

## Appendix 'E'

### Policy for the Provision of Residential Disabled Parking Bays

The Basic Criteria for an on-street disabled parking bay at home are:

- The applicant must be in receipt of the higher rate of the mobility component of the Disability Living Allowance, War Disablement Pensioners Mobility Supplement or the Invalid Vehicle Scheme;
- The above qualifying Allowances must have been granted for a minimum period of one year after this Application;
- There must be a regular parking problem in the area, with no reasonable alternative parking available nearby or prospect of creating off-street parking at the disabled persons home;
- The applicant must be a current Blue Badge Holder and must also be a driver of the vehicle for which an on-street Disabled Parking Bay is requested, or qualify under the following exemption:
  - A disabled passenger who meets the above criteria, where the able-bodied driver, is their parent, guardian or other close relative or full-time carer and resides with them, subject to written support from Social Services and:
    - Where the road characteristics mean there would be no safe area to assist the disabled passenger from the vehicle, or
    - Where on a regular basis the disabled passenger may not be left alone in a safe area for any length of time whilst the vehicle is parked elsewhere.
- An on-street Disabled Parking Space can NOT be reserved for the exclusive use of an individual and may be used by any other Blue Badge Holder. There is no guarantee the Bay will always be available, or enforced.
- Any on-street Disabled Parking Bay will be provided within the vicinity of the disabled driver's home but not necessarily along their frontage. It may be necessary to group bays together when there are more than one in a street.
- The views of immediate neighbours on marking out a bay must have been made known to the Executive Director of Environment or the District Council Agent. These views will be taken into consideration in making a decision.
- If road safety is adversely affected (e.g. by a bend in the road, narrow streets or double white lines) or if there are certain other circumstances (such as waiting restrictions) then this Application may not be granted.

- The Police must have no objections to the parking bay, e.g. on the grounds of creating a road safety hazard.
- The District Council or Executive Director of Environment is to be informed when a Designated Parking Bay is no longer required by the disabled person.