

<b>Report No.</b> TC01918 <b>Appendix:</b> H <b>Agenda Item:</b> 12	<b>Full Council</b> <b>Date of Meeting:</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
---	--

## OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL

<b>Report Author:</b> Allison Greaves	<b>Title:</b> Clerk to the Council
<b>Subject:</b> Additional disabled Parking Spaces in Oakham	
<b>Strategic Aim:</b> Improve and increase facilities within the town Work with and in partnership with Rutland County Council and other partner groups	

### Background

#### Correspondence received from Rutland Access Group

On behalf of the Rutland Access Group, we are seeking the support of Oakham Town Council for potentially 2 additional disabled parking spaces within Oakham. We had asked RCC for these a couple of years ago, but the proposed locations were included with other applications which we did not support and all were turned down by the council. Now that the one way system has been scrapped we are seeking support again for just 2 additional blue badge spaces within Oakham town centre

Following a review of disabled parking spaces in Oakham the Rutland Access group identified 2 locations where additional spaces would be of benefit to disabled users:

**Location A:** on the road directly opposite The Captain Noel Newton (Weatherspoons). We have been approached by Age Concern for some disabled parking close to this pub. Age Concern and other community groups are using this pub for lunch time meals for their members (as it is not expensive and there is plenty of space) and are struggling with disabled parking. Subsequently, as a group we have written to Weatherspoons who have declined to help as they do not have any parking themselves on the land around their pub. Whilst blue badge users can park anywhere most prefer to park in designated spaces and it would thus be helpful if there was a designated disabled parking space close to the pub. The nearest useful space is directly across the road from the pub.

**Location B:** somewhere within Mill Street on the road. This has been identified as there are no disabled parking spaces in the Mill Street car park. This is due to the limited space in the car park and the difficult cambers and inclines which would make wheelchair and disabled use difficult. A disabled parking space on the road would thus assist with access to this shopping area.

### Decisions required

Would the Town Council be prepared to support the application?

If the scheme is successful in receiving Cabinet approval would the Town Council be willing to make a financial contribution towards the scheme?