

Divisions affected: *Abingdon North, Abingdon East, Shrivenham, Berinsfield and Garsington, Goring, Didcot West, Faringdon, Henley-on-Thames, Sonning Common, Thame & Chinnor, Wallingford*

CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT – 22 JUNE 2023

SOUTH & VALE DISTRICTS: VARIOUS LOCATIONS – PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Cabinet Member for Highway Management is RECOMMENDED to approve:
 - a) The proposed provision of Disabled Persons Parking Places (DPPP) at: Brasenose Road (Didcot), Canada Lane (Faringdon), Westbrook (Faringdon), Gainsborough Crescent (Henley-on-Thames), Luker Avenue (Henley-on-Thames), Thameside (Henley-on-Thames), Trust Corner (Henley-on-Thames), Chinnor Road (Thame), Simmons Way (Thame), Radnor Road (Wallingford) and St. Nicholas Road (Wallingford),
 - b) The proposed removal of DPPP's at: Pound Piece (Ashbury), High Street (Dorchester-on-Thames),
 - c) The proposed formalisation of the DPPP at Wey Road (Berinsfield),
 - d) to defer approval of the proposals at the following locations: Appleford Drive (Abingdon), Hadland Road (Abingdon), Sherwood Avenue (Abingdon), Emmens Close (Checkendon), Ashford Avenue (Sonning Common) and
 - e) to defer approval of the proposals to remove two DPPP's at: New Street (Henley-on-Thames).

Executive summary

2. The provision of Disabled Persons Parking Places is reviewed when requested by members of the public, Councillors or following observations made by officers. Specific proposals are assessed applying national regulations and guidance on the suitability of providing new bays or amending or removing existing ones. Together with a view to make the most efficient use of space while reducing sign clutter

Financial Implications

3. Funding for the proposed changes has been provided from the County Council's revenue budget.

Equalities and Inclusion Implications

4. The provision of disabled persons parking places assists those with a mobility impairment

Sustainability implications

5. The proposals would help facilitate the mobility of disabled persons in the vicinity of their places of residence or work.

Introduction

6. This report presents comments received in the course of the statutory consultation on the proposals to remove, amend and introduce disabled persons parking places (DPPP's) at various locations in the South and Vale districts of Oxfordshire.

Background

7. The above proposals have been put forward following requests from residents, including – where a new place has been requested - an assessment of eligibility, applying the national guidelines on the provision part of such parking places. **Annex 1** to **Annex 20** provide plans of the locations for which responses have been received or concerns raised.

Formal consultation

8. The formal consultation on the proposals for South and Vale Areas, was carried out between 29 March and 28 April 2023. A notice was placed in the local newspapers and emails sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, South and Vale District Council and the local County Councillors. Notices were placed on site and letters sent directly to properties in the immediate vicinity, adjacent to the proposals.
9. Thames Valley Police, Thame Town Council, Sutton Courtenay Parish Council, Henley and District Housing Trust and Unlimited Oxfordshire responded expressing no objections. Dorchester-on-Thames Parish Council objected to the removal of the disabled parking due to lack of disabled parking in

Dorchester-on-Thames however, if there could be a proposal to provide disabled parking outside the Coop then they would agree to the removal. The local councillors for Faringdon and for Wantage were in support of the disabled bay proposals in their respective areas.

10.40 responses were received from members of the public during the course of the consultation, and these are summarised in the table below:

Town	Location	Support	Object	Concerns
Abingdon	Appleford Drive	-	2	-
	Hadland Road	-	-	1
	Sherwood Avenue	-	4	-
Ashbury	Pound Piece (removal)	1	1	-
Berinsfield	Wey Road (formalisation)	1	-	-
Checkendon	Emmens Close	-	3	-
Didcot	Brasenose Road	-	-	1
Dorchester-on-Thames	High Street (removal)	2	-	-
Faringdon	Canada Lane	1	-	-
	Westbrook	-	1	-
Henley-on-Thames	Gainsborough Crescent	-	2	-
	Luker Avenue	-	1	1
	New Street (removal)	1	6	-
	Thameside	1	-	-
	Trust Corner	-	1	-
Sonning Common	Ashford Avenue	-	2	-
Thame	Chinnor Road	1	-	2
Thame	Simmons Way	-	-	1
Wallingford	Radnor Road	1	-	1
Wallingford	St. Nicholas Road	-	-	1

11. The responses are recorded in **Annex 21**, and copies of the full responses are available for inspection by County Councillors

Officer response to objections/concerns

12. Comments and recommendations are provided in response to the concerns and objections as given in Annex 21 in respect of each of the proposed site in the following paragraphs.

Abingdon – Appleford Drive – proposed new DPPP:

13. Two objections were raised; during the consultation we were informed that sadly the applicant has passed away: It is recommended that this proposal is deferred.

Abingdon – Hadland Road – proposed new DPPP:

14. One expression of concern was raised; the proposed DPPP is not in the most suitable location for the applicant, the applicant confirmed that she would prefer the location to be on a level surface in a different location. It is recommended that this proposal is deferred, pending further investigation on a more suitable location.

Abingdon – Sherwood Avenue – proposed new DPPP:

15. Four objections were raised; with concerns over the proposed location, the applicant would benefit from a location nearer to their property: the preferred location would be in a privately owned parking area, it is recommended that this proposal is deferred.

Ashbury – Pound Piece – proposed removal of DPPP:

16. One expressions of support and one objection to the removal was raised; there are no DPPP's at this end of the close: the applicant has sadly passed away, it is recommended to approve the removal of the DPPP.

Berinsfield – Wey Road – proposed formalisation of DPPP:

17. One expression of support was raised; very happy with the proposal: It is recommended that this proposal is approved.

Checkendon – Emmens Close – proposed new DPPP:

18. Three objections were raised; concerns over proposed location due to the restricted width of carriageway: It is recommended that this proposal is deferred.

Didcot – Brasenose Road – proposed new DPPP:

19. One expression of concern was raised; concerns over monitoring the use of the DPPP: the DPPP will be monitored every other day, it is recommended to approve this proposal.

Dorchester-on-Thames – High Street – proposed removal of DPPP:

20. Two expressions of support were raised; It is recommended to approve the removal of the DPPP.

Faringdon – Canada Lane - proposed new DPPP:

21. One expression of support was raised; however, could the location of the DPPP be on the other side of the cemetery entrance: It is recommended to approve this proposal taking into consideration the correct siting of the DPPP to prevent any obstruction to accessways.

Faringdon – Westbrook - proposed new DPPP:

22. One objection was raised; there is no need for a DPPP outside our property: correct siting of the DPPP to be considered, it is recommended to approve this proposal.

Henley-on-Thames – Gainsborough Crescent - proposed new DPPP:

23. Two objections were raised; concerns over available parking for the residents of the Crescent, there are three existing DPPP's with one regularly in use: It is recommended to approve this proposal and carry out further investigations on the existing DPPP's.

Henley-on-Thames – Luker Avenue – proposed new DPPP:

24. One objection and one expression of concern was raised; loss of unrestricted parking due to an increase of DPPP's in Luker Avenue and concerns over the location: It is recommended that this proposal is approved, the applicant already parks in the proposed location.

Henley-on-Thames – New Street – proposed removal of two DPPP's:

25. Six objections and one expression of support was raised; the DPPP's are still used by residents and blue badge holder visitors to the Theatre: It is recommended that this proposal to remove the two DPPP's is deferred.

Henley-on-Thames – Thameside – proposed new DPPP:

26. One expression of support was raised; only if an additional parking space is to be created for the DPPP otherwise I would object: an additional space is being created, it is recommended that this proposal is approved.

Henley-on-Thames – Trust Corner – proposed new DPPP:

27. One objection was raised; there will be a loss of parking places and it is not apparent that there are any residents with a walking disability: the applicant, a blue badge holder, already parks in Trust Corner at the proposed location, therefore there would not be a loss of parking, it is recommended that this proposal is approved.

Sonning Common – Ashford Avenue – proposed new DPPP:

28. Two objections were raised; parking is an issue and the DPPP would only be used on an occasional basis: It is recommended that this proposal is deferred.

Thame – Chinnor Road – proposed new DPPP:

29. Two expressions of concern and one in support were raised; concerns over the loss of a parking space: It is recommended that this proposal is approved.

Thame – Simmons Way – proposed new DPPP:

30. One expression of concern was raised; applicant has allocated parking a short distance away and the proposed location needs to be considered: The applicant is unable to use the allocated parking, it is recommended to approve this proposal with consideration on the correct siting of the DPPP, so that a parking space is not lost.

Wallingford – Radnor Road – proposed new DPPP:

31. One expression of support and one concern was raised; could the DPPP's be allocated to the applicants: DPPP's are for any blue badge holder to use and cannot be allocated, it is recommended to approve this proposal.

Wallingford – St. Nicholas Road – proposed new DPPP:

32. One expression of concern was raised; concerns over the location of the proposed DPPP and reducing the Zig Zag lines outside the school; the applicant currently parks at the proposed location and the zig zag lines will not be affected, it is recommended to approve this proposal.

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Annexes: Annex 1-20: Plans of proposed disabled persons parking places to be removed or provided where an objection or concern on the proposal has been received.
 Annex 21: Consultation responses


