

Report to the Director of City and Environmental Services

Tower Street: Consideration of Objection received to recently advertised proposal to add disabled parking space to the Traffic Regulation Order to enable enforcement

Summary

1. We introduced an advisory disabled parking provision on Tower Street in 2013. Although this worked well initially, this cannot be enforced by our Civil Enforcement Officers and is now subject to regular abuse. The management of the Hilton Hotel adjacent to the disabled parking bay has objected to the proposal (Annex B).

Recommendations

2.
 - a) Implementation as advertised for the disabled parking area
 - b) A proposed 18m "Loading Bay" outside the Hilton Hotel to provide an area for deliveries and coaches outside the hotel and prevent long term parking causing a negative impact in this area

Background

3. In 2013 we amended the disabled parking provision on the South side of the carriageway to meet regulations. This involved creating wider bays which resulted in the loss of two spaces. To compensate we introduced an advisory disabled bay for two vehicles on the north side of the carriageway. Currently, this is used on a daily basis by vehicles not displaying a blue badge. A plan of the area is included as Annex A.

Consultation

4. Proposals were advertised on street and in a local newspaper (The Press). Details were hand delivered to properties adjacent to the proposed restriction. In addition, details are posted to North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Ambulance Service, Freight Association and Haulier Association.

Internally, we have consulted with Taxi Licensing and Parking Services.

Analysis

5. Details of the objection and analysis of the points raised are included as Annex B

Options

6. The options available are:
 - A. Implement as advertised (recommended action) and advertise a loading bay as shown on plan at Annex A
 - B. Take no further action and the space remains advisory; this is not recommended because the space is abused by long-term parking by commuters and will continue to have a negative impact on the Hilton Hotel
 - C. Remove the disabled parking bay and replace with no waiting at any time restrictions (double yellow lines). This is not recommended as blue badge holders will still be able to park (for 3 hours) which creates problems for the adjacent Hilton Hotel

Council Plan

7. The potential benefits for the priorities in the Council Plan are:

A council who listens; The decision requested confirms the participation of businesses in the decision making process and democratic life.

Implications

8. **Financial** –.The cost of the signing works will be funded from the Network Management budget

Human Resources –. None

Equalities – None

Legal –None

Crime and Disorder – None

Information Technology -.None

Land –.None

Other –.None

Risk Management

There is an acceptable level of risk associated with the recommended option.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s)

There are no specialist implications.

Wards Affected: Guildhall

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For further information please contact the author of the report.

Annexes

- A. Plan
- B. Details of objection with analysis
- C. Councillor Comments