

<b>October 2008</b>	
<b>Report to Head of Strategic Planning and Delivery</b>	
<b>Provision of Disabled Parking Bays – Dunlop Road, Tilbury and Balfour Road, Grays.</b>	
Report prepared by: Senior Traffic Engineer - Julie Nelder	
<b>Purpose:</b>	
To consider the requests for the implementation of Disabled Persons Parking Places at the above locations.	
<b>Wards affected:</b> Tilbury Riverside and Grays Thurrock	<b>Key decision:</b> No

**1. RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1.1 That the objection is over-ruled and the proposed parking bay in Dunlop Road is implemented.
- 1.2 That the objections are upheld and the proposed parking bay in Balfour Road is not implemented and that the Medical Centre is notified accordingly.

**2. INTRODUCTION:**

- 2.1 A request was received via the Occupational Therapy department of Social Services for consideration to be given to providing a Disabled Persons Parking Place outside no. 4 Dunlop Road, Tilbury (one of a block of 4no flats).
- 2.2 A separate request was received from the Medical Centre in Balfour Road, Grays for consideration to be given to providing a Disabled Persons Parking Place outside the medical centre.

**3. BACKGROUND:**

- 3.1 The purpose of the request for the parking bay in Dunlop Road was to provide a parking space outside flat no's 2-8, for a Blue Badge Holder living at no. 4.
- 3.2 A Notice of proposal was advertised in the local newspaper and posted on site, with a 21 day objection period. Unfortunately a typing error in the Notice

stated the parking bay was to be placed outside no's 2-18. This generated queries from some of the nearby residents, although they were satisfied when advised that the proposed bay was just one vehicle size. However, one resident expressed an objection in writing within the 21 day objection period. He was advised of the error and verbally advised that he did not object to one parking bay being implemented. The objector advised that he would retract his objection in writing, however this has not been received. The formal objection therefore still stands.

- 3.3 The Balfour Road Medical Centre has a car parking area within its boundary. Recent modifications to the centre included changing the Disabled Persons Parking Place within the car park, to staff parking. A request was then received by the Medical Centre for the Council to provide a Disabled Persons Parking Place outside their premises on the highway.
- 3.4 A Notice of proposal was advertised in the local newspaper and posted on site, with a 21 day objection period. 5no formal objections have been received from residents living in Balfour Road in close proximity of the Medical Centre. The nature of the objections is that there are often not enough spaces on the road to accommodate residents' vehicles and also that the Medical Centre should have retained the parking place they had within their grounds.
- 3.5 A Planning Application was submitted prior to the Medical Centre modifications and the response from the Highways Department with regard to the application was 'The levels of existing and proposed off street parking are substantially below the UDP standard of 1 space per full time staff and 2 spaces per consulting room. Given the proximity of the junction of Southend Road/Balfour Road and existing on street parking levels, further on street parking may be to the detriment of Highway safety and residential amenity'.

**4. ISSUES AND/OR OPTIONS:**

- 4.1 There are no other issues to consider.

**5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE PRIORITIES:**

- 5.1. These actions accord with the Council priorities to create a safer environment.

<b>RELEVANT POLICIES</b>
None
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</b>
Should any works be carried out they would be funded from the 08/09 Integrated

Transport budget allocation for Disabled Persons Parking Places.	
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
The implementation of a Disabled Persons Parking Place is subject to the making of a Traffic Regulation Order	
<b>OTHER IMPLICATIONS</b>	
- None	
<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>	Contact: Les Burns Telephone: 01375 413842 E-mail: lburns@thurrock.gov.uk
- Notice of proposals - Letters of objection	

**Member Consultation**

Ward Members were consulted on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2008 and asked to respond by 5<sup>th</sup> December 2008. No comments were received.  
The Portfolio Holder supports the recommendations.

**Delegated Decision:**

After consultation with the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Highways and Transportation and the appropriate ward councillors, I have used my delegated authority to carry out the recommendations contained in the report, for the reasons stated in the original report.

**Name:** Mr Andrew Millard

**Position:** Head of Strategic Planning and Delivery.

**Date of Decision:**

**Deadline for call-in:**

*In the event of any departure from the original proposed decision, the rationale for departing from that proposed decision must be stated.*