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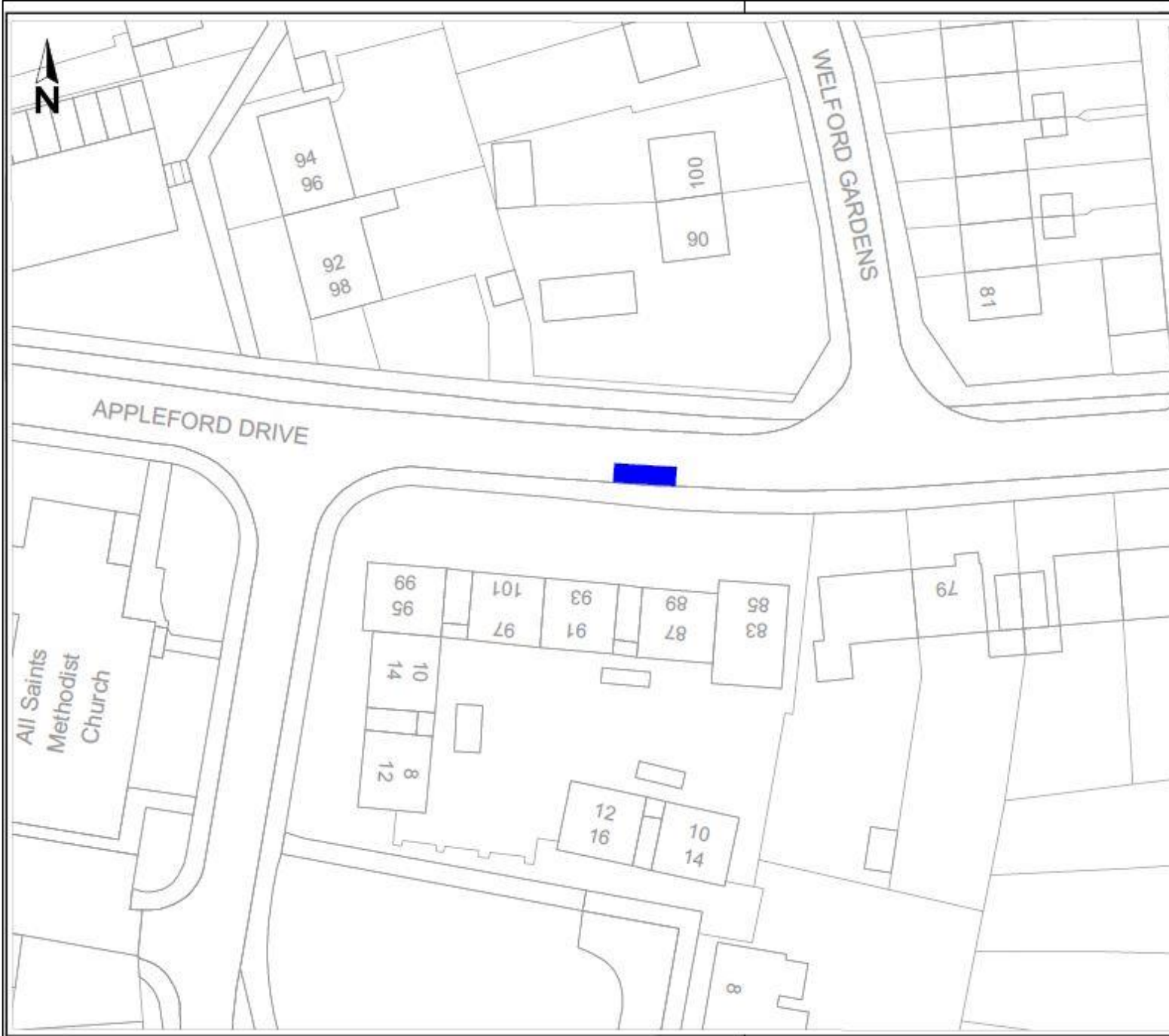
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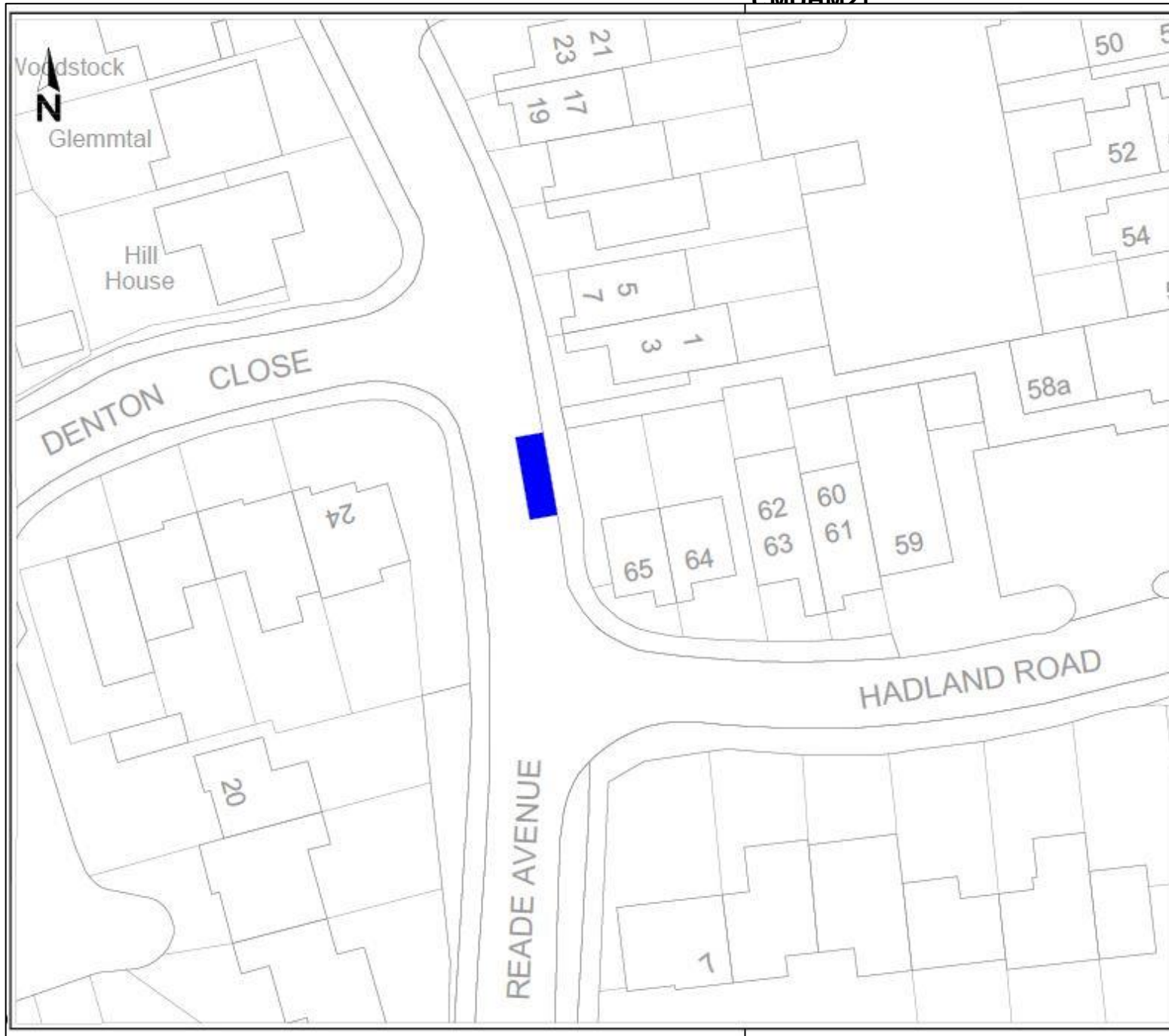
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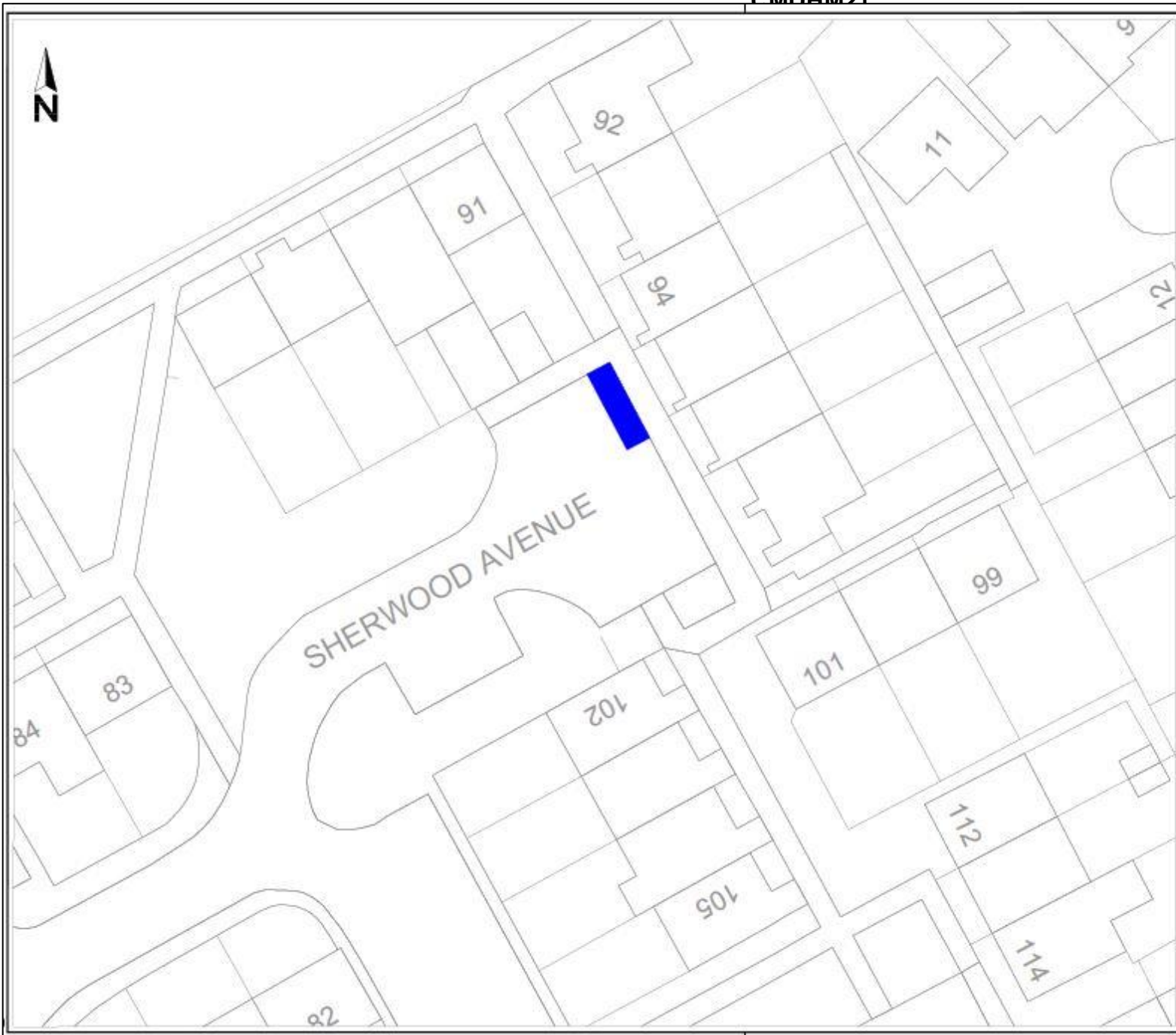
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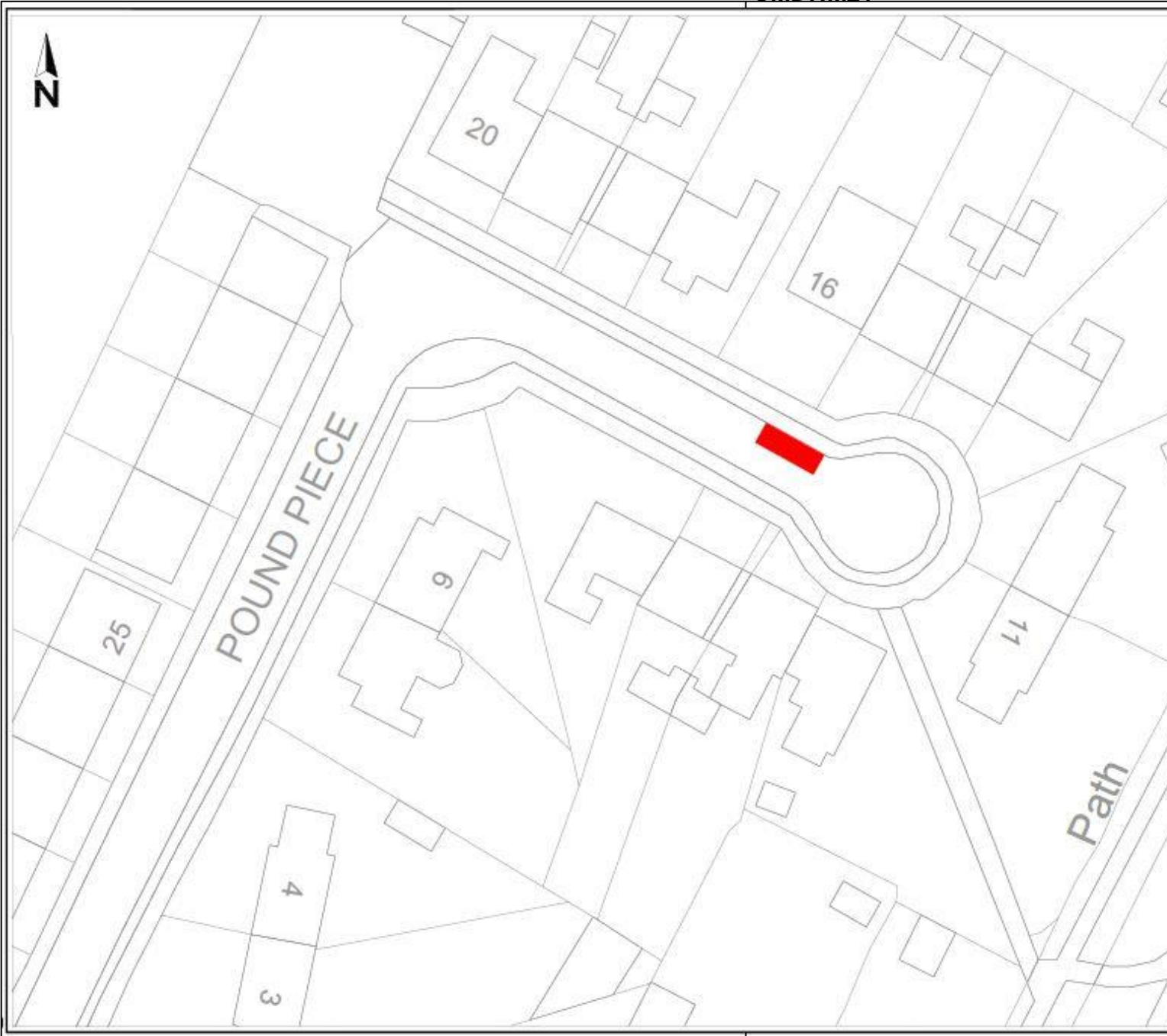
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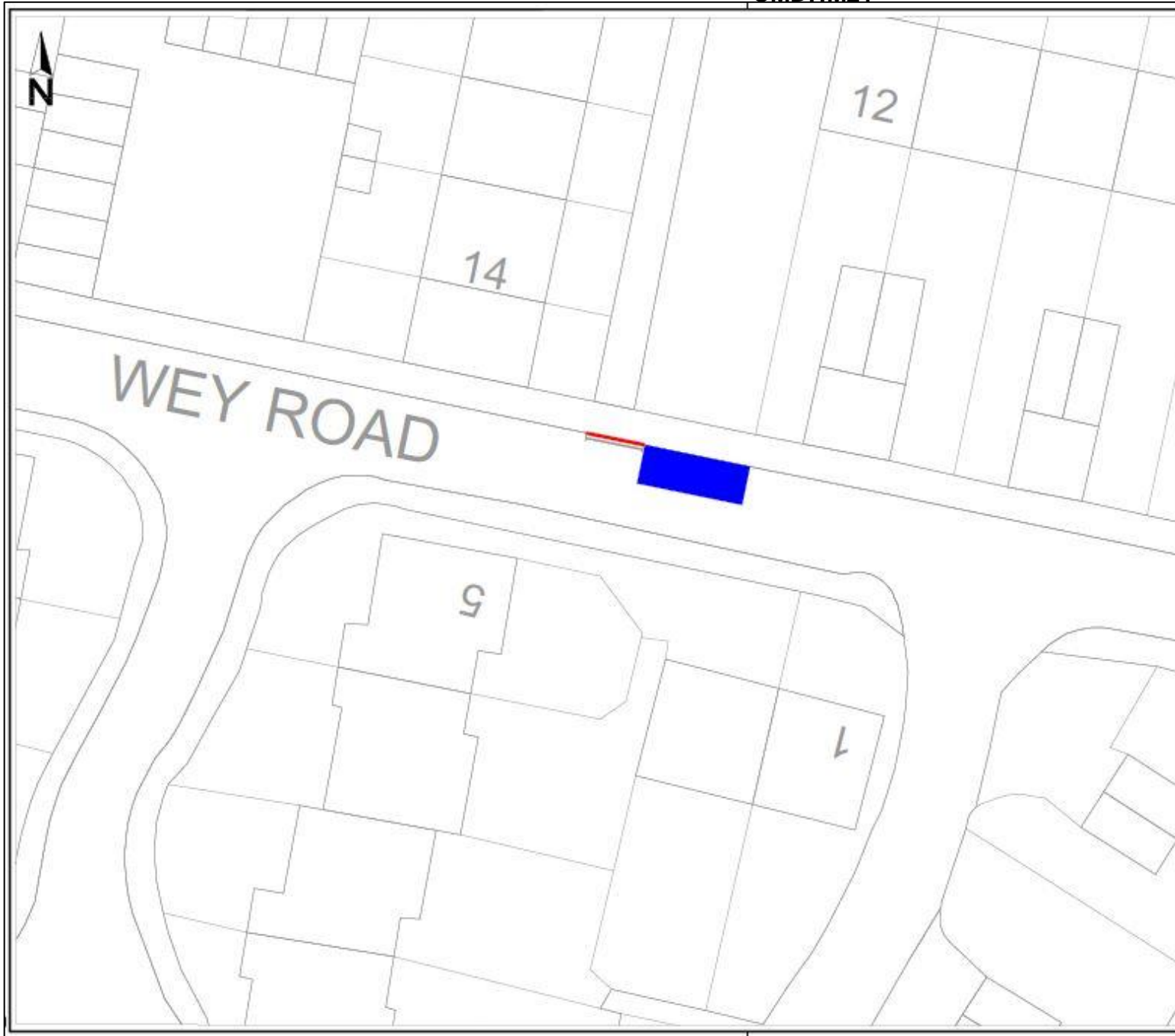
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 - Extended dropped kerb
 - Access protection marking

