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## **CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 17 JANUARY 2019**

### **CHERWELL AND WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICTS – PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES**

**Report by Director for Infrastructure Delivery**

#### **Recommendation**

1. The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to:
  - (a) approve the proposed Disabled Persons Parking Places in; Fiennes Road and Windrush Banbury; Fox Close, Chipping Norton and Wise Avenue, Kidlington;
  - (b) defer a decision on the proposed bays in Blake Road, Bicester; The Paddocks, Deddington; Walkers Height, Finstock, High Street, Hook Norton and Springfield Park, Witney pending further investigation by officers; and
  - (c) note that the bay in Upper Arncott (Greenfields) is no longer required.

#### **Executive summary**

2. Disabled Persons Parking Places are provided on the highway where there is an established need by 'blue badge' holders in order to facilitate access to their homes and amenities such as medical practices and shops.

#### **Introduction**

3. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation on proposals to introduce proposed Disabled Persons Parking Places (DPPPs) at various locations in Cherwell and West Oxfordshire districts as shown at Annexes 1 to 9.

#### **Consultation**

4. Formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 6 December 2018 and 4 January 2019. A public notice was placed in the Oxford Times newspaper and sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police,

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the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Cherwell District Council and West Oxfordshire District Council and relevant Parish Councils. Street notices were placed near to the location of the proposed restrictions, with letters also being sent directly to approx. 300 properties in the immediate vicinity of the proposals.

5. 31 responses were received to the consultation as summarised below:

Location	Object	Support
Banbury – Windrush	1	1
Banbury – Fiennes Road	1	-
Bicester – Blake Road	4	1 with concerns
Chipping Norton – Fox Close	2	-
Deddington – The Paddocks	3	3 (1 had concerns)
Finstock – Walkers Heights	3	-
Hook Norton – High Street	3	-
Kidlington – Wise Avenue	3	-
Witney – Springfield Park	6	-

6. The responses are summarised at Annex 10. Copies of the full responses are available for inspection by County Councillors.

### **Response to objections and other comments**

7. Thames Valley Police did not object to the proposals.

#### **Banbury – Fiennes Road and Windrush**

8. One objection was received for each of these proposals from a resident of the respective road on the grounds of the already severe pressures. However, as the applicants already park their vehicles on these roads, officers do not consider that the designation of a DPPP would further aggravate parking pressures at either location and recommend proceeding as advertised with both proposals.

#### **Bicester – Blake Road**

9. Four objections were received from residents on the grounds of the existing parking pressures and concerns about the actual need for the DPPP. One expression of support was also received, which though also noted their concerns over parking by non-residents. After considering the responses officers recommend deferring a decision on this proposal pending further site investigations.

### **Chipping Norton – Fox Close**

10. Two objections were received from residents on the grounds of the existing parking pressures and concerns about the actual need for the DPPP and the principle of the applicant having effectively a designated parking space for their own use. Officers do not consider that the designation of a DPPP would further aggravate parking pressures at either location and would note that all DPPPs in residential areas are provided to facilitate the mobility of the disabled residents making the application for a DPPP, although such spaces are not legally reserved for any specific person, and can be used by any blue badge holder. In view of this officers recommend proceeding as advertised with this proposal.

### **Deddington – The Paddocks**

11. Three objections were received from residents who, while supportive in principle in making provision for disabled residents, had strong concerns about the specific proposal due to an approved development currently in progress. While three expressions of support were also received albeit one being qualified) officers recommend deferring a decision on this proposal until the development is complete in order to enable a further assessment taking account of the revised vehicle access provision.

### **Finstock – Walkers Height**

12. Three objections were received from residents noting that provision of a DPPP needed to take account of the number of blue badge holders living in the road in addition to the applicant. Officers therefore recommend deferring approval pending further investigation.

### **Hook Norton – High Street**

13. Three objections were received from residents on the grounds of the existing parking pressures and concerns about the suitability of the proposed location for the DPPP and the actual need for one to serve a small village store. After considering the responses officers recommend deferring a decision on this proposal pending further site suitability investigations.

### **Kidlington – Wise Avenue**

14. Three objections were received from residents on the grounds of the existing parking pressures and concerns about the actual need for the DPPP. Having reviewed these representations and confirmed the need for the proposed DPPPs, officers recommend proceeding with the proposals as advertised

## **Witney – Springfield Avenue**

15. Six objections were received from residents on the grounds of the existing problems with the applicant's large van parked on the highway causing obstruction to traffic, noting that the applicant has an off street parking place that appears to be large enough to allow the loading/unloading of a mobility scooter. The parking of the van where the DPPP is proposed was reported to be causing particular problems for deliveries to a residential development under construction, and that problems would continue when the development is completed due to the additional traffic. The van is also considered to present a danger to pedestrians crossing in its vicinity. After considering these responses officers recommend deferring approval of the proposal pending further investigation.

