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

c.c. All Members of the Corporate Resources & Infrastructure Select Committee
c.c. Dan Kennedy, Corporate Director of Residents Services
c.c. Caroline Haywood, Residents Services
c.c. Ward Councillors for Pinkwell

Date: 05 August 2026

Non-Key Decision request

Form D

SKIPTON DRIVE, HAYES – 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 Thursday 13 August 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.

Anisha Teji
Democratic Services

Title of Report: Skipton Drive, Hayes – 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

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Report classification and reason

Public

Relevant Committee

Corporate Resources & Infrastructure Select Committee

Electoral Ward

Pinkwell

1. Executive Summary

To inform the Cabinet Member that an objection has been received to the proposed disabled persons parking bay on Skipton Drive, Hayes.

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 Skipton Drive, Hayes.
2. Considers the objection received from the statutory consultation for the proposed disabled person parking bay on Skipton Drive, Hayes.
3. Approves the introduction of the proposed disabled person parking bay on Skipton Drive, Hayes, 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.

4. Proposal

1. Skipton Drive is a residential road within Pinkwell Ward. Vehicles were seen to be parking on both sides of the road. Skipton Drive is linked to Carnarvon Drive by Pembroke Way, which is a pedestrian only street. 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 Pembroke Way. 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 on Skipton Drive, 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 to this proposed disabled parking bay.
4. The **objector** stated *"I have lived in Pembroke Way for sixty years and the parking situation has got worse over the years. I rely on my daughter to take me out as I am house bound due to poor mobility. The parking on this road is awful, you have airport parking, some person selling cars in Skipton Drive and parks the cars he gets at auction anywhere they can take up available parking spaces. Residents who live opposite to Pembroke Way and further up Skipton Drive also park on the other side of the road. Pembroke Way has no available for off street parking or access to a back entrance, unlike Skipton which have availability to put drive on the front of their properties, and some have access to back entrance /garages. Many residents in Skipton Drive are so fed up with the bad parking situation that they are now placing traffic cones or barriers to save a parking space in front of their properties. Then you have Sandgate football club who operate weeknight training and weekend training and matches also adding to the absolute chaos , from the top of Skipton Drive(Bourne Avenue) all the way down.*

This proposed additional disabled parking bay will not help with the lack of the parking situation. There are already three disabled bays in the vicinity which have cars parked in most of the day. As a blue badge holder myself I am never able to make use of any of them. When my daughter takes me to my medical appointments, she has to leave the car in the middle of the road with hazard lights on so she can assist my other daughter to help me to and from my house to the car. As there is never anywhere to park."

5. If residents of Skipton Drive want any changes to the existing parking arrangements on Skipton Drive, then the best way forward is through a petition. Details on this can be found on the Council's website.
6. The views of Ward Councillors were sought, and all three have responded and support the blue badge bay.

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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	

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.

b) Legal

The Council's power to designate the proposed disabled parking bay on Skipton Drive, Hayes 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 Skipton Drive, Hayes, 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;

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- (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 Skipton Drive, Hayes 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.

Pursuant to established public law principles on consultation, the decision maker, when deciding on progress of the proposal for a disabled parking bay on Skipton Drive, Hayes, must be satisfied that all consultation responses (all of which are pasted within this report), including those that do not accord with the officer's 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

The Council could decide not to proceed with the installation of the disabled person parking bay as advertised.

d) Risk management

The Council could decide not to proceed with the installation of the disabled person parking bay as advertised.

e) Equalities implications

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 protective characteristic (older and disabled people in this case) more favourably than those not protected under the Equality Act 2010

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f) Other implications

Nil.

6. Relevance to Council Strategy

This report supports the following [commitments to residents](#) in the Council Strategy:

1	Safe and strong communities	Y	This report supports our ambition for residents / the Council of: Stay living independently for as long as they are able
2	Thriving, healthy households		
3	A green and sustainable borough		
4	A thriving economy		
5	A digital-enabled, modern, well-run council		

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

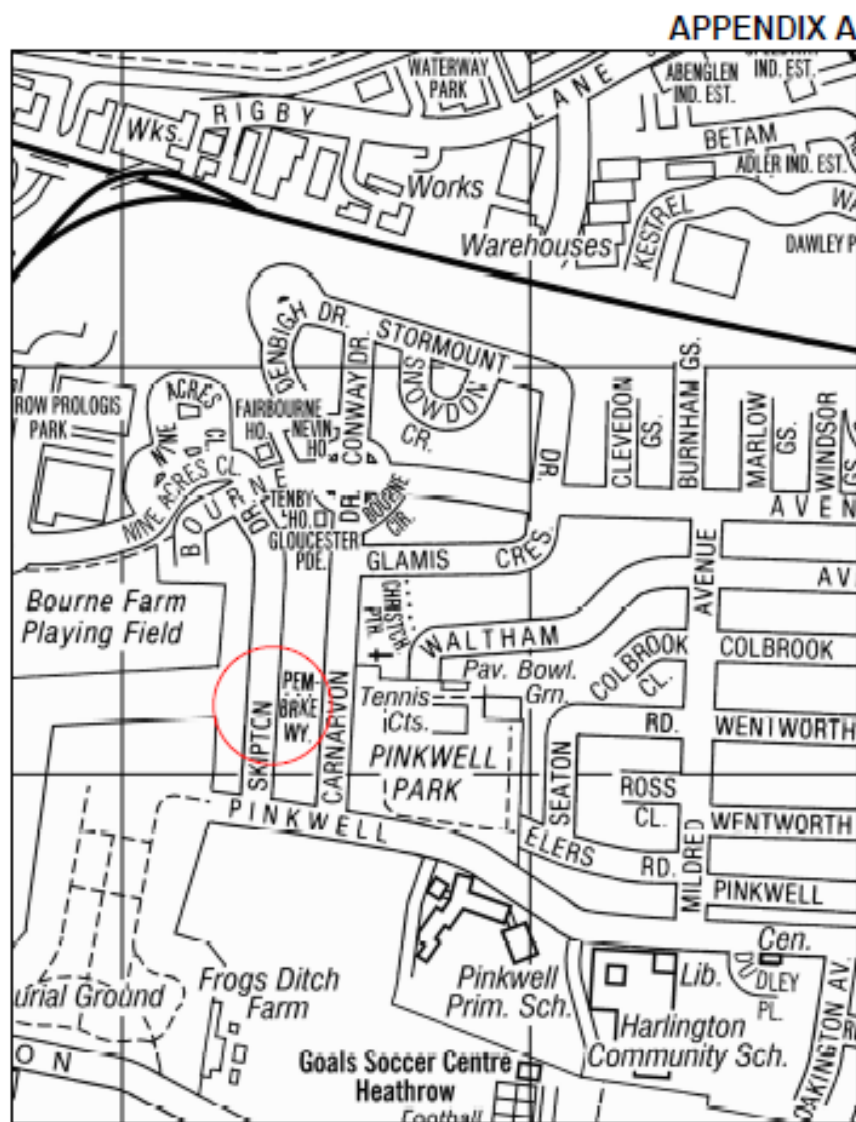
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APPENDIX A - LOCATION PLAN



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APPENDIX B - PLAN OF PROPOSAL