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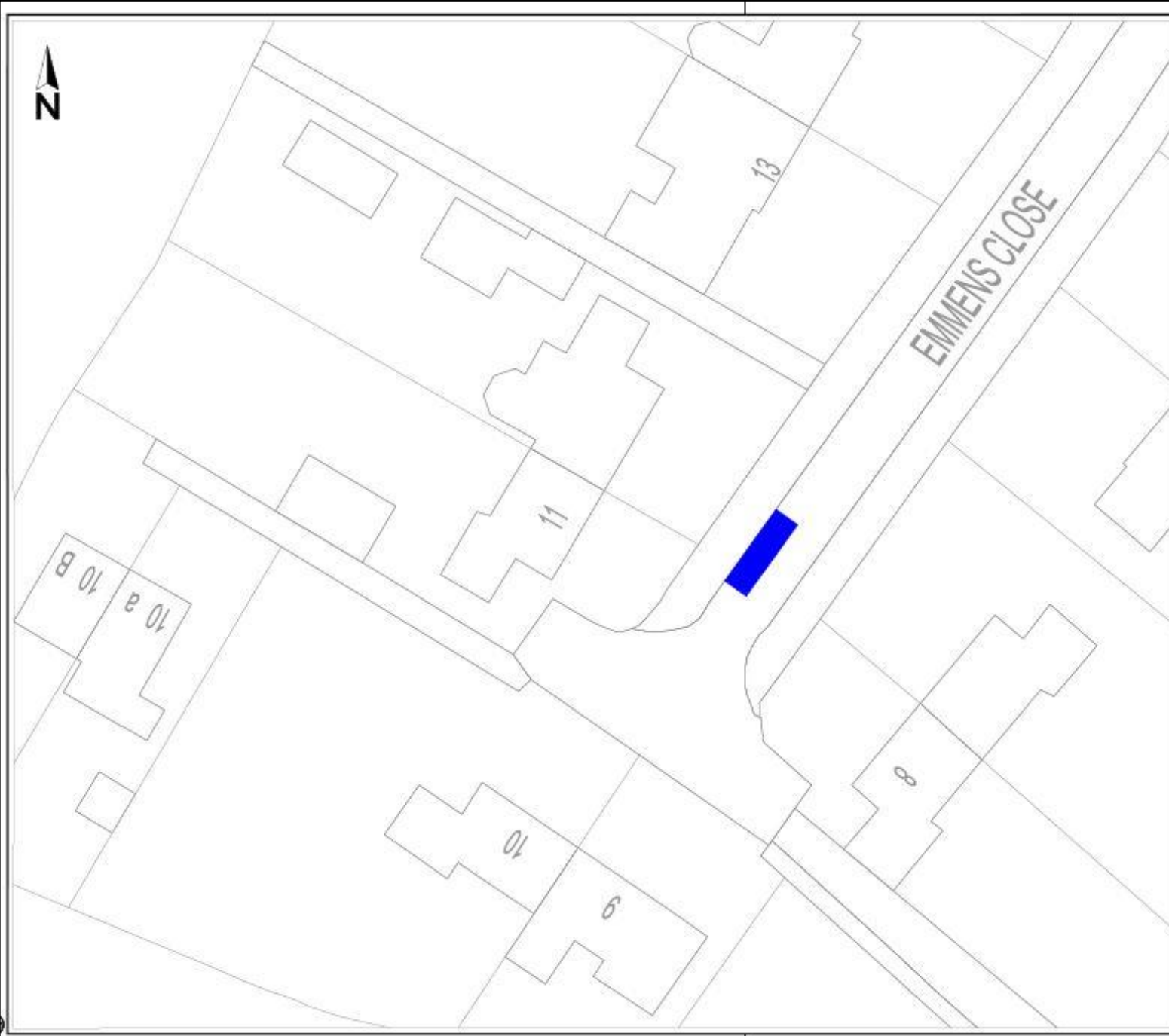
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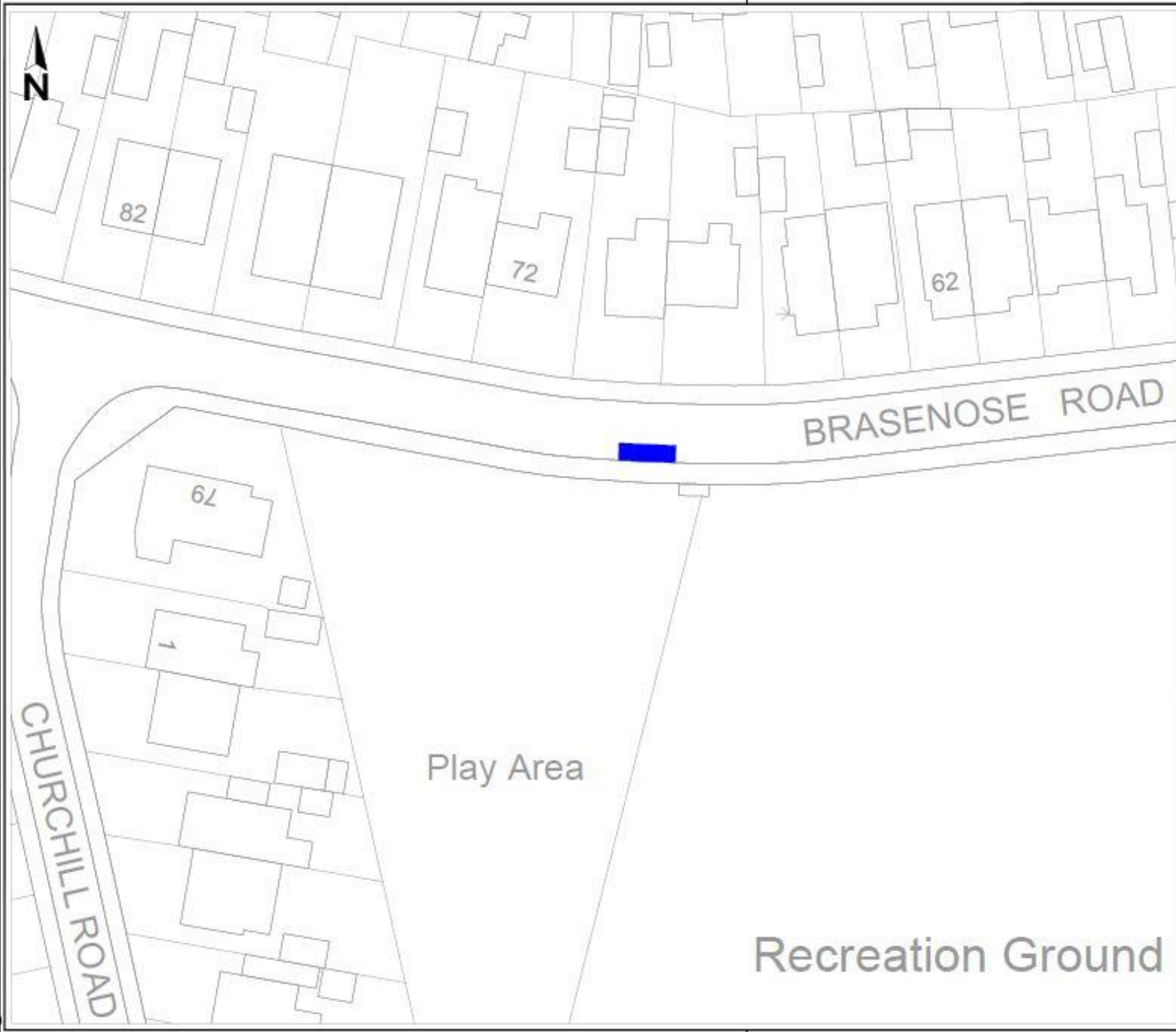
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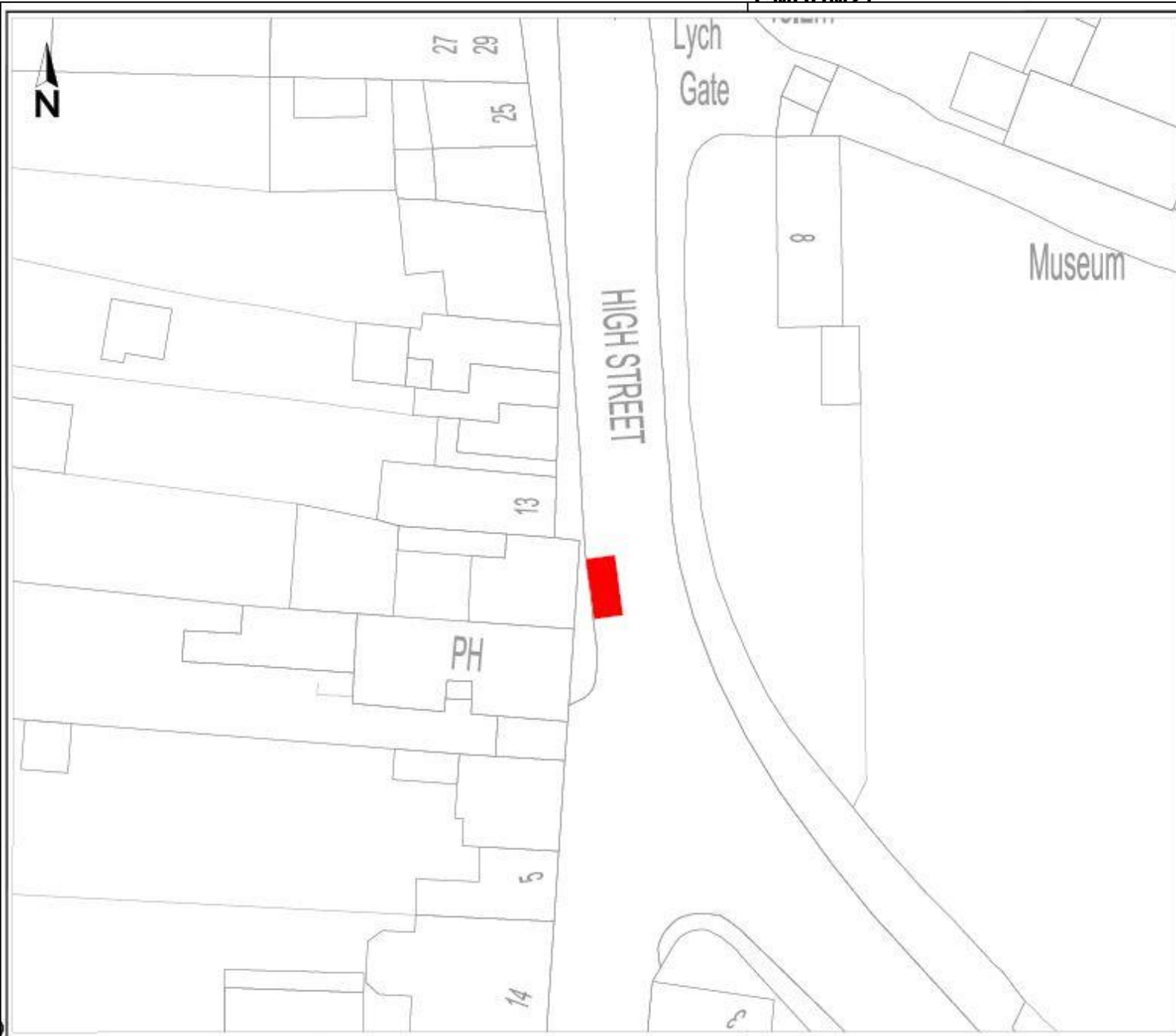
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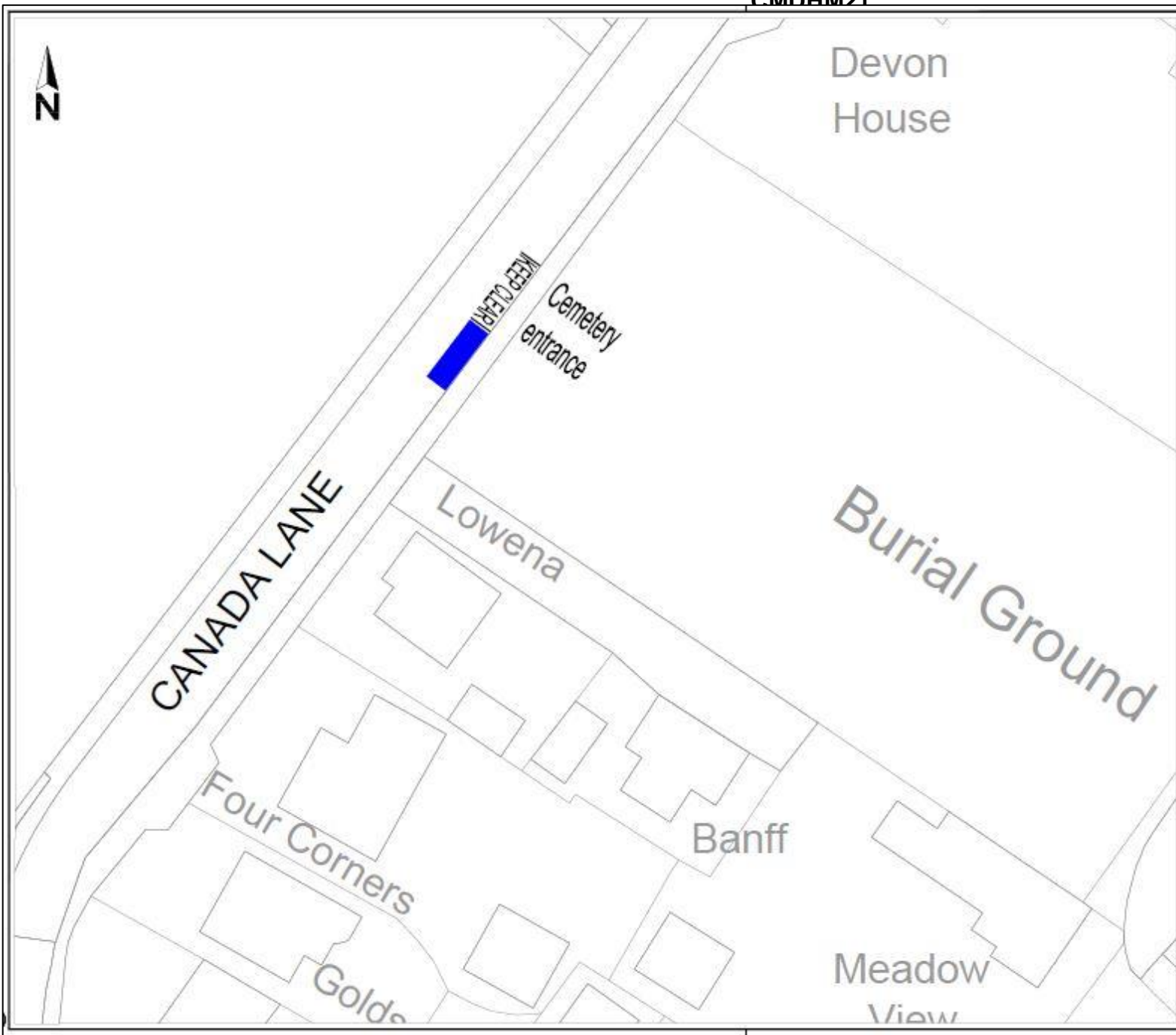
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-  Existing Disabled Persons Parking Place to remain