### **How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives**

16. The proposals would help facilitate the mobility of residents with disabilities.

### **Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)**

17. Funding for the proposed measures has been provided from the council's revenue budget.

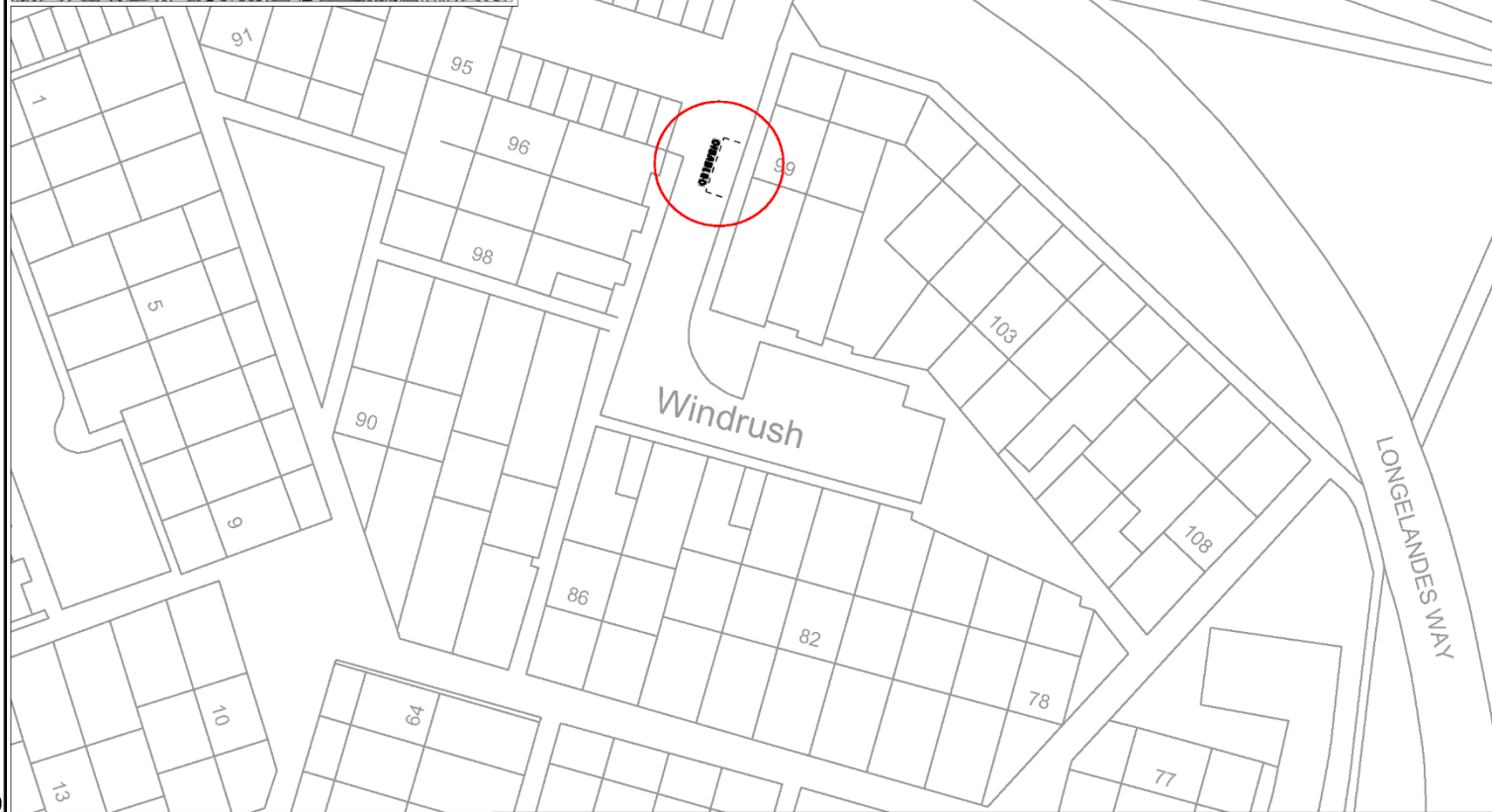
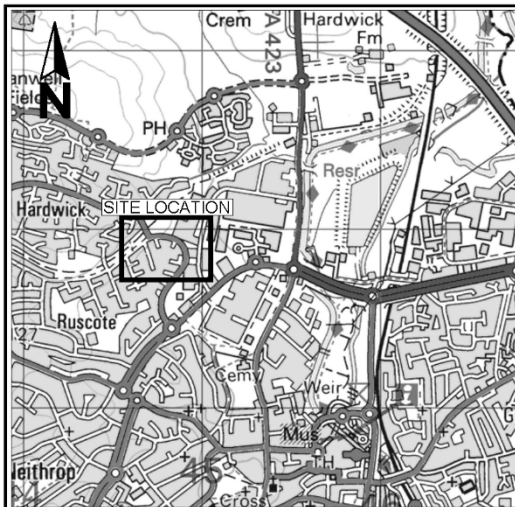
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Background papers:            Plans of proposed DPPPs  
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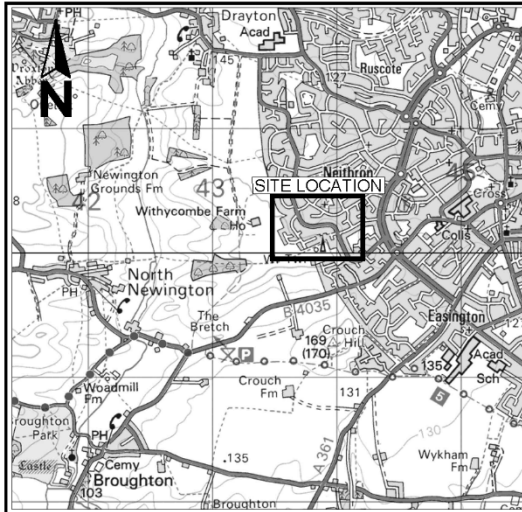
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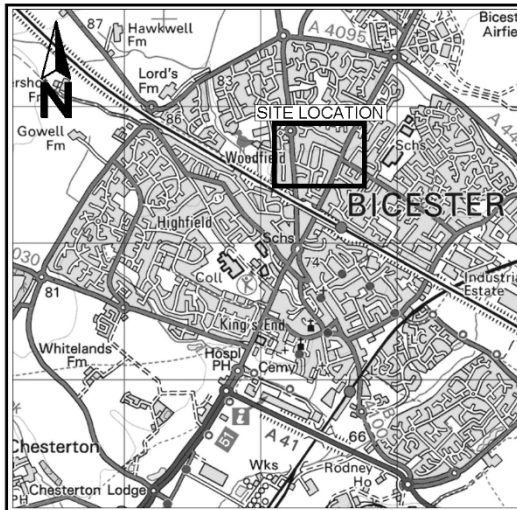
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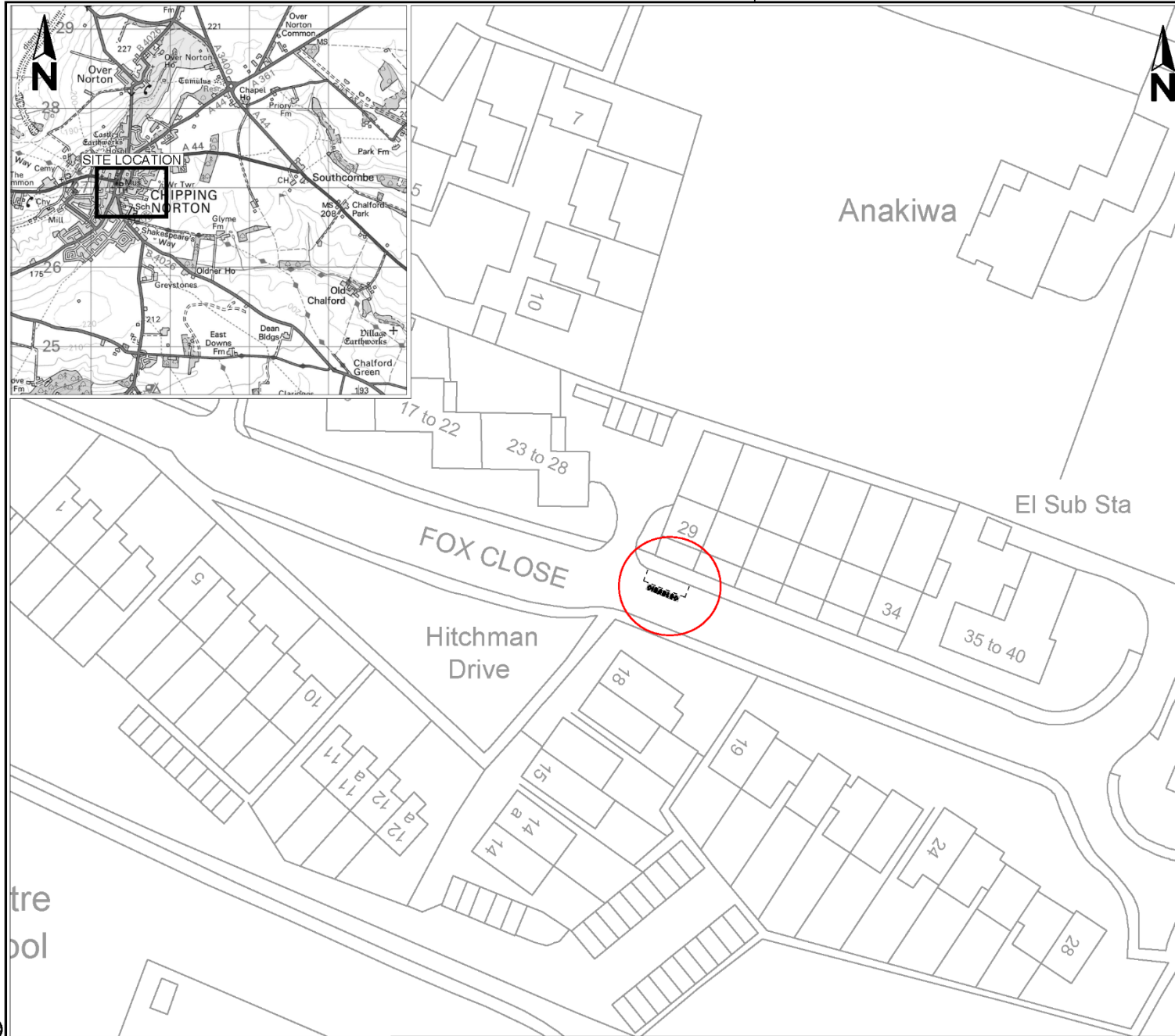
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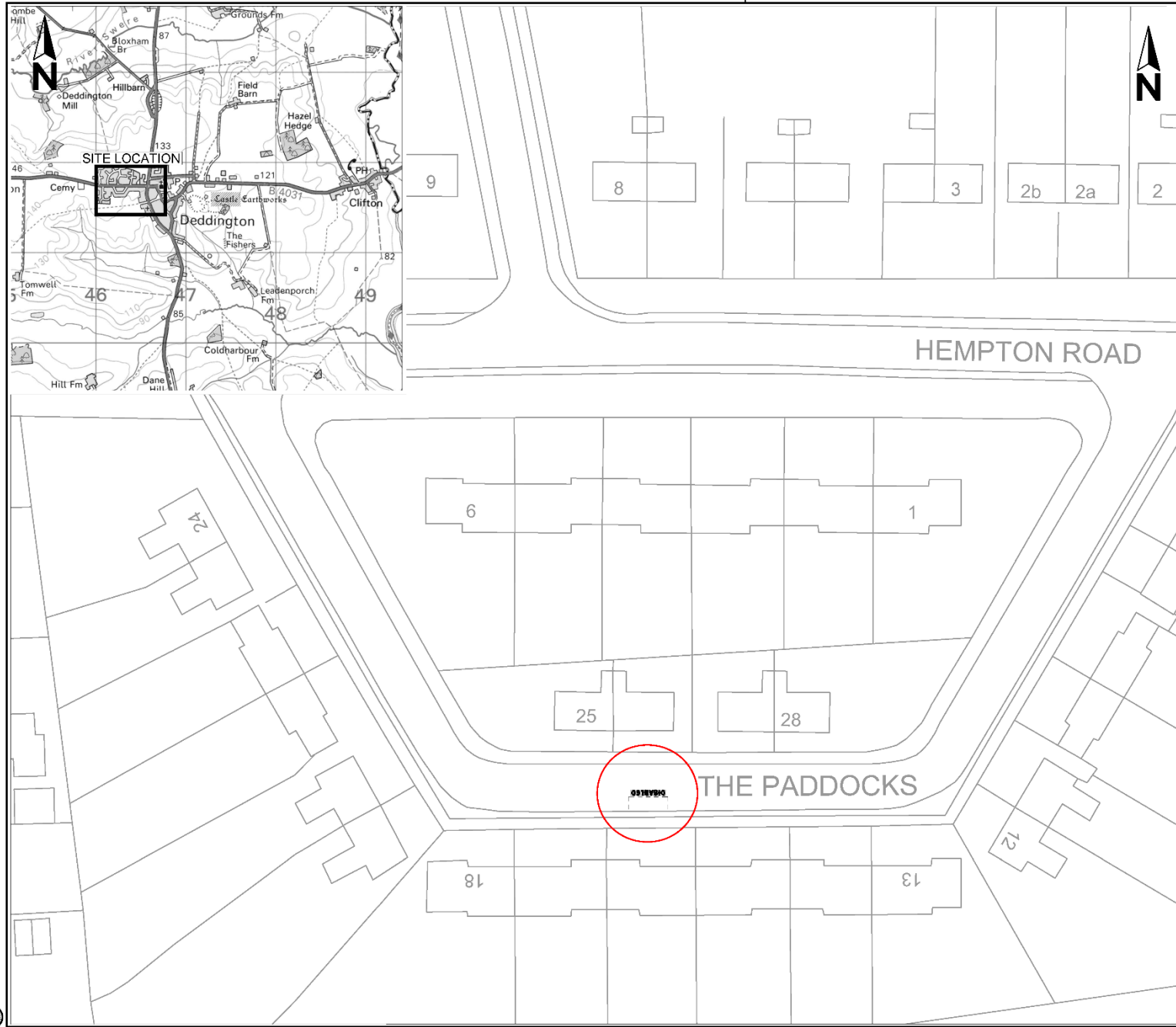
