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**To: COUNCILLOR WAYNE BRIDGES
CABINET MEMBER FOR RESIDENTS SERVICES**

c.c. All Members of the Residents Services Select Committee
c.c. Dan Kennedy – Corporate Director of Residents Services
c.c. Caroline Haywood – Residents Services
c.c. Ward Councillors for Eastcote

Date: 29 October 2026

Non-Key Decision request

Form D

WHITBY ROAD, RUISLIP – OBJECTION RECEIVED TO PROPOSED DISABLED PERSON PARKING BAY

Dear Cabinet Members,

Attached is a report requesting that a decision be made by you as an individual Cabinet Member. Democratic Services confirm that this is not a key decision, as such, the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 notice period does not apply.

You should take a decision **on or after Friday 06 November 2026** in order to meet Constitutional requirements about publication of decisions that are to be made. You may wish to discuss the report with the Corporate Director before it is made. Please indicate your decision on the duplicate memo supplied and return it to me when you have made your decision. I will then arrange for the formal notice of decision to be published.

Ryan Dell
Democratic Services

Title of Report: WHITBY ROAD, RUISLIP – OBJECTION RECEIVED TO PROPOSED DISABLED PERSON PARKING BAY

Decision made:

Reasons for your decision: (e.g. as stated in report)

Alternatives considered and rejected: (e.g. as stated in report)

Signed Date.....

Cabinet Member for Residents Services

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Cabinet Member Lead

Councillor Wayne Bridges
Cabinet Member for Residents Services

Chief Officer responsible

Dan Kennedy – Corporate Director, Residents Services

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Caroline Haywood – Resident Services

Report classification and reason

Public

Relevant Committee

Residents Services Select Committee

Electoral Ward

Eastcote

1. Executive Summary

To inform the Cabinet Member that an objection has been received to the proposed disabled persons parking bay on Whitby Road, Ruislip.

The estimated cost associated with the recommendations in this report is £400, to be managed within existing Transportation Service revenue budgets.

2. Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member for Residents Services:

1. Notes the application for a disabled person parking bay in Whitby Road, Ruislip.
2. Considers the objection received from the statutory consultation for the proposed disabled person parking bay on Whitby Road, Ruislip.
3. Approves the introduction of the proposed disabled person parking bay on Whitby Road, Ruislip, as shown at Appendix B to this report.

3. Reasons for decision

The formal disabled parking bay is intended to benefit disabled people by designating a parking space for the use of Blue Badge holders.

Classification:

Part 1 Public

4. Proposal

1. Whitby Road is a residential road within Eastcote and Ruislip Manor Wards. However, the proposed disabled bay is within Eastcote Ward. Vehicles were seen to be parking on both sides of Whitby Road which links Field End Road with Victoria Road. A plan of the area is shown on Appendix A to this report.
2. The Council received an application for a disabled parking bay from a resident of Whitby Road. The applicant initially fully meets the Council's assessment criteria for the provision of an on-street disabled parking bay. A proposal was developed for an on-street disabled parking bay at the closest location to the resident's property whilst maintaining as much parking for other residents.
3. Approval was subsequently granted by Delegated Officer's Action to progress this proposal to the statutory consultation stage. Formal notice was given of the Council's intentions for statutory consultation on the proposal shown in Appendix B to this report, and a 21-day notice of intent was duly published. During this period, the Council received one objection and one email of support to this proposed disabled parking bay.
4. The **objector** stated "*.....I have lived at this address for a very long time and I have not seen any of my neighbours have disabilities. They are only elderly people but this is not a disability and I do not consider it necessary to have a disable parking bay here.*"
5. The **supporter** stated "*I would like to respond strongly in favour of the disabled bay, thus: Parking is very difficult in this road at the best of times.*"
6. The views of Ward Councillors were sought, and all three have responded supporting the blue badge bay.
7. Whilst it is understood that the provision of Blue Badge disabled bays can lead to strong feelings both for and against their introduction, the bay is proposed where residents already park and would not restrict access to any dropped kerb or the free flow of traffic. It is therefore recommended that the Council proceeds with the installation of the disabled parking bay on Skipton Drive, as shown in Appendix B to this report.