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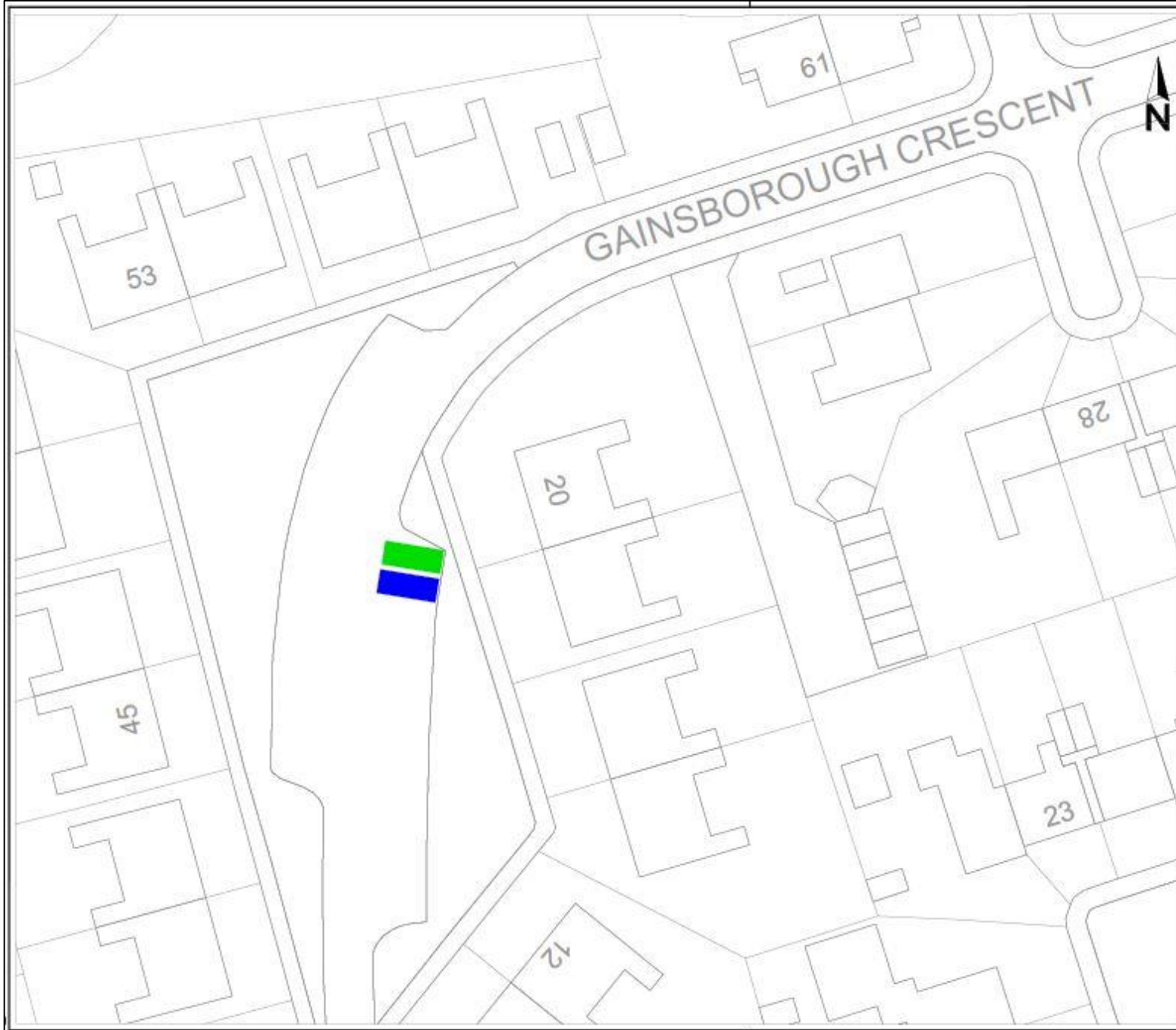
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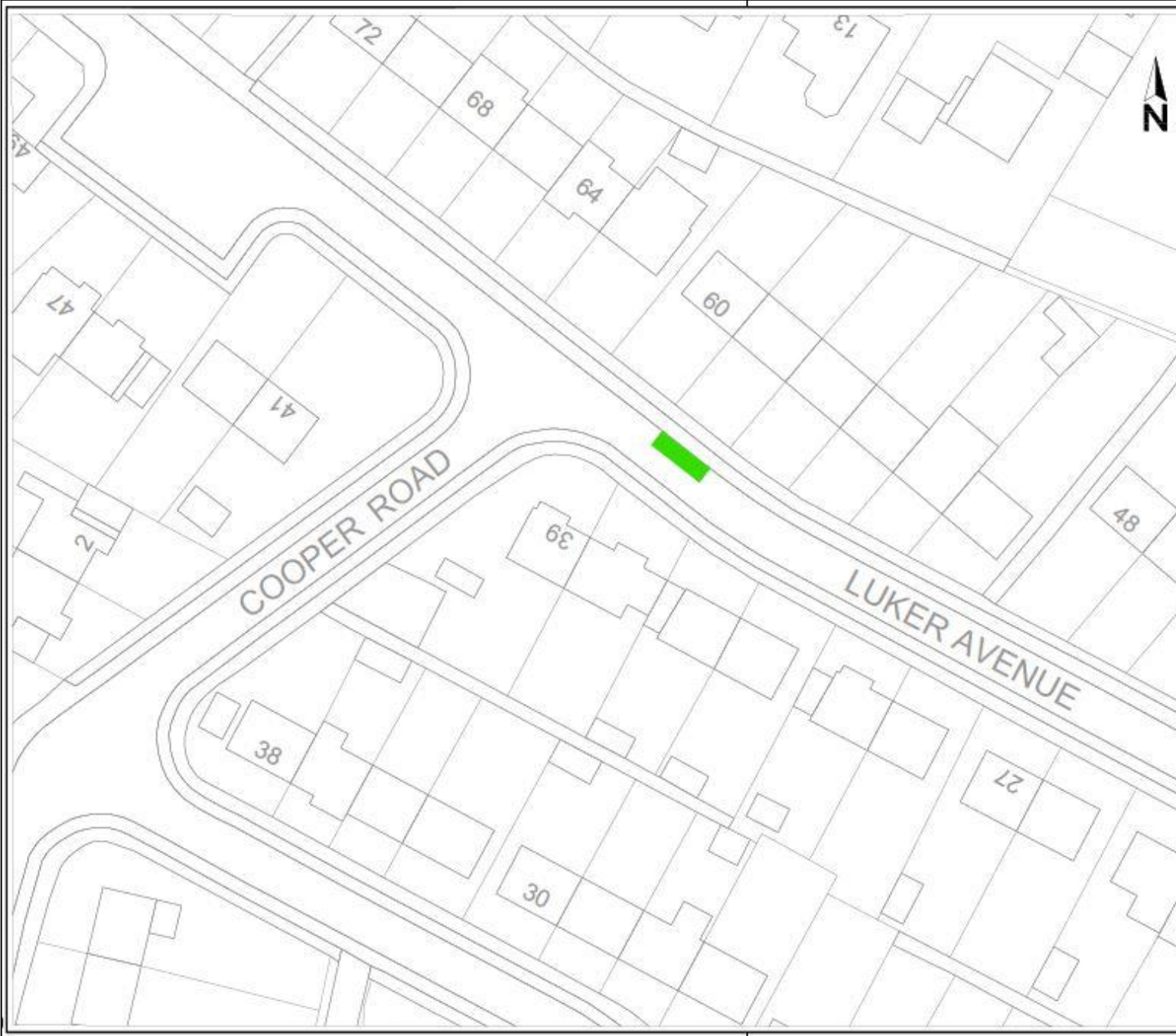
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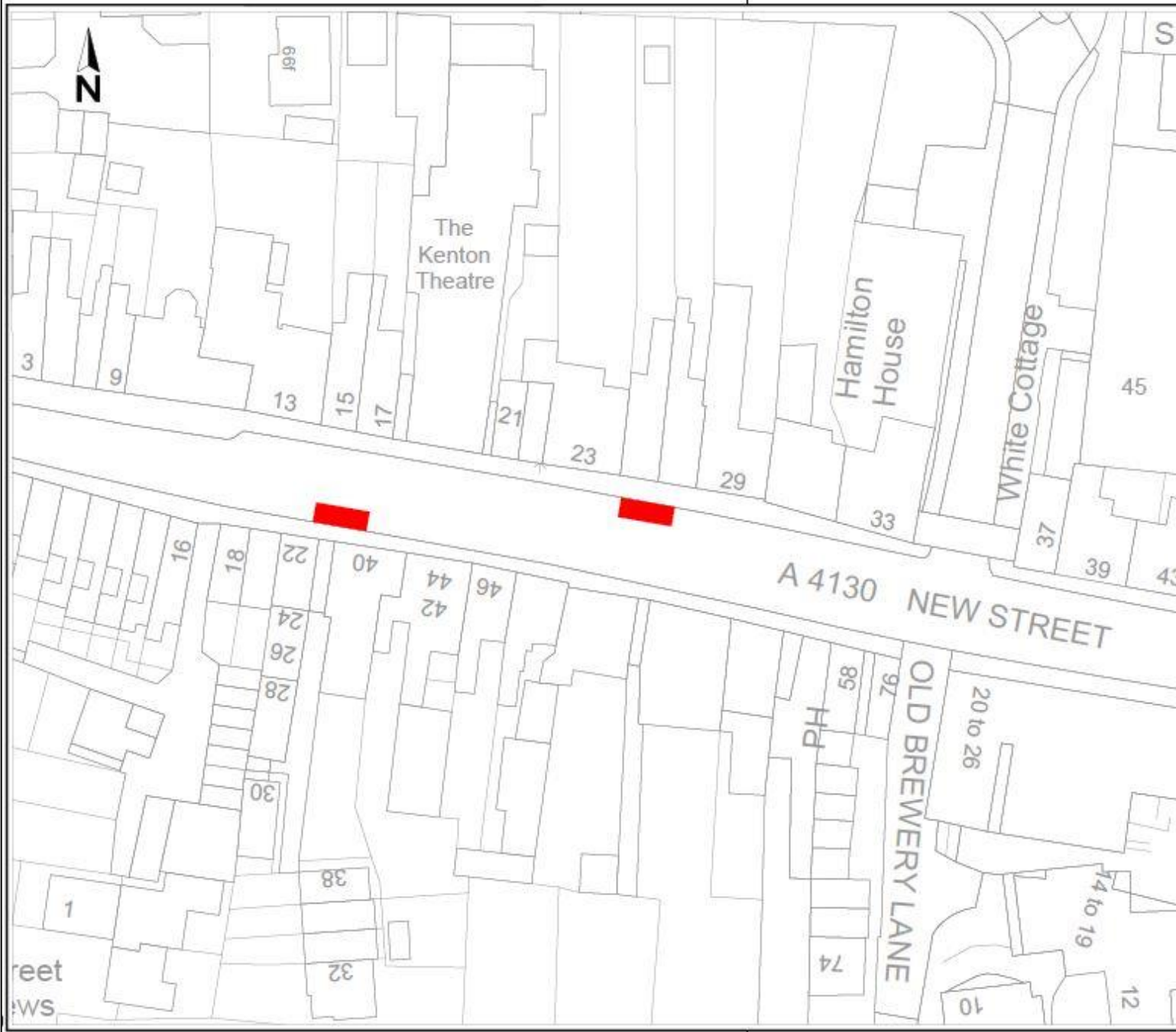
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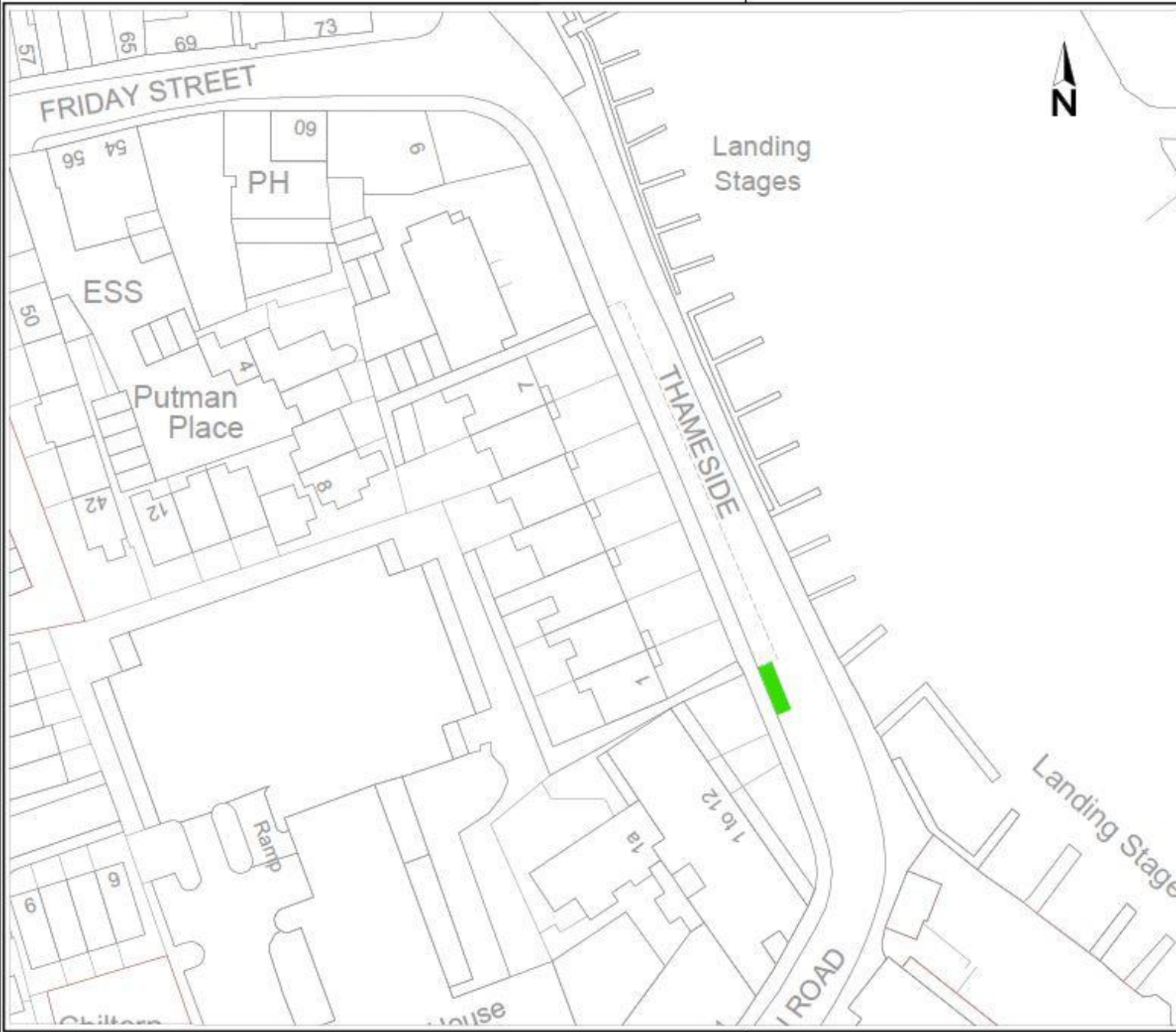
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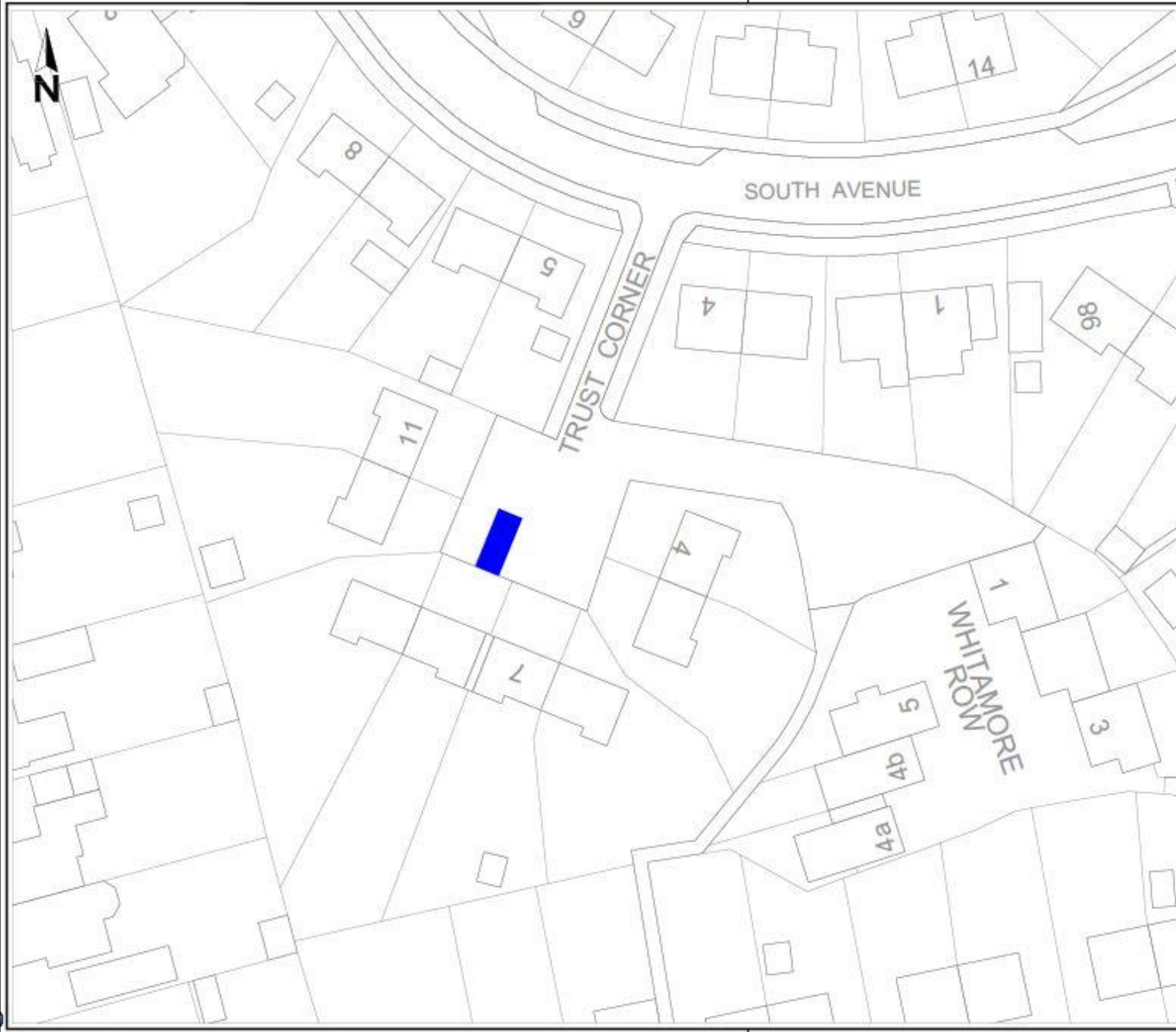
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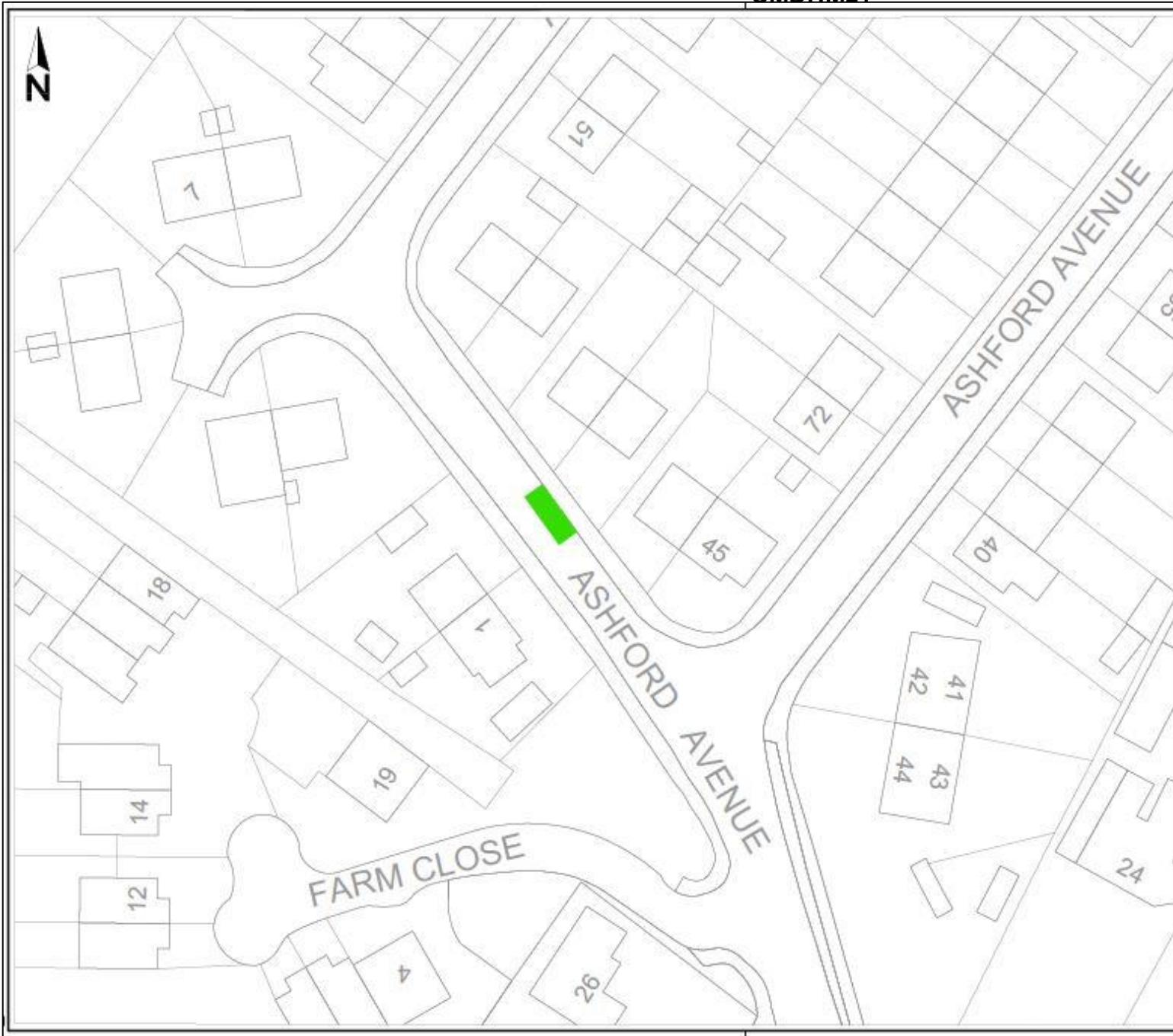
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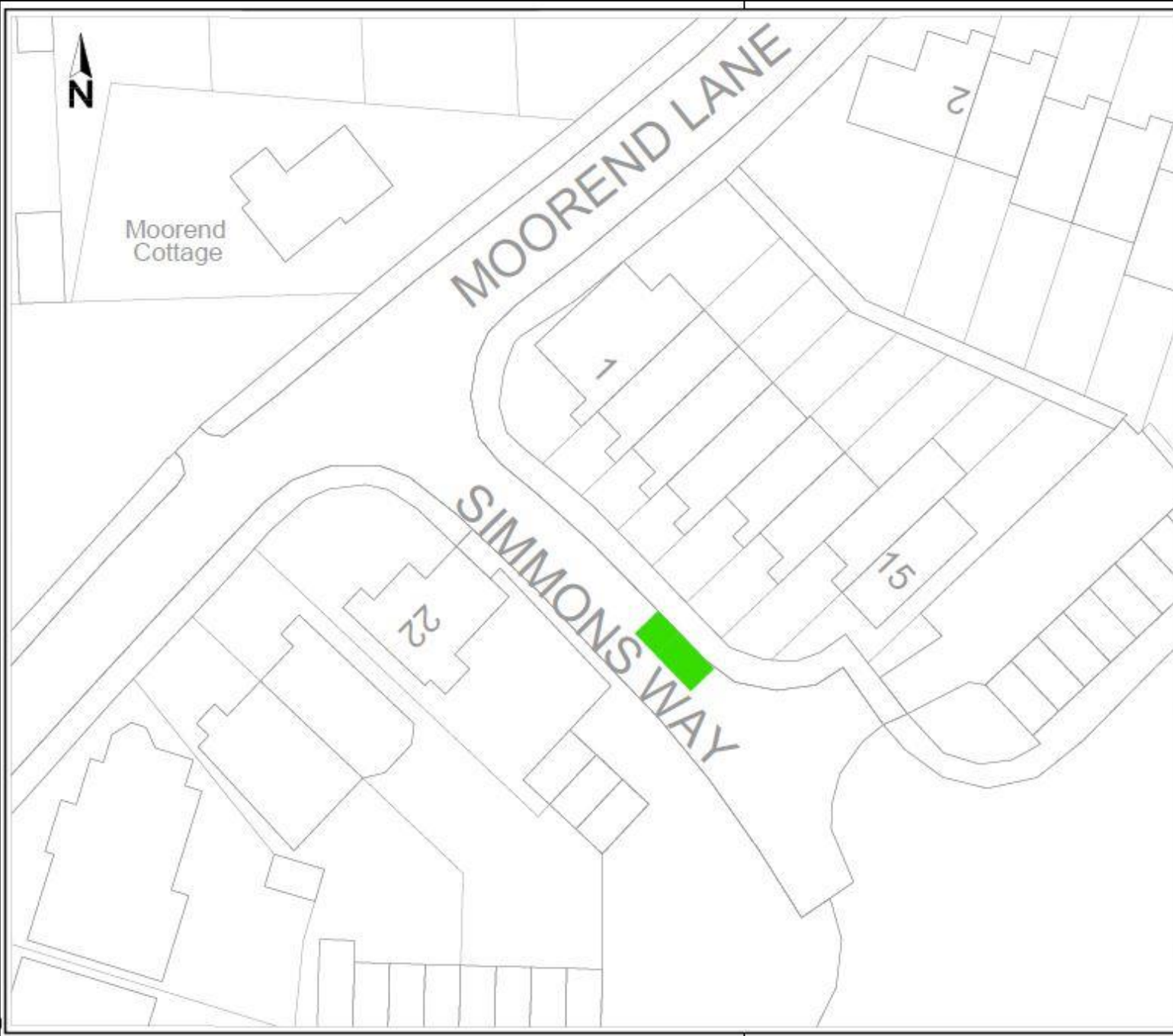
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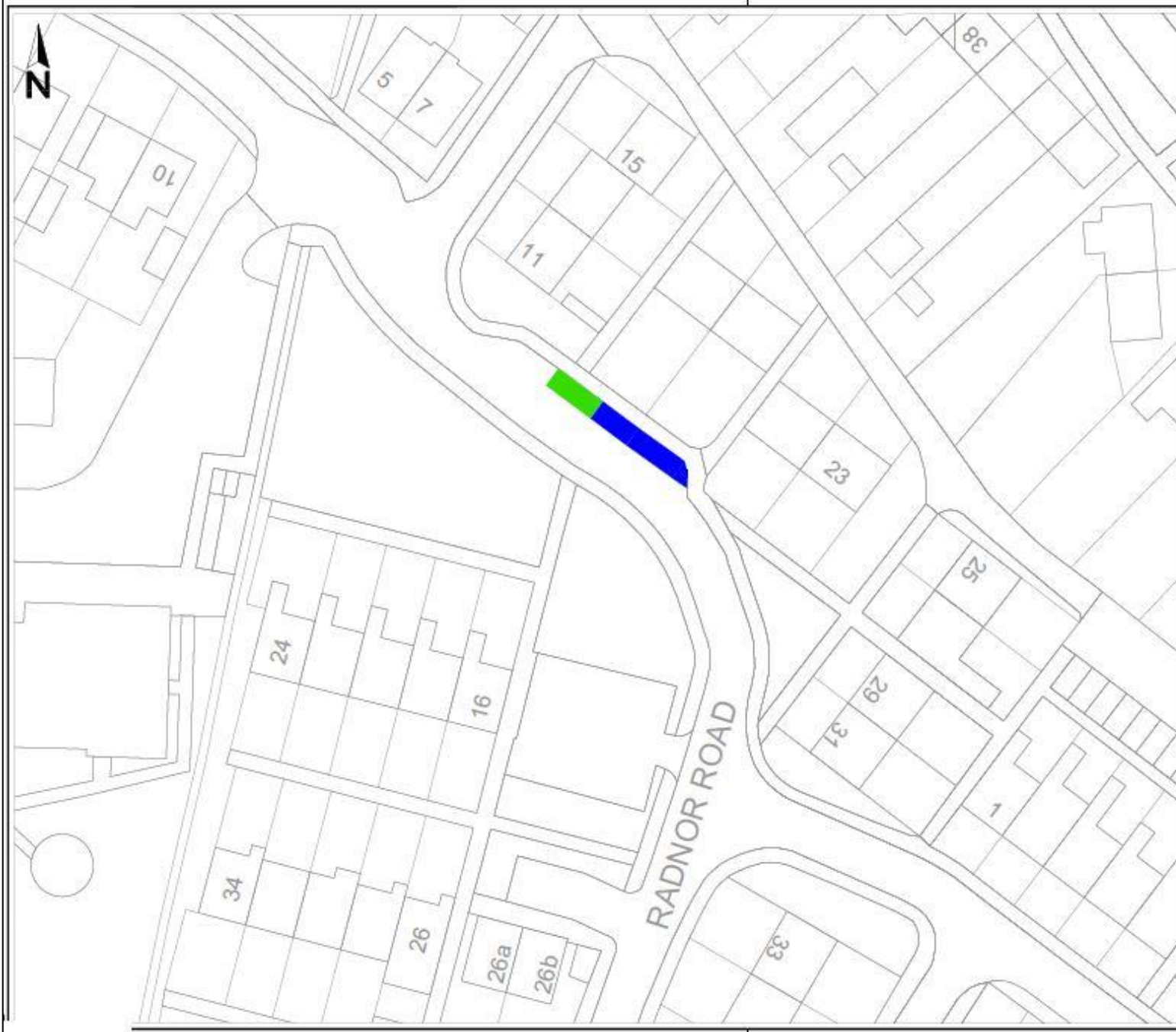
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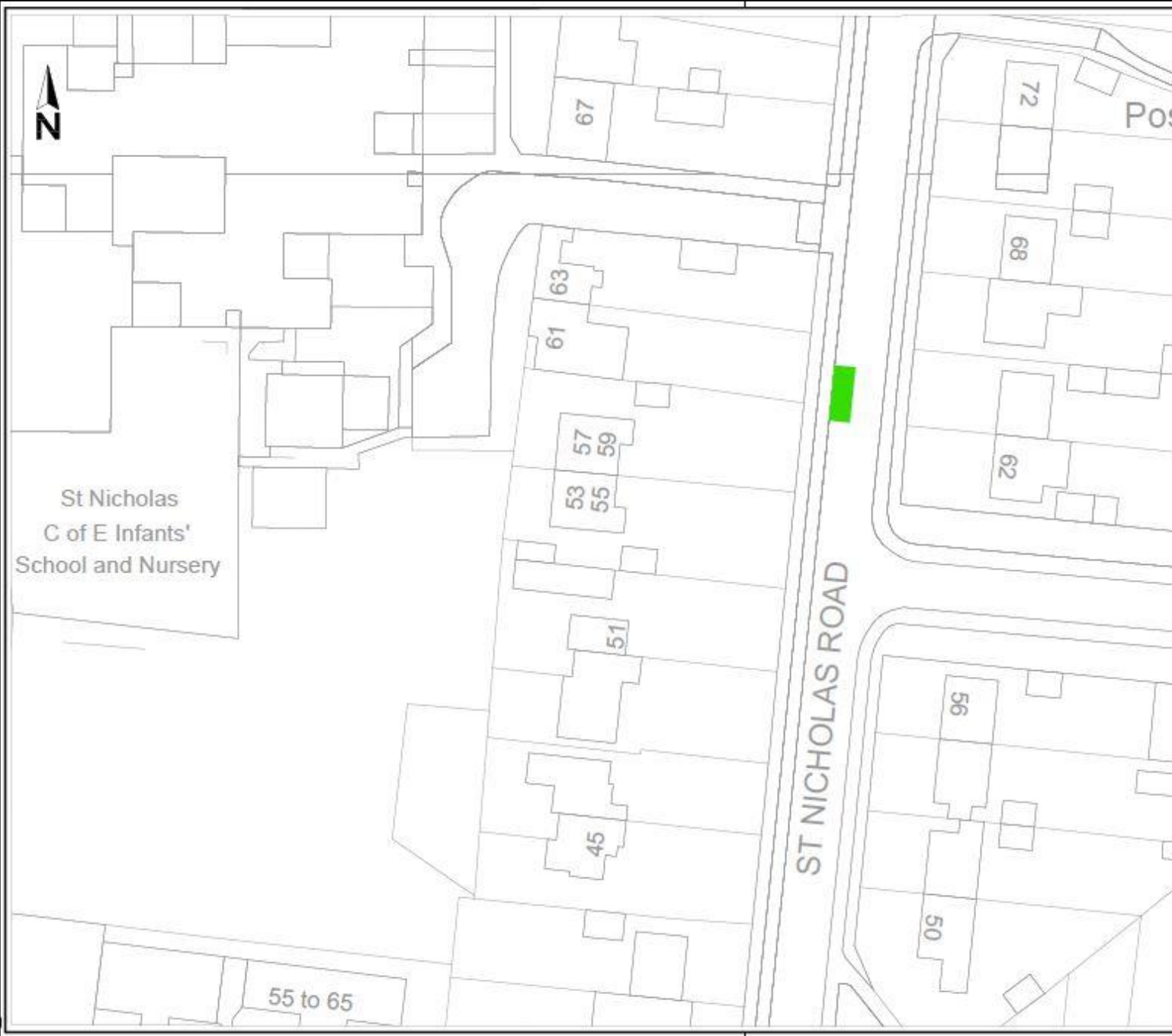
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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No objection
(2) Dorchester-on-Thames Parish Council	Object - Concerns over lack of disabled parking places, if proposals were made to provide a DPPP outside Coop then they would withdraw their objection: We are going to propose a DPPP outside Coop in 2024.
(3) Thame Town Council	No objection
(4) Sutton Courtenay Parish Council	No objection
(5) Cllr Bethia Thomas	No objection
(6) Cllr Jenny Hannaby	No objection
(7) Henley and District Housing Trust	No objection
(8) Unlimited Oxfordshire	No objection
<i>Appleford Drive (Abingdon) - Proposed new DPPP</i>	