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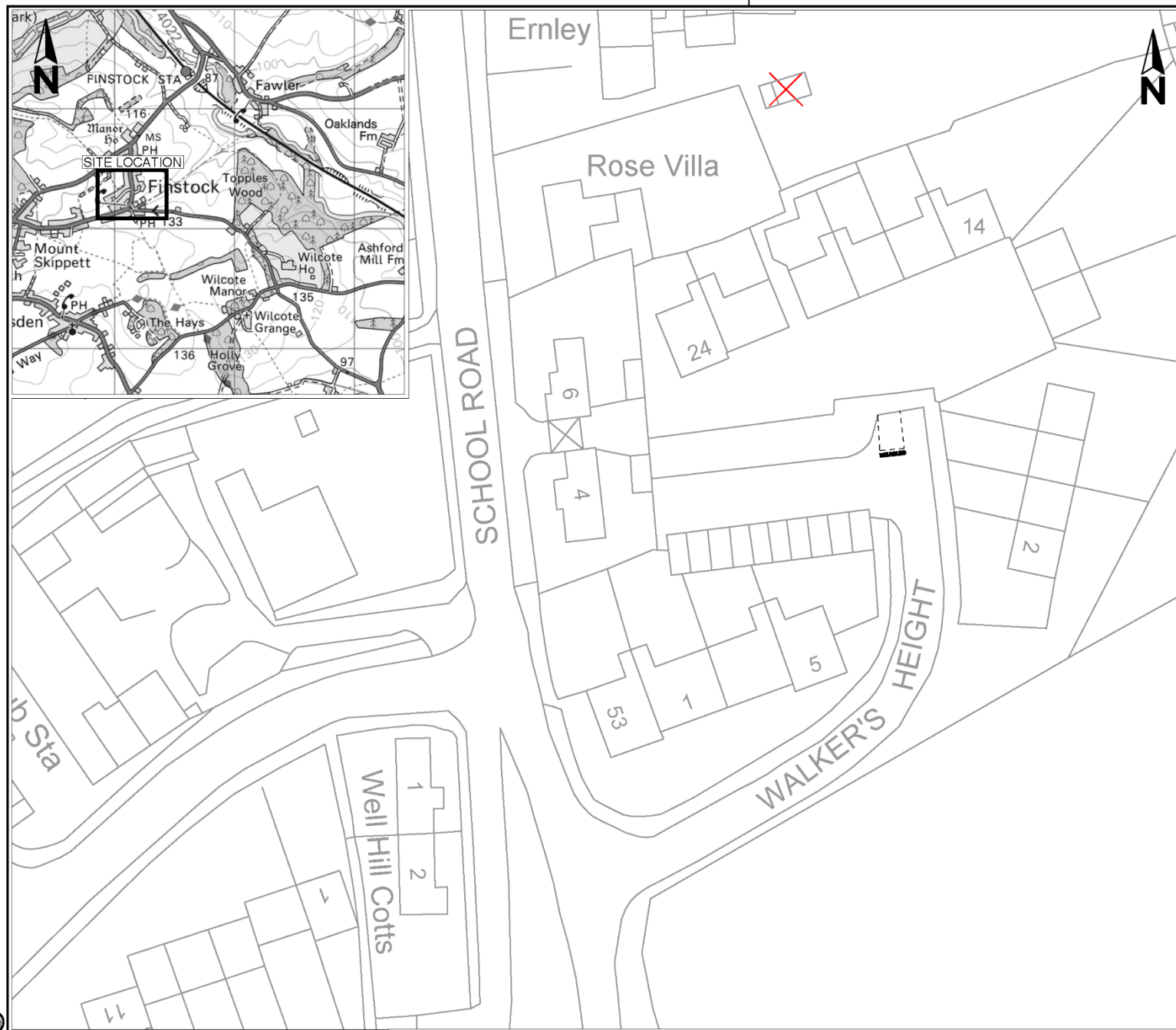
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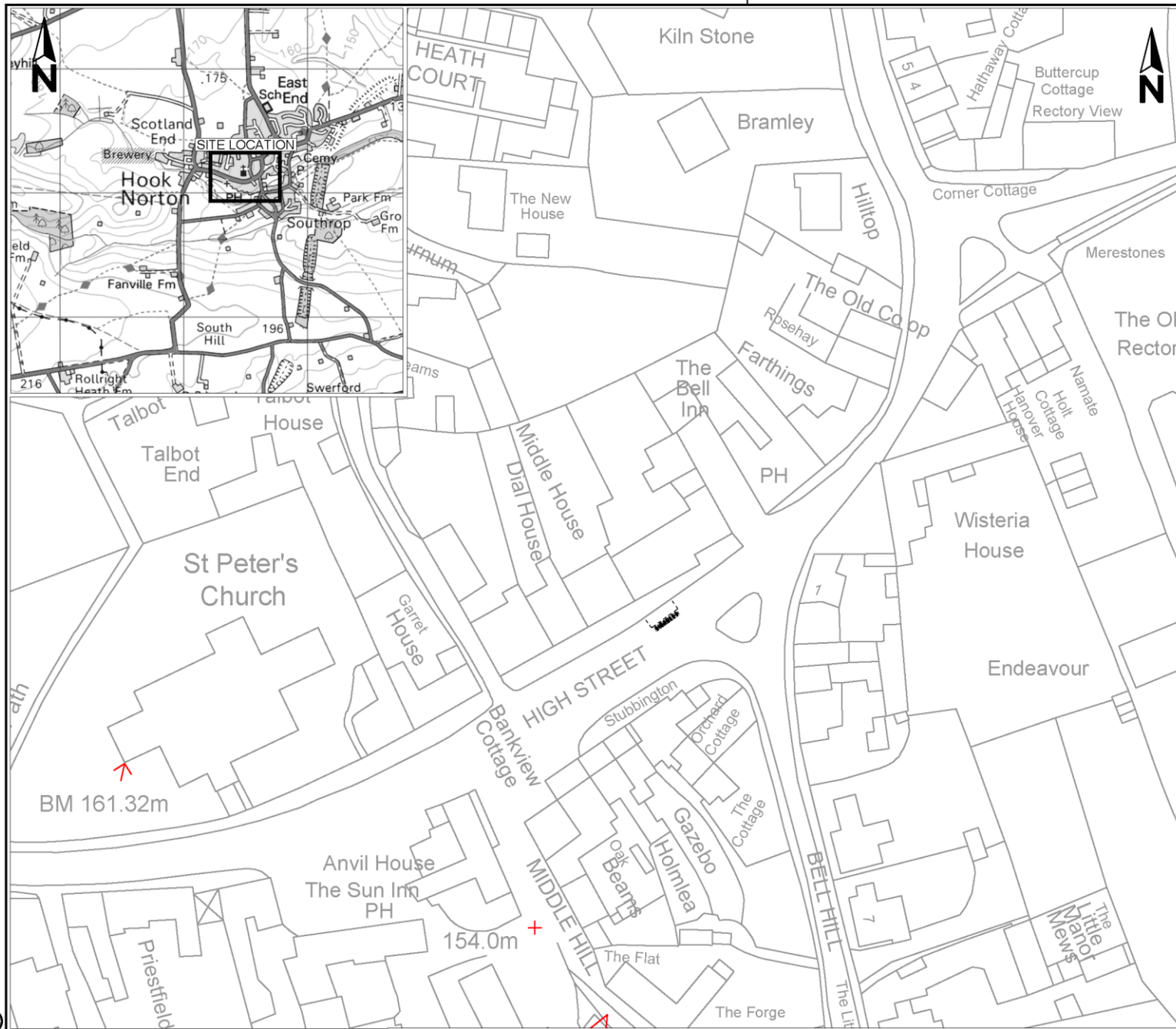
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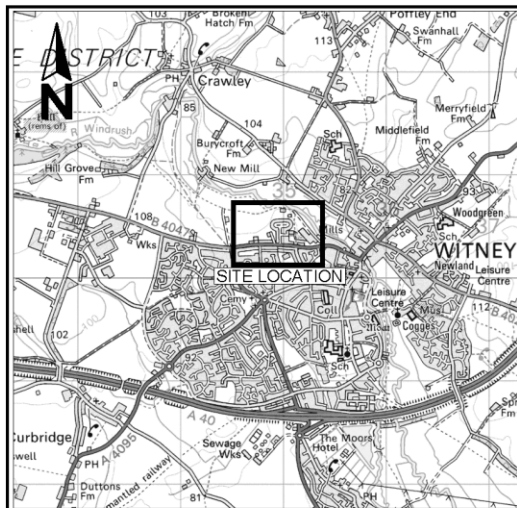
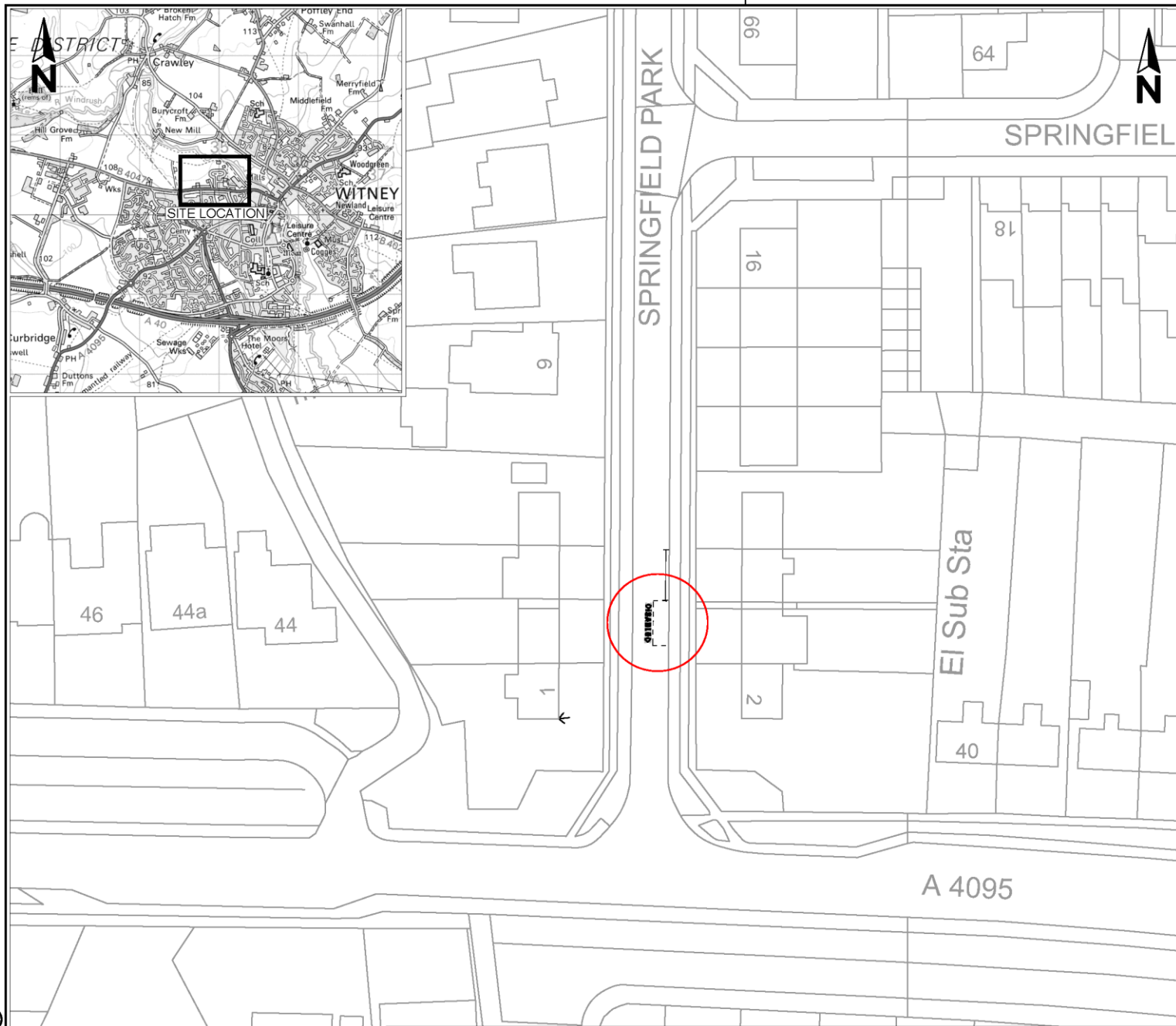
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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	<i>No response</i>
<b>Banbury</b>	
(2) Local Resident, (Banbury)	<b>Object</b> ( <u>Windrush</u> ) - I don't agree with it. There are not enough spaces for all the cars that come to our street. Suggest you take the weird path bit out and put 2 extra spaces there
(3) Local Resident, (Banbury)	<b>Support</b> ( <u>Windrush</u> ) – <i>No comment</i>
(4) Local Resident, (Banbury)	<b>Object</b> ( <u>Fiennes Road</u> ) – we have some concerns about this application due to the already limited parking available and the high demand of vehicles that are currently battling for parking spaces because of the lack of parking in Fiennes road; while there is alternative parking spaces located behind the houses, unfortunately nobody parks behind there. Fiennes road struggles massively for parking due to the high demand of neighbours who drive and the primary school located at the bottom of the road and their poor judgement when choosing where to park their vehicles. We feel another disabled parking space within Fiennes road is only going to create more issues amongst residents and increase the risk in damage to vehicles due to ridiculous parking and parking elsewhere.
<b>Bicester</b>	
(5) Local Resident, (Bicester)	<b>Object</b> ( <u>Blake Road</u> ) – strong concerns over parking pressures in the road and queries the need for the DPPP

