

Title of meeting: Cabinet Member for Transport decision meeting

Date of meeting: 24 October 2024

Subject: TRO PO48-24 - Seafield Road & Tennyson Road - Disabled Persons Parking Places

Report by: Felicity Tidbury, Assistant Director for Economy, Transport & Planning

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Cabinet Member: Councillor Peter Candlish, Cabinet Member for Transport

Wards affected: Baffins & Fratton

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1.** To consider the public response to the proposed disabled bays in Seafield Road & Tennyson Road, Portsmouth.

In this report, TRO means traffic regulation order.

Appendix A: The public proposal notice for TRO Reference PO48-24

Appendix B: Public views submitted

Appendix C: Integrated Impact Assessment

Appendix D: Map of proposed and existing disabled bays

2. Recommendations

In relation to the proposal promoted under TRO Ref PO48-24, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Transport:

- 2.1 Approves the implementation of Disabled Person's Parking Bays in Seafield Road (length of bay reduced to 5.5 metres) & Tennyson Road; and**
- 2.2 Notes that the remainder of TRO Ref PO48-24 will come into operation as a Part A TRO with the exception of Cheltenham Road & Haslemere Road. Therefore, any proposals approved following this report will be brought into operation as a Part B TRO Ref PO48-24.**



3. Background

3.1 Disabled parking bays are installed in residential areas to assist blue badge holders to park close to their homes and thereby reduce the distance they have to walk after parking their car. The bays are advertised following applications from individual blue badge holders. The TRO advertised the installation of 65 disabled parking bays and removal of 9 disabled parking bays at various locations across Portsmouth.

3.2 In order for a disabled parking bay to be considered, the applicant:

- has to hold a valid Blue Badge,
- have a vehicle registered to the address,
- must not have any usable off-street parking and;
- there should be pressure on parking in the area.

4. Consultation and notification

4.1 Statutory consultation and notification under TRO Ref PO48-24 took place between 16 July and 6 August 2024.

4.2 Under statutory consultation, statutory bodies (police, fire & rescue, utilities companies etc.) are directly consulted on the Council's formal proposals and the public has a right to object. The Council has a statutory obligation to consider any objections received (see paragraph 8.5 of this report), and any comments received are given due consideration. Appendix B contains the full text of the representation received in response to the proposal but has been anonymised.

4.3 The legal requirement is to publish the proposal notice in a local newspaper - this notice was published in The News. The proposal notice was also published on the Council's website and yellow copies were displayed at affected locations.

5. Consultation response

5.1 Eight representations were received relating to seven proposed disabled bays in the following locations; Cheltenham Road, Cottage Grove, Cromer Road, Haslemere Road, Maidstone Crescent, Seafield Road & Tennyson Road.

5.2 Disabled bays proposed in Cheltenham Road & Haslemere Road are no longer being proceeded with under this TRO. The objections relating to Cottage Grove, Cromer Road & Maidstone Crescent have been withdrawn.

5.3 Two objections therefore need to be considered for Seafield Road & Tennyson Road. The full content of the representations (anonymised) are in Appendix B of this report.



