

REGULATORY COMMITTEE
6th MARCH 2002

CRICKLADE – OBJECTION TO TRAFFIC ORDER

Purpose of Report

1. To consider an objection to advertised traffic orders and to recommend the orders be made as advertised.

Background

2. The redevelopment of the old Glove Factory in the High Street, Cricklade, to provide a surgery and library, has resulted in a request from the District Council to provide a Disabled and a Doctor's parking space to serve the facilities within the development.
3. The proposals are shown on the plan at **Appendix 1**.

Objections

4. Initially, no objections were received as a result of the advertisement. However, Mr. Little of Secretarial and Accountancy Services, 111 High Street, who has been communicating regarding short term parking that occurs on existing double yellow lines across his vehicle access adjacent to the proposed disabled parking bay, has now objected. There had been a number of previous letters on this subject, primarily requesting a "Keep Clear" marking despite the presence of double yellow lines.
5. Despite originally indicating that he had no objections to the proposals, because of the continuing "infringement" of the yellow lines he has subsequently objected to the loss of general parking.
6. The recent letters from Mr. Little will be available for inspection in the **Members' Room** prior to the meeting.

Consideration

7. The Town Council and the Police support the proposals.
8. Keep Clear markings are not intended for use at access points and in any event are not mandatory unlike the double yellow lines located at his access.
9. It is considered that the provision of white bay markings with the word "Disabled" abutting the yellow lines will discourage cars from parking partly on the yellow lines, especially as it is intended to mark the parking bay on the opposite side of his access with white marks as well. The gap between the white bays will be too short to easily park a vehicle.

10. Short term parking on yellow lines to use cashpoint machines is something that occurs across the country. The proposed parking bay markings should reduce the incidence of it happening at this location, rather than increase it. The provision of the Disabled and Doctor's bays is considered appropriate for the satisfactory operation of the community facility.
11. Although the objection was received after the closing date, in view of the level of correspondence, it was considered appropriate to report the matter to Committee for resolution.

Options considered

12. The options are to implement the proposal as advertised, or not to provide the bays for the doctor on call and disabled persons relating to the new surgery.

Recommendation

13. That:-
 - (i) The Order be made as advertised, and
 - (ii) The objector be advised accordingly.

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The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:

Letter of objection

Environmental impact of the Recommendations contained in this Report:

None