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(6) Local Resident, (Bicester)	<b>Object</b> <u>(Blake Road)</u> – This is outrageous and a waste of council money. There is nobody in Blake road who needs this. We also cannot afford to lose a parking spot in this street.
(7) Local Resident, (Bicester)	<b>Object</b> <u>(Blake Road)</u> – strong concerns over parking pressures in the road and queries the need for the DPPP - the parking pressure should be addressed by other measures
(8) Local Resident, (Bicester)	<b>Object</b> <u>(Blake Road)</u> –this will decrease the parking for other residents who are genuinely disabled. As you may know a number of residents in the road are of an advanced age and at least two need help walking. Turning this space into a disabled spot will mean these other people will have to walk further and taking out their wheelchair bound partners will become an even more daunting task.
(9) Local Resident, (Bicester)	<b>Support</b> with concerns <u>(Blake Road)</u> – I have no objections to the proposed disabled parking place. I do, however, object to the strangers who park in the street. I work full-time and others do too and coming home to find strangers, not from this area (often using our street instead of the train station), parked up and blocking parking for the residents is really annoying and disrupts and upsets everyone involved. There are few spaces as it is, can I ask that there is some action taken on this matter.
<b>Chipping Norton</b>	
(10) Local Resident, (Chipping Norton)	<b>Object</b> <u>(Fox Close)</u> – query need as the applicant in any case typically is able to park outside the property and the principle of a parking space being reserved for a specific resident.
(11) Local Resident, (Chipping Norton)	<b>Object</b> <u>(Fox Close)</u> – I feel that this is not fair on other residents in the street. We all try to park outside our own house so most of the time there is not a problem and the house in question can park outside their house without a problem. There would not be enough space for everyone to have their own parking place whether disabled or not. I think the problem that we have in this street would be resolved better by having 'Residents only' parking signs. In the summer when the Lido is open is when there are problems for everyone.
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(12) Local Resident, (Steeple Aston)	<b>Object (The Paddocks)</b> - I am in the process of developing a property on the Paddocks. Permission has been granted for 3 houses and I am awaiting highway consent to drop the kerb to provide off street parking for 3 or 4 cars. I cannot understand why an application has been made to put this right outside my property, surely to ease access for any disabled resident it should be as close as possible to their house, not mine!
(13) Local Resident, (Deddington)	<b>Object (The Paddocks)</b> - I fully accept the need for this but am absolutely gobsmacked at the siting of this and the thinking that goes with it!!! Surely it would make more sense to put it to the side of No 16 and perhaps a part of No 15 certainly not slap bang in the middle of No 16, this appears to me very dog in the manger and defies all reasonable thinking. If No 16 needed a drive which I suspect will be necessary in the near future, how would it be possible???
(14) Local Resident, (Deddington)	<b>Object (The Paddocks)</b> - I have no objection to disabled parking being introduced to The Paddocks. However, the position proposed is right in front of No.16 The Paddocks which is currently being redeveloped into 3 separate properties and the planning permission included a dropped kerb to the front of the property to allow for four car parking spaces. Cherwell District Council had been told about the need for parking and access for residents with mobility issues in this precise part of the road, as part of the consultation for the planning application by a number of residents and the Parish council. Sadly CDC chose to ignore this and granted planning permission creating an immediate issue for those residents. Maybe simply move the disabled parking to the other side of the road. Please note the road is not wide enough for cars to park on both sides of the road.
(15) Local Resident, (Deddington)	<b>Support (The Paddocks)</b> - The parking in The Paddocks is very difficult & limited at times, particularly for people who live in the bungalows & have limited mobility. Parking is only feasible on one side of the road & this is gradually becoming less & less with people taking up space with dropped kerbs. I fully appreciate that this space could be used at any time by any other disabled badge holder & not necessarily solely for use by one person even though I applied.
(16) Local Resident, (Deddington)	<b>Support (The Paddocks)</b> - Having found myself needing more help with mobility in the last 18 months & requiring the use of disabled badge/parking this will be of great benefit to the street. It has become more difficult at times to be able to park up due to increase in numbers of vehicles & dropped kerbs. An application was originally logged back in 2017, but no more was heard until earlier this year when the area was surveyed, measured & pictures taken. However, I am unsure that the area for parking that is proposed now is the same as originally photographed & measured
(17) Local Resident, (Deddington)	<b>Support (The Paddocks)</b> - The parking in The Paddocks is very difficult & limited at times, particularly for people who live in the bungalows & have limited mobility. Parking is only feasible on one side of the road & this is gradually becoming less & less with people taking up space with dropped kerbs. I fully appreciate that this space could be used at any time by any other disabled badge holder & not necessarily solely for use by one person use even though I applied.

