

Equality Needs and Impact Assessment

Policy: Amendment to the marking out of designated parking for disabled people at Summerfield Mews, Buckfastleigh

EINA form dated 20th June 2005

Comments of Environment Directorate EINA facilitator

1. The assessment relates to a proposal to hatch out an area of designated disabled parking in order to indicate that parking in this area would cause an obstruction by making access/egress to Summerfield Mews difficult.
2. As such the change will not alter existing policy regarding parking for blue badge holders, which provides for concessions provided that the vehicle is not parked in such a way as to cause an obstruction. This proposal will serve to indicate to drivers that parking in a particular area could cause an obstruction, which may not be immediately obvious without the use of hatch markings.
3. The concern may be that the proposal may appear to reduce the amount of disabled parking at the location, therefore being to the disadvantage of disabled people. This is not the case as parking in the area would not be permitted if it causes an obstruction, with or without the proposed markings. Responsible badge holders would recognise the measure as giving useful guidance.
4. Therefore I agree that this proposal is low impact in terms of implications for equality as noted in the EINA section one form and it is unnecessary to carry out a full assessment

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