted with.

From a total of 16 letters delivered to residents, 6 no. responses (37.5%) have been received. Of the responses received, 3 no. (50%) are in support of the proposals and 3 no. (50%) are not in support of the proposals.

Some of the comments received during the consultation are below:

Comments	Traffic Services Response
<p>Parking is already difficult on Sandiway and this extra-long additional disabled bay would make it a lot worse than it is now. At one point in time, it was going to be made a one way, we have people arguing about this at the moment and we do not need another one. It is not suitable now there are too many cars already. I believe this will cause community unrest.</p>	<p>This bay would be 'Advisory' therefore, anybody would be able to park within it. However, we would expect residents to be community minded and leave it for those that need to use it the most. As with all 'Advisory' Disabled Parking Bays, there is no parking enforcement support should they be misused.</p>
<p>I hope that something can be done to ease the parking problem on Sandiway. Do you intend to remove the grass verge completely? I hope this can be done because as you know the grass is used as parking space and it ends as a complete mess, mud all over the pavement and road. I have asked the council will they drop the kerb outside my house so I can park my car off the road. It has been damaged many times due to the width of Sandiway road so I am hoping they will drop the kerb.</p>	<p>Removal of the grass verge is not within the remit of this scheme. However previous investigations have found that to remove this will cost in the region of £100k+. The dropped crossing request has been forwarded to the relevant officer who will contact the resident in due course.</p>
<p>This is very much needed asap. The area is a mudbath, cars parking on the grass, the road is not wide enough for the volume of traffic using it.</p>	
<p>Parking is already at a premium on Sandiway, a further ADPB especially one of exceptional length will exacerbate the problem. Two ADPB's are already available less than fifty metres from the proposed site. Traffic Services have already given a view that the site is not suitable according to the report to committee. The two existing ADPB's have strained neighbourhood relations. A third is unlikely to be supported and will lead to undue community tensions.</p>	<p>This bay would be 'Advisory' therefore, anybody would be able to park within it. However, we would expect residents to be community minded and leave it for those that need to use it the most. As with all 'Advisory' Disabled Parking Bays, there is no parking enforcement support should they be misused.</p>
<p>The only issue I have is there is hardly any parking around here as it is, my daughter normally has to park on the next street once she has finished work. I understand disability spaces are required if needed. There are already 2 disabled spaces here. One was allocated to a resident who no longer requires lives here and is being used by another tenant.</p>	<p>This bay would be 'Advisory' therefore, anybody would be able to park within it. However, we would expect residents to be community minded and leave it for those that need to use it the most. As with all 'Advisory' Disabled Parking Bays, there is no parking enforcement support should they be misused.</p>

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1. The estimated cost of the scheme is as follows:

Road Markings	£185
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£185</u>

6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 For the Werneth Area Committee Members to consider the report and consultation responses from other residents of Sandiway, and instruct Traffic Services to:

- Install an extended advisory disabled persons parking bay
- Not install an extended 9m advisory disabled persons bay due to there being two available bays nearby

6.1. Traffic Services would not recommend installation of an Advisory Disabled Persons Parking Bay at this location for the reasons stated in the previous report.

Background Papers

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