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(18) Local Resident, (Finstock)	<b>Object</b> <u>(Walkers Height)</u> – seeks clarification of the proposal taking account of the number of blue badge holders in the road.
(19) Local Resident, (Finstock)	<b>Object</b> <u>(Walkers Height)</u> - There are three Blue Badge holders on the estate - I believe if a designated disabled person's parking place was in fact created this could cause a problem.
(20) Local Resident, (Finstock)	<b>Object</b> <u>(Walkers Height)</u> - 40% of the buildings would require a disabled parking space. Therefore, a single space would not be enough, and I foresee disharmony if one single person were to use the only designated disabled space. My solution is that a bay marked for “Ambulance, pick up and drop down for Blue Badge Holders and Access Only (NO PARKING) for the applicant.
Hook Norton	
(21) Local Resident, (Hook Norton)	<p><b>Object</b> <u>(High Street)</u> - We write to object as we did before. While we have every sympathy for those who are less mobile, we feel that the impact of a permanently reserved disabled parking place here will have serious impact on the general parking in the immediate vicinity. We also hear that the shop is to be redeveloped to add two dwellings, which could add another four (say) cars to the immediate residential demand for space.</p> <p>We feel that the key to everyone being able to park here is to keep it entirely flexible. One reserved space, denied to all apart from the occasional badge-holder, will in our view have a very detrimental effect on parking.</p>
(22) Local Resident, (Hook Norton)	<b>Object</b> <u>(High Street)</u> – The proposed space is adjacent to the railings and steps up to the shop which may not be suitable for a disabled person as the access is not easy. Also the space is directly in the shop delivery area which will cause severe disruption in the high street if a delivery vehicle has to double park. It seems that a disabled person would have easier, level, access to the shop if the space were situated outside ‘Old Butchers’ instead of the proposed place. Is there an identified need for a disabled space at all? I live almost opposite the shop and haven’t seen anyone having problems