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<p>(1) Local Resident, (Abingdon)</p>	<p>Object (Appleford Drive) – I strongly oppose your decision for a disabled parking space outside my home location. I have lived here for 25 years the spot you have chosen is in the front of a block of 12 flats with restricted parking anyway, with the majority of Appleford drive having dropped kerbs and off-road parking this proposal will take away a space from the occupants of the flats.</p> <p>To my knowledge there are no disabled people living in this proposed area that would require a priority parking space at the moment.</p> <p>All adjacent roads have similar parking arrangements which cause parking issues and would introduce friction between the drivers of adjacent roads who also have parking issues, therefore consideration should be taken for the occupiers of the flats as there is limited parking anyway with nowhere else to park.</p> <p>Also, a secondary issue is that the frontage where you propose the space is between two junctions of Dorchester crescent and Welford Gardens which are white lined with no parking because they are a turning point making the parking space available at the moment very difficult.</p> <p>I would like to discuss this matter further as parking and access issues seems to be getting more and more ridiculous, with no consideration for people that live here / car drivers</p>
<p>(2) Local Resident, (Abingdon)</p>	<p>The proposed area on Appleford drive I am against as no one in the flats on that area of road is disabled the only one who was classed as disabled passed away in November 2022 and we are limited in the flats for parking as it is and at times, we have to park further down the road trying to bring in shopping, so I am against the proposal.</p>
<p><i>Hadland Road (Abingdon) – Proposed new DPPP</i></p>	
<p>(3) Local Resident, (Abingdon)</p>	<p>Concerns (Hadland Road) – currently I park where the proposed parking bay is, my neighbour has limited mobility and needs to park outside my house.</p> <p>She told me that she requested the spot, but also would not park in it if you installed it where you had planned, her reason being that she needs to get out of the car on flat ground, and Reade Avenue is on a hill.</p> <p>My concern is that if you install the space, then she doesn't use it, which would result in my not being able to park outside my house, or in the space I've been using around the corner to be considerate to my neighbour.</p> <p>I hope you can find an alternative space, potentially on Hadland Road as it's flatter.</p>