5. Corporate implications

Financial (mandatory)	Y	Equalities impact assessment	Y
Legal (mandatory)	Y	Workforce	
Alternative options (mandatory)	Y	Public Health	
Risk management (mandatory)	Y	External partners	
Asset		Communications	
Procurement		Committee comments	
Planning		Digital	
Climate Change		Other	

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a) Financial

The cost associated with the recommendations to this report is estimated at £400 and will be managed within the existing revenue budget for the Transportation Service, subject to the spend review panel.

b) Legal

The Council's power to designate the proposed disabled parking bay on Whitby Road, Ruislip is set out in section 45 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The consultation and order-making statutory procedures to be followed are set out in Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedures) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. Consultation must also meet the standard set by established common law principles in public law, namely fairness and adequacy.

If the decision is taken to make the proposed order for the disabled parking bay on Whitby Road, Ruislip, Part 5 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 set out the signage and marking requirements, which must be observed.

In exercising any of the powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, section 122 of the 1984 Act requires the Council to consider its statutory duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians), and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. These powers must be exercised so far as practicable having regard to the following matters:

- (a) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
- (b) the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to preserve or improve amenities of the areas through which the roads run;
- (c) the national air quality strategy;
- (d) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles; and
- (e) any other matters appearing to the Council to be relevant.

Availability for any Blue Badge holder to use the disabled parking bay on Whitby Road, Ruislip is a relevant consideration in deciding whether to make the order for a disabled parking bay.

Moreover, the Council has various statutory duties in relation to road safety, such as under section 39 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004, which are relevant when deciding on road traffic measures. To this end, the report states that the bay is proposed where residents already park and would not restrict access to any dropped kerb or the free flow of traffic.

Pursuant to established public law principles on consultation, the decision maker, when deciding on progress of the proposal for a disabled parking bay on Whitby Road, Ruislip, must be satisfied that all consultation responses, including those that do not accord with the officer's

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recommendation, were conscientiously taken into account. Regulation 13 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedures) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 also requires the Council to consider all objections made.

The Council must also be continuously mindful of its public sector equality duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. The report notes some considerations relevant to this.

c) Alternative options

<i>Alternative Options</i>	<i>Rationale for rejecting option</i>
Do not install a disabled parking bay	This is not recommended as the disabled parking bay will promote independence for residents where there is a demonstrable need.
Cease activity	Not lawful given the statutory provisions placed on the council to consider applications for disabled parking bays.

d) Risk management

<i>Risk</i>	<i>Mitigation</i>
Contractor failure leading to works not being undertaken or to the required quality.	Contractor performance management and inspection of works.
Legal challenge against the decision to install a disabled parking bay.	Statutory due process, including consultation, has been undertaken prior to the recommendation to install a disabled parking bay.

e) Equalities impact assessment

The Equality Act 2010 mandates that public bodies, such as the Local Highways Authority, take actions that may involve treating one group more favourably where there is a proportionate way to assist someone with a protected characteristic to overcome a disadvantage, participate more fully, or meet needs that differ from the general population. If we were to limit the number of on-street Blue Badge bays, that could be interpreted as a breach of the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Every application must be considered on its own merits, balancing the circumstances of the individual applying for a disabled bay with the general parking availability on the road. However, in some circumstances, the Council is duty-bound to treat those with a protected characteristic (older and disabled people in this case) more favourably than those not protected under the Equality Act 2010

6. Delivering the Cabinet's Priorities 2026-2030

The Council's ambition is to make Hillingdon an even better place to live, work and invest. This report support the delivery of the following [Cabinet Priorities](#):

Classification:

Part 1 Public

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1	Being easy to deal with		
2	Being brilliant at the basics		
3	Putting our residents first	Y	The recommendation in this report will support residents to stay living independently for as long as they are able.
4	Delivering Hillingdon homes for Hillingdon people		
5	Supporting future generations		
6	Being open for business		

7. Consultation & engagement

Consultation has been carried out on this proposal through a notice on site and in the local press. Local Ward Councillors have also been consulted.

8. Timetable for implementation

Subject to approval, the intention is to implement the recommendations within three months.