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(23) Local Resident, (Hook Norton)	<b>Object</b> <u>(High Street)</u> - As a resident of the High Street I do not accept a requirement for an allocated Disabled Parking Space. The majority of the High Street consists of residential properties that do not have private parking facilities attached to their homes i.e., driveways and garages. As a result, residents have to leave their own vehicles parked on the High Street. I believe that the residents of the High Street should have priority over parking spaces near or next to their homes (albeit near to the local store) rather than have to forfeit a space for official disabled parking reservation.
<b>Kidlington</b>	
(24) Local Resident, (Kidlington)	<b>Object</b> <u>(Wise Avenue)</u> – Query need on the part of the applicants - Obviously, it does get congested due to the school run and cars sometimes have to be parked a little bit away from their gates but this does not entitle people to apply for their own private parking spaces. I strongly object to this proposal and sincerely hope it does not get approval as this will open the flood gates for all to apply.
(25) Local Resident, (Kidlington)	<b>Object</b> <u>(Wise Avenue)</u> – Residents never any trouble parking outside their properties and other people have cars and they have trouble parking too.
(26) Local Resident, (Kidlington)	<b>Object</b> <u>(Wise Avenue)</u> – I don't think the road has been monitored to see if disabled parking is necessary. I have a car and have no trouble in parking. Looking ahead, the bungalows are for elderly people (sheltered housing) and if disabled bays go ahead the people who occupy these in years to come won't be able to park outside their homes unless they have a blue badge. Also, family and friends will not be able to park. One bay would be acceptable but 2 is not needed. A suggestion would be that off-road parking would be more sensible. Wise Avenue only has one side to park safely, the side of the bungalows, on the other side houses have driveways to put their cars on.
<b>Witney</b>	
(27) Local Resident, (Witney)	<b>Object</b> <u>(Springfield Park)</u> - I feel that the disabled space should be positioned across the user's own driveway entrance & not outside another person's house. It would mean that the driveway would be out of use but I feel that it is only fair for a large van to be parked outside the owner's house & not another house. There is adequate space for other members of the household to park their vehicles in another area of Springfield Park that has been set aside for occupants of houses on Springfield Park. Placing the disabled space outside the house, however, could make access to the driveway of number 5 awkward.