6. Reasons for recommendations

- 6.1 Seafield Road, Baffins:** An application for a disabled bay was received from a blue badge holder who lives in Seafield Road. There are currently 3 disabled bays in Seafield Road. The remainder of Seafield Road has unrestricted parking, with the exception of double yellow lines on the junctions at either end of the road.
- 6.2** One objection has been received by a resident of Seafield Road, on the grounds that the bay extends across their property and they also have limited mobility. They also commented that there is a telegraph pole that restricts parking.
- 6.3** The proposed disabled bay will be marked completely across No 37 and extending across No 35 by approximately 2 metres, this is because the properties in question are just over 4 metres wide and therefore the disabled bay marking will have to go partly across another property. We have reviewed the length of bay required by the blue badge holder and can reduce it to 5.5 metres instead of the proposed 6 metres as per the advertised plans. This will mean the bay will therefore only extend by a maximum of 1.5 metres across No 35 instead of 2 metres.
- 6.4** The telegraph pole is located on the boundary between 35 and 37 and would be within the markings of the disabled bay, but should not impact on the badge holder getting into or out of the vehicle.
- 6.5** The installation of a disabled bay in this location is to assist the resident, by reducing the distance they have to walk once they have parked their vehicle. The vehicle used by the blue badge holder will already be parking in the location, so in practical terms there is no loss of actual parking space.
- 6.6 Tennyson Road, Fratton:** An application for a disabled bay was received from a blue badge holder who lives in Tennyson Road. There are currently 9 disabled bays in Tennyson Road, with the closest bay located outside No 22. The remainder of Tennyson Road has unrestricted parking, with the exception of double yellow lines on the junctions at either end of the road.
- 6.7** One objection has been received by a resident of Tennyson Road, on the grounds that the bay extends across their property. They also look after three children who have blue badges.
- 6.8** The length of the proposed disabled bay is 5.5 metres and will be marked primarily across No24 and extending across No26 by approximately 2 metres; this is because the properties in question are just over 4 metres wide and therefore the disabled bay marking will have to go across more than one property. The existing bay outside No22 already encroaches partly across No 24, hence why the proposed bay will need to go across No26 by approximately 2 metres. Although the resident objecting explains that they look after children who have blue badges, there is no blue badge holder living at their address and they would not therefore qualify for a disabled bay. As disabled bays



can be used by any blue badge holder, they would be able to use the disabled bay installed outside No 24, if empty, when a blue badge holder was with them in a vehicle.

- 6.9** The resident objecting states there are 10 disabled bays in the road, but one is in the process of being removed, so there are currently 9 disabled bays in Tennyson Road.
- 6.10** The installation of a disabled bay in this location is to assist the resident, by reducing the distance they have to walk once they have parked their vehicle. The vehicle used by the blue badge holder will already be parking in the location, so in practical terms there is no loss of actual parking space.

7. Integrated impact assessment

- 7.1** An integrated impact assessment has been completed and is published alongside this report in appendix C.

8. Legal implications

- 8.1** It is the duty of a local authority to manage its road network with a view to achieving, so far as may be reasonably practicable having regard to their other obligations, policies and objectives, the following objectives:
- (a) securing the expeditious movement of traffic on the authority's road network; and
 - (b) facilitating the expeditious movement of traffic on road networks for which another authority is the traffic authority.
- 8.2** Local authorities have a duty to take account of the needs of all road users, take action to minimise, prevent or deal with congestion problems, and consider the implications of decisions for both their network and those of others.
- 8.3** A local highway authority can by order under section 45 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 designate parking places on the highway for all vehicles or vehicles of any specified class in the order or such person of a class specified in the order. The order may also specify that such restrictions are to apply at specified times only. Any variations to such orders must be made by traffic order in the same way as the original order.
- 8.4** In determining what places can be so designated the council is required to consider both the interests of traffic and those of the owners and occupiers of any adjoining property and in particular shall have regard to:
- (a) the need for maintaining the free flow of traffic;
 - (b) the need of maintaining reasonable access to property; and
 - (c) the extent to which off-street accommodation is available in the neighbourhood.
- 8.5** A proposed TRO must be advertised and the statutory consultees notified and given a 3-week period (21 days) in which to register any support or objections. Members of the

public also have a right to object during that period. If objections are received to the proposed order the matter must go before the appropriate executive member for a decision whether or not to make the order, taking into account any objections received from the public and/or the statutory consultees during the consultation period.

9. Director of Finance's comments

9.1 The costs of works to implement the disabled bays (including the TRO) will be met from the On-Street Parking budget.

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Signed by:

Appendices:

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
Provision and Use of Disabled Badges and Bays Report	PCC website - Executive meeting - 21 February 2006

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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Signed by Councillor Peter Candlish, Cabinet Member for Transport

**APPENDIX A - The public proposal notice for TRO Reference PO48-24
THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS) (DISABLED PERSONS PARKING
PLACES) NUMBER 48 ORDER 2024**

Notice is hereby given that the Portsmouth City Council proposes to make the above Order, the effect of which would be:

**A) TO INTRODUCE DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING BAYS (MINIMUM 5-METRE LENGTH)
IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