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<i>Sherwood Avenue (Abingdon) - Proposed new DPPP</i>	
(4) Local Resident, (Abingdon)	<p>Object (Sherwood Avenue) - We are writing to object to the proposed disabled parking bay. We have lived in this property for over 40 years and whilst we appreciate the car park is communal, we normally are able to park in the bay at the bottom of our garden. We are both suffering from health conditions, my husband is in his mid-seventies and is Type 1 diabetic and requires close access to his vehicle and I have limited mobility due to issues with my knees, although I am not yet registered disabled. It is necessary for me to be able to park as close to my home as possible, especially when bringing home shopping etc as I am unable to walk far.</p> <p>I understand the people who require this disabled parking space would benefit from it being nearer to their property which would be on the opposite side of the car park as I understand they live between 101 to 99 on your map.</p>
(5) Local Resident, (Abingdon)	<p>There is already a disabled parking space outside number 83 Sherwood Ave. The existing spaces are used by residents who live on this cul de sac, with double parking and parking on the grass verges at weekends and evenings. However, if it helps, the parking space that backs on to 102 Sherwood Ave (side of property) is not so much used as the residents of 102 don't own a motor car. Another space would be the garden entrance at the back of 102 Sherwood Avenue. In conclusion vehicle parking for residents in the cul de sac are not allocated, there is not enough space for all the residents that currently live and use the parking spaces in the cul de sac.</p>
(6) Local Resident, (Abingdon)	<p>Whilst I don't have an objection to putting in disabled parking spaces, I have an issue with the positioning of this one. You are proposing putting in a disabled space that would only really benefit residents living at 91, 92, 93 94, 95 and possibly 96 Sherwood Avenue. As far as I am aware, no-one in those houses have an accessibility requirement. If a resident has requested this, I would propose the space is allocated nearer to their residential address, for them to get the maximum benefit from it.</p> <p>I would expect to see the space in regular use as this proposal will take out a parking space in an area that already has limited parking. Perhaps making more spaces in this area would be an idea!</p>
(7) Local Resident, (Abingdon)	<p>Whilst I do not have a problem with disabled parking spaces, I have an objection to the use of the Sherwood Avenue proposal. I would expect to see this parking space in regular use by nearby disabled badge holders (or visitors with Blue Badges). Parking spaces are already at a limit near the proposed disabled space, making it hard for the residents to park. Adding in an unnecessary disabled space, makes the parking situation even more difficult. If a resident has requested this space, I would expect it to be near their residential address. The positioning of this space only benefits residents at 91, 92, 93, 94 and 95.</p>

