

Report to:	Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Date of Meeting:	Monday 12 June 2023
Subject:	Seaforth Road, Seaforth - Objection to proposed Traffic Regulation Order		
Report of:	Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection)	Wards Affected:	Linacre;
Portfolio:			
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

To report the receipt of an objection against a proposal to introduce a disabled persons parking place for a resident in Seaforth Road, Seaforth.

Recommendation(s):

- (1) The objection be noted;
- (2) The disabled persons parking place be progressed as originally advertised
- (3) The objector be advised accordingly.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

The Council has the power to revoke a Traffic Regulation Order (Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984) as well as the power to make a new Traffic Regulation Order (Section 1 of that Act). Authorisation to advertise new Traffic Regulation Orders falls under the remit of Cabinet Member Locality Services.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

None

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

All costs associated with the introduction of the Traffic Regulation Order, in Seaforth Road amounting to £800 will be funded from the Highway Safety revenue budget for 2023/24.

(B) Capital Costs

Nil

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):	
None	
Legal Implications:	
None	
Equality Implications:	
None	
Impact on Children and Young People:	
None	
Climate Emergency Implications:	
The recommendations within this report will	
Have a positive impact	No
Have a neutral impact	Yes
Have a negative impact	No
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Yes

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: Will assist residents and other road users
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Not applicable
Commission, broker and provide core services: Not applicable
Place – leadership and influencer: Not applicable
Drivers of change and reform: Not applicable
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: Not applicable

Greater income for social investment: Not applicable
Cleaner Greener: Not applicable

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services has been consulted and notes the report indicates all costs associated with the introduction of the Traffic Regulation Order, amounting to £800, will be funded from the Highway Safety revenue budget. (FD7244/23) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD5444/23) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

The proposed disabled persons parking place has been advertised in the Metro newspaper 11/02/2023, with a 21 day objection period ending 1/03/2023.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee / Council meeting.

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Appendices:

There are no appendices to this report

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 On 3 December 2022, an application was made for the introduction of a Disabled Parking Place (DPP) associated with 187 Seaforth Road, Seaforth.
- 1.2 As part of Sefton's procedures, the applicant supplied a completed application form, detailing her disability and the vehicle details she uses to transport her together with copies of her blue badge.
- 1.3 These details were checked, and a number of parking surveys carried out to establish the level of parking within the vicinity of the applicants' property.
- 1.4 The application satisfied all criteria for the provision of a Disabled Parking Space, and the parking surveys clarified that there were never any spare parking spaces available at peak times.
- 1.5 The application was approved, and authorisation sought from Cabinet Member – Locality Services to advertise the proposed Traffic Regulation Order. The proposal was subsequently advertised in The Metro newspaper on 11th February 2023, with a 21 day objection period ending on 1st March 2023.
- 1.6 One objection was received during the objection period.
- 1.7 The objection is listed below, with various sections redacted to maintain confidentiality:-

[REDACTED]

**seaforth road,
l2t4ld**

I would like to formally reject the proposal to have a disabled parking spot next to my house. I also have a car and the proposal means that she will encroach my house.

The lady who lives in 187 seaforth road doesn't even own a car. The car is her daughters who works full time. She just wants a disabled space because she thinks she owns the street and sometimes people park there. If you would like to speak to me, my number is [REDACTED]

2.0 Discussion

Given that the applicant has met all the criteria for the application of the disabled persons parking place. The vehicle which transports the applicant is registered at the applicants address and the availability for parking space for the applicant is restricted, there is no reason for the parking place not to be implemented.

3.0 Proposal

- 3.1 Under the constitution of this Committee, Members can either:-
 - a) approve the parking place as proposed, or;
 - b) reject the parking place or;
 - c) refer the scheme to the Cabinet Member Locality Services indicating the Committee's view on how the proposal should be progressed.

3.2 Having reviewed the applicant's supporting documentation and the situation with regards to the parking situation on-street, it is considered that Licensing & Regulatory Members should be minded to over-rule the objection and the proposed Disabled Parking Place be progressed as originally advertised.