Abbeydore Road (outside no. 19)	Baffins Road (outside no. 86)
Balfour Road (outside no. 29)	Beresford Road (outside no. 22)
Beresford Road (outside no. 53)	Beresford Road (outside no. 71)
Braintree Road (outside no. 43)	Bromyard Crescent (outside 36/38)
Byron Road (alongside no. 1 Byron Court)	Catisfield Road (outside no. 45)
Cheltenham Road (outside no. 60)	Chesterfield Road (outside no. 22)
Chichester Road (outside no. 136)	Copnor Road (outside no. 65)
Cottage Grove (end port of bay outside Milverton House)	Cromer Road (outside no. 11)
Devonshire Avenue (outside no. 117)	Eastfield Road (outside no.57)
Emanuel Street (outside no. 6)	Glencoe Road (outside no. 58)
Havant Road (alongside no. 32 Chichester Road)	Haslemere Road (outside Cornwell Court)
Highgate Road (outside no. 55)	Inhurst Road (outside no. 14)
Kendal Avenue (outside no. 26)	Kingsland Close (outside no. 20)
Laburnum Grove (outside no. 31)	Laburnum Grove (outside no. 55)
Landguard Road (outside no. 53)	Lindley Avenue (outside no. 23)
Locksway Road (outside no.67)	Ludlow Road (outside no.29)
Maidstone Crescent (outside no. 4)	Manners Road (outside no. 73)
Moorings Way (outside no. 9)	Morgan Road (outside no's 22-24)
Newcome Road (outside no. 56)	Newcomen Road (outside no. 138)
Newcomen Road (alongside no. 222)	Newney Close (outside no.3)
Nightingale Road (outside no. 23)	Oakwood Road (outside no. 42)
Orchard Road (outside no. 30)	Orchard Road (outside no. 130)
Percy Road (outside no. 48)	Pretoria Road (outside no.91-93)
Queens Road (outside no. 173)	Queens Road (outside no. 270)
Salcombe Avenue (outside no. 22)	Seafield Road (outside no. 37)
Shelford Road (outside no.40)	St Barbara Way (outside block 50-60)
St Marks Road (outside no. 6)	Stansted Road (outside no. 7)
Stubbington Avenue (outside no. 123)	Sussex Road (outside Sussex Court)
Tennyson Road (outside no's 24-26)	Wallington Road (outside no. 16)
Walmer Road (outside no. 29)	Westbourne Road (outside no. 45)
Westfield Road (alongside no. 91 Eastney Road)	Westover Road (outside no.101)
Wilson Road (outside no. 24)	Winchester Road (outside no. 55)
Winstanley Road (outside no. 66)	

Only vehicles displaying a Blue Badge or relevant permit issued by the Council may park at the above locations.

B) TO REMOVE DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING BAYS (NO LONGER REQUIRED) IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Bath Road (outside no. 89)	Colesbourne Road (outside no. 54)
Cromer Road (outside no.1)	Laburnum Grove (outside no. 270)
Lindley Avenue (outside no.25)	Sultan Road (outside no. 130)
Thurbern Road (outside no. 73)	Vernon Road (outside no. 33)
Wallisdean Avenue (outside no. 18)	

Copies of the draft Order and Statement of Reasons and plans are available to view on Portsmouth City Council's website: Search "Traffic Regulation Orders 2024" at www.portsmouth.gov.uk. Alternatively, they can be viewed at the Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, PO1 2AL, Monday to Friday between 9am - 4pm. Printed copies can be obtained by calling 023 9268 8501.

Persons wishing to object to these proposals must do so by sending their representations to TROteam@portsmouthcc.gov.uk or by post to Traffic Regulation Orders, Parking Team, Portsmouth City Council, Civic Offices, Portsmouth PO1 2NE, quoting ref **P048 - 24** within 21 days of the date of this Notice (i.e. by **6 August 2024**) stating the grounds for the objection.

Under requirements of current access to information legislation, please note that all representations submitted in response to this Notice, may be made available for public inspection. Full details of the Council's [Data Protection privacy notice](#) can be viewed on the website.