List of appendices attached

Appendix A – Location Plan

Appendix B – Plan of Proposal

List of Background Papers

- Traffic order
- Objection email
- Email of support

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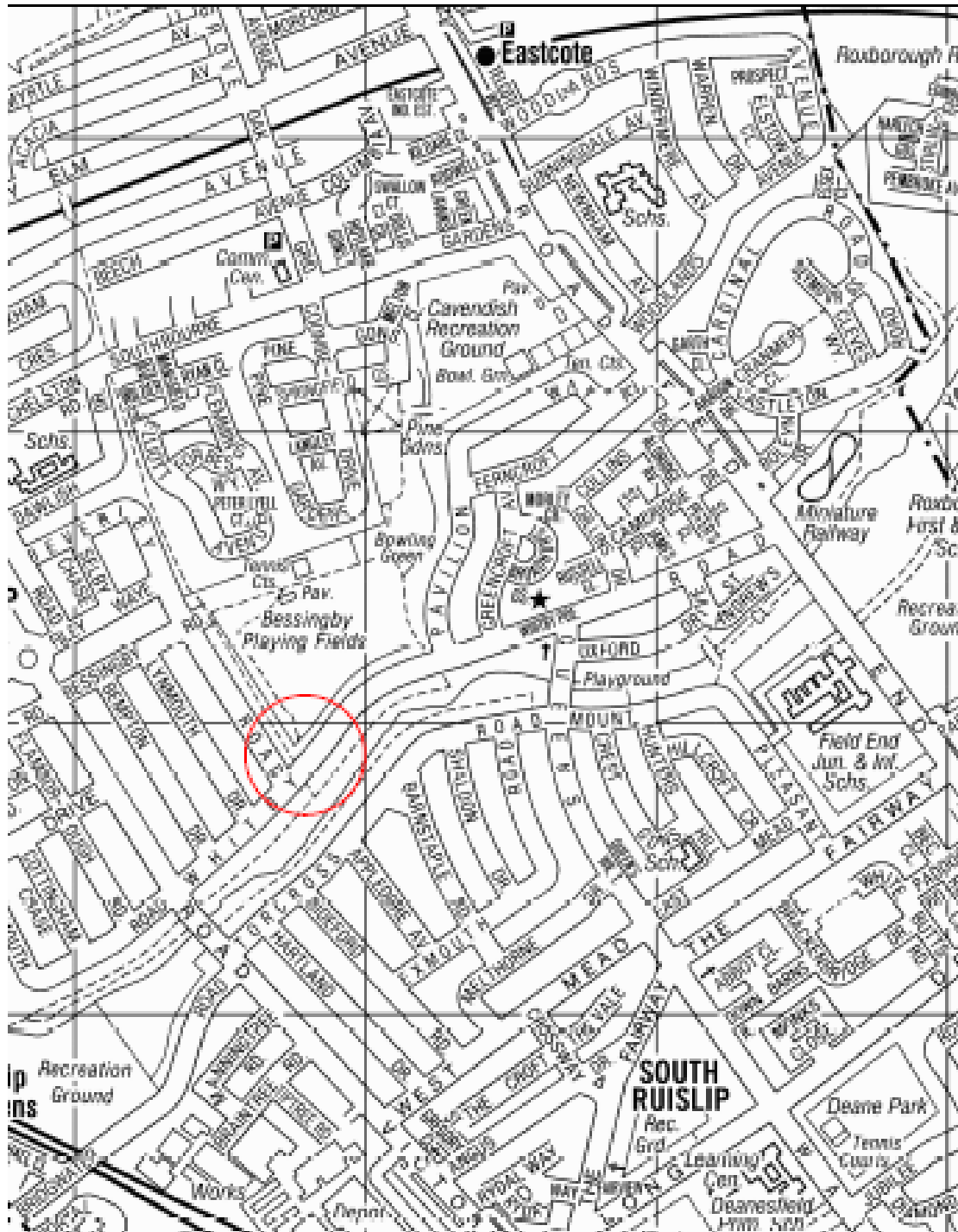
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APPENDIX A - LOCATION PLAN



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APPENDIX B - PLAN OF PROPOSAL