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<i>Pound Piece (Ashbury) - Proposed removal of DPPP</i>	
(8) Local Resident (Ashbury)	Object (Pound Piece) – I have a disabled badge so I would disagree with the removal of it as this is the only disabled place at the end of this road so without it there would be no disabled space. I know a while back it was also used by a man who did pass away a few years back and then the man's partner who is not disabled still parked there until she had a ticket as she was using it when she is not disabled so I think she wanted to get it removed as she wants to park there but I personal don't think it's fair as I do have a disabled badge so think it's needed plus it gets used lots by other people who have a badge by other people's family.
(9) Local Resident (Ashbury)	Support (Pound Piece) – Thank you for finalising this. Yes, please accept this an approval for the removal of the parking space.
<i>Wey Road (Berinsfield) – Proposed formalisation of DPPP</i>	
(10) Local Resident (Berinsfield)	Support (Wey Road) - I have been thinking of contacting you, as I thought the proposal would have gone through by now and have been a bit concerned that a wheelchair user has had to use my driveway ramp, which I don't think is ideal from a health and safety point of view. So, getting the ramp extended as soon as possible will be a great idea. I am also very happy with the proposal to change the Disabled Parking space from an informal to a formal space, which can be used by all blue badge holders, which will be a great help to my brother also when he visits, as he has a blue badge. Hopefully the proposal will go through without a problem as soon as possible.
<i>Emmens Close (Checkendon) - Proposed new DPPP</i>	
(11) Local Resident (Checkendon)	Object (Emmens Close) – We would like to object to this due to the issue we already have with vehicles driving over our grass frontage due to the road being very tight when vehicles are parked on the opposite side of the road to our house