Dated 16 July 2024

Felicity Tidbury, Assistant Director
Portsmouth City Council

Appendix B: Public Views Submitted

<p>Seafield Road Representation to proposed Disabled Bay</p>
<p>Resident, Seafield Road</p> <p>I am objecting for number 37 Seafield road having the area pointed out for the disabled space. It is far over my property, and I have limited mobility myself , The white lines are situated right between a telegraph pole , that limits parking also .</p>
<p>Tennyson Road Representation to proposed Disabled Bay</p>
<p>Resident, Tennyson Road</p> <p>I would like to object to the disabled bay being placed outside of my property. Ref P048 - 24.</p> <p>The bay will be over our property and as much as we understand that there is a need for this in our road, Tennyson, I feel it is very unfair that this will be covering our property.</p> <p>I look after 3 children who have their own disabled badges due to their disabilities and another who is in receipt of dla and as parking is already pushed to its limit in my street I struggle to get the little ones out of my car when unloading and having to make them walk even further with this space taken up by an empty bay all day is unfair.</p> <p>Already there are 10 disabled bay in our street.</p> <p>Please can I speak to someone about this request if my email is not enough to stop this being placed outside my home.</p>

Appendix C Integrated Impact Assessment

Form name	Integrated Impact Assessment
Reference	IA652535714
Date	07/10/2024

Policy details

Request date	07/10/2024 09:10
Directorate	PCC Economy Transport and Planning
Service	Parking Service
Title of policy, service, function	TRO Ref 48/2024 Disabled Bays
Type of policy, service, function	Existing
What is the aim of your policy, service, function, project or strategy?	Introduce disabled bays in residential roads for use by blue badge holders to assist them with parking closer to where they live
Has any consultation been undertaken for this proposal?	yes
What were the outcomes of the consultations?	Two disabled bays were objected to
Has anything changed because of the consultation?	no
Did this inform your proposal?	no

Equality & diversity - will it have any positive/negative impacts on the protected characteristics?



With the above in mind and following data analysis, who is the policy, service, function, project or strategy going to benefit or have a detrimental effect on and how?	The installation of disabled bays will benefit those with disabilities and have a blue badge by helping them to park closer to where they live
Will any of those groups be affected in a different way to others because of your policy, project, service, function, or strategy?	Those with blue badges will be provided with a parking bay closer to where they live
If you are directly or indirectly discriminating, how are you going to mitigate the negative impact?	N/A
Who have you consulted with or are planning to consult with and what was/will be your consultation methodology?	Advertised Traffic Regulation Order Ref PO48/2024 for a 3 week public consultation period
How are you going to review the policy, service, project or strategy, how often and who will be responsible?	The need for disabled bays in residential roads are reviewed as an ongoing process, as applications for new bays and removal of no longer required bays are received on a regular basis. The Disabled Bay Officer reviews the applications with any queries referred to the Parking Office Manager

Crime - Will it make our city safer?

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Housing - will it provide good quality homes?

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Health - will this help promote healthy, safe and independent living?

<p>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</p>	<p>This proposal will assist the more vulnerable in being able to go out in a vehicle, knowing that when they return they will be able to park closer to their home. Blue Badge holders who do not have off-street parking available to them, often find that they cannot park closer to their home and feel that they cannot go out as they are unable to walk the distance home from where they have to park. The installation of disabled bays for blue badge holders helps to improve their mental health/quality of life by giving them confidence to go out and about knowing they will be able to park close to home when they return</p>
<p>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</p>	<p>Consider any feedback from blue badge holders or other residents</p>

Income deprivation and poverty - will it consider income deprivation and reduce poverty?

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Carbon emissions - will it reduce carbon emissions?

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Climate change mitigation and flooding - will it proactively mitigate against a changing climate and flooding?

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Natural environment - will it ensure public spaces are greener, more sustainable and well-maintained?

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Air quality - will it improve air quality?

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Transport - will it make transport more sustainable and safer for the whole community?

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Waste management - will it increase recycling and reduce the production of waste?



This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Culture and heritage - will it promote, protect and enhance our culture and heritage?

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Employment and opportunities - will it promote the development of a skilled workforce?

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Economy - will it encourage businesses to invest in the city, support sustainable growth and regeneration?

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Social value

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Involvement

Who was involved in the Integrated impact assessment?	Denise Bastow
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Name of the person completing this form	Denise Bastow
Date of completion	2024-10-07

APPENDIX D - Map of proposed and existing disabled bays

Proposed Disabled Parking Bays

Proposed bay
 Existing bay (if any)

