

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and
Climate Change
Date: September 2018
Report for: Approval
Report of: Principal Engineer, Traffic and Transportation,
One Trafford

Report Title

**Knowsley Avenue, Davyhulme - Proposed Advisory Disabled Bay
Consideration of Objections.**

Summary

Following a consultation with nearby residents this report summarises the objections and comments received and the recommendations of the One Stop Resource Centre and recommends that an Advisory Disabled Bay introduced.

Recommendations

Agreement is sought to the following;

- 1 That the results of the consultation be noted.
2. That following careful consideration of the objections and comments received from the objectors and Ward Councillors the application for the provision of a marked Advisory Disabled Bay on Knowsley Avenue be approved and implemented.
3. That the objectors and Ward Councillors be informed of the outcome.

Contact person for further information:

Name: Dorothy Stagg
Background Papers: None

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 A disabled resident of Knowsley Avenue, Davyhulme, who is a blue badge holder, has made a request for an advisory disabled persons' parking space to be located close to her house, due to her disabilities.

1.2 Following a consultation with nearby residents 4 objections to the proposals were received stating:

1. Knowsley Avenue is not wide enough to support a parking bay of this type;
To allow access for vehicles residents must use a section of pavement to park on.
2. Knowsley Avenue is a narrow road with terraced houses and in order for as many residents as possible to be able to park near to their houses the cars have to be parked very close together taking account of the street furniture;
The placing of any parking bay must be done very carefully in order to ensure that it does not in practice end up using up more than one parking place and therefore causing inconvenience to the other residents;
The proposed plan shows what appears to be a very long parking bay and one which is likely to cause a blockage in the road given the narrow road;
Any parking bay will need to be shorter than the standard and will need to take account as to how narrow the road is.
3. This is a narrow street of terraced houses, there are no allocated parking spaces so cars park on either side of the road half on the path and half on the road which allows 1 cars width between them;
If the proposed parking space is to be totally on the road I'm assuming it can't include the pavement. Will there be safe space between a car in the parking bay and cars parked on the opposite side of the road where they are entitled to park to allow access to the bottom of the street for all service vehicles and emergency vehicles including fire engines and ambulances without risk of damage to parked cars.
4. This property is situated in the middle of Knowsley Avenue, even if the applicant has to park away from the property, the maximum distance to walk would be 30 metres (based on street length 60m on the plan). This is not an unreasonable distance to walk (especially as the applicant does this to visit family who live at the end of Knowsley Avenue);
The size of the bay appears to extend beyond the boundary of the property. This seems excessive and disproportionate given the length of Knowsley Avenue.

1.3 An assessment of the applicant's needs has been undertaken by the One Stop Resource Centre as follows:

"The applicant has a substantial and permanent ambulatory disability, is a blue car badge holder and is unable to access her car, as a parking space in close proximity to the address cannot be found for a major portion of most days."

1.4 The recommendation of the Occupational Therapist was that a disabled parking bay be processed through the Traffic Section, however, Ward Councillors have been consulted and do not support applications for disabled parking bays on Knowsley Avenue.

2.0 COMMENTS

2.1 **Chief Constable's View:** GMP have no objections to the proposals

2.2 **TfGM's View** (Traffic Manager – Bus Operations): No comments received

2.3 **Chief Fire Officer's View:** No Comments received

2.4 **NW Ambulance Service View:** There are no objections to the proposals

2.5 **Hackney Carriage Drivers/Operator Representative's View:** no comments received

2.6 **Ward Councillors' Comments:**

Councillor Reilly: Unfortunately I am unable to support this request.

Reasons; Knowsley Avenue is, as stated in the objections report, only c60m in length. Notwithstanding the fact we should not be encouraging pavement parking, the provision of this disabled parking bay could legitimize full on-street parking at considerable disruption to other residents. Whilst I am sympathetic to the needs of the applicant, on balance and given the relatively short distances she would normally have to walk, I do not feel this to be in the wider interests of the rest of that community.

Similarly, I do not accept the findings of the One Stop Resource Centre. Being a Blue Badge holder is not evidence that you are unable to walk more than the 30m maximum the applicant is required to do now.

Councillor Shawe: I am unable to support this. The reasons are similar to the objectors and Cllr John Reilly's. Knowsley Avenue is only c60m in length and pavement parking could become a problem with the disruption to other residents on Knowsley Avenue.

3.0 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 Parking occurs on both sides of Knowsley Avenue, often partially on the footways, however, after careful consideration of the recommendation of the One Stop Resource Centre, comments made by the objectors and Local Ward Councillors it is recommended that the application approved and a marked bay be placed on the ground, but at a narrower depth of 1.8 metres.

Relationship to Policy Framework/Corporate Priorities	None
Financial	The cost of providing the marking, estimated to be £100, is to be funded from the 2018/19 Integrated Transport Capital budget. (9264615)
Legal Implications:	None
Equality/Diversity Implications	No impact
Sustainability Implications	No impact
Staffing/E-Government/Asset Management Implications	None
Risk Management Implications	None
Health and Safety Implications	None

Other Options

The requested marking is the only option available to provide some degree of preference to the applicant when parking their car close to their home.

Consultation

A consultation has been carried out with nearby residents.

Reasons for Recommendation

To enable the necessary advisory marking to be introduced to enhance resident amenity.

Finance Officer Clearance **MH** (Mark Hughes for Technical Finance Manager)
Legal Officer Clearance **CK** (Claire Kefford - Legal Services)

CORPORATE DIRECTOR PLACE *(electronic)* 

To confirm that the Financial and Legal Implications have been considered.