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(28) Local Resident, (Witney)	<b>Object (Springfield Park)</b> - I am very concerned as this person has two off road parking spaces already and wondered why they need a bay on such a busy road and cause such a hazard to all that use it. At the moment there are huge lorries going up and down and due to this van being parked on the road the lorries have to go up on the verge opposite to get past. When the building of these houses at the back of Springfield Oval have been finished there will be much much more traffic using this road. Surely this must be taken into consideration. Even the local community bus has had problems getting by. Pedestrians also have problems crossing as they can't see round or through the van (blacked out windows) to cross safely.
(29) Local Business, (Social Housing Provider)	<b>Object (Springfield Park)</b> - While we have no objection to the space being disabled parking for use by the applicant, I am concerned that the plans on your website indicate that the space will be primarily in front of a neighbour. While we make no formal objection to this van being here on a public road or to the space proposed, we would suggest that if it could be positioned in a way to minimise disruption and inconvenience to no 4 Springfield Park, including the view out of his window, we feel that this would be beneficial.
(30) Local Resident, (Witney)	<b>Object (Springfield Park)</b> - the resident that has applied for the DPPP has a double driveway and can park their disabled vehicle (large) on the drive, When the vehicle is in the road, which is quite narrow, it blocks the road causing other vehicles to go up on the kerb and verge, which is damaging the highway. There are 2 other cars at this property, which park on the drive and could easily park in the road.
(31) Local Resident, (Witney)	<b>Object (Springfield Park)</b> – the large disabled vehicle should be parked on the driveway, and there is no need for the DPPP.
(32) Local Resident, (Witney)	<b>Object (Springfield Park)</b> - The blue badge holder, requesting the parking space already has a double drive and drop kerb. This resident is more than able to use her driveway and often does, to park in and it doesn't seem reasonable or neighbourly to have a reserved space.