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	<p>When no 9a & 9b we're built the construction company sent a letter apologising for the damage to our grass verge outside and promised to make good and re-turf the verge when building work was completed, this was because the road was too narrow for the size of the vehicles. The building company were true to their word and re done the verge, within a day the verge was ruined again! Due to it being tight when a car is parked on the opposite side</p> <p>The rubbish collection lorry had to mount the verge due to a car being parked there at the time the bins were due to be collected and churned the grass up.</p> <p>At present there is hardly a car parked their as everyone has their own drive and cars are only their when people may have the odd visitor. To have a car parked most of the time would mean our grass verge will be constantly driven over as it makes it so tight which would become an eyesore on our street and outside our house.</p> <p>Additionally, when a car is parked on the opposite side where the disabled bay would be and would be permanently parked my daughter's car has been hit we were not in at time they have mounted the pavement to get passed a vehicle and scuffed and dented her car which is on our drive next to the verge please can this be put forward towards our objection.</p>
(12) Local Resident (Checkendon)	<p>Object (Emmens Close) - I object to the proposed Disabled Person Parking Place for the following reasons:</p> <p>Primary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 Emmens Close is privately owned and a disabled bay may impact planning permission for a dropped curb and possibly mean planning permission would be refused.• The impact of the above may impact the value of No. 12.• When No 9a & 9b were being built the construction company sent a letter apologising for the destruction of the verge outside No 7 & 8 and promised to make good and re-turf when building work was complete. This was because the road was too narrow for the size of vehicles. The building company honoured and made good the verge. Soon after the verge outside No 7 & 8 was ruined by vehicles, for example the rubbish collection truck that has to have access for the bins and turn outside No 9 & 10. If there was a car parked in a disabled bay outside No. 11 & 12 this would become an ongoing issue as large trucks/vans would not have room on the road for access and turning and impact road safety. <p>Secondary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All properties in Emmens Close have private driveways for parking with the exception of No. 10 a & 10 b.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently neither of the residents in No 10a & 10b park outside No 11 & 12 and find other alternative parking that is <u>closer</u> to their properties. • The council could consider the option to provide access and disabled parking outside No 10a & 10b as they did on the opposite side for access to 8a & 8b. • Very few cars park on the road of Emmens Close and quite often through the day and night there are no cars parked on the road. • From my research a disabled parking place indicates to drivers not to park there but I understand it's not mandatory.
(13) Local Resident (Checkendon)	<p>Object (Emmens Close) - As i feel the proposed space will take the value of the houses down especially 11 and 12</p>
<p><i>Brasenose Road (Didcot) - Proposed new DPPP</i></p>	
(14) Local Resident (Didcot)	<p>Concerns (Brasenose Road) –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will this be monitored by parking attendants on a daily basis? 2. How many spaces will be put in place? 3. Will these spaces be directly in front of my driveway? 4. Why is parking not being enforced on football days for parents to use correct parking options? <p>At present I struggle with getting on and off of my driveway at weekends when football is being played, Didcot Girls school is not being used for parking which I have been told they are meant to use, people are parking over my drop kerb slightly and when a car is opposite, I cannot get on to my drive.</p> <p>I am happy for there to be disabled bays as long as they will be monitored daily, there are so many people that use the park I believe that they will be misused if not monitored.</p>
<p><i>High Street (Dorchester-on-Thames) - Proposed removal of DPPP</i></p>	

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<p>(15) Local Resident (Dorchester-on-Thames)</p>	<p>Support (High Street) - In reference to the removal of the disabled parking bay outside 11 High Street, Dorchester on Thames, we would have no objection to its removal. I believe it was put there because a previous owner, who was disabled, requested it. It is rarely used, with so little parking for residents along our street it means that we often have to park 100's of yards from our houses.</p>
<p>(16) Local Resident (Dorchester-on-Thames)</p>	<p>Support (High Street) - As a near neighbour I have no objection to this.</p>
<p><i>Canada Lane (Faringdon) - Proposed new DPPP</i></p>	
<p>(17) Local Resident (Kidlington)</p>	<p>Support (Canada Lane) - I think it's a good idea to have a disabled parking space, but I would like you to consider having the disabled space on the other side of the cemetery entrance.</p> <p>I suspect your current proposal is more likely to cause people to park over the shared driveway of Meadow View and Banff. This can already be a problem, with people parking very close to the entrance making access tricky at times. Sometimes people extend over the drive which means that emergency vehicles would not get access.</p> <p>I believe that if you position the new disabled space the other side of the cemetery entrance then that will reduce the likelihood of people blocking the driveway.</p>
<p><i>Westbrook (Faringdon) - Proposed removal of DPPP</i></p>	
<p>(18) Local Resident (Faringdon)</p>	<p>Object (Westbrook) - I object to this as the proposed position is where my partner and I park. There is visitor parking opposite that is never used due to the majority of residents in Westbrook not owning vehicles. There is also a number of spaces behind Westbrook that are also always completely empty. These would be a much more ideal location. I also question the need for disabled parking in this street. I am aware a number of residents on Westbrook claim disability allowance and housing from the council that are quite clearly not disabled and also, do not own a vehicle.</p>

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	<p>For example, the lady that is blind but walks every day, does her own shopping, gardening and doesn't appear to be blind at all. The gentlemen who is deaf who therefore cannot work but sits outside and has conversations with neighbours all day every day and into the night.</p> <p>The other gentlemen who harasses other neighbours and has to have other residents call the police a number of times a week due to his behaviour.</p> <p>I see no reason why there needs to be a disabled place at all, let alone where there are other spaces available outside properties which don't own cars. Please consider an alternative position.</p>
<p><i>Gainsborough Crescent (Henley-on-Thames) - Proposed new DPPP</i></p>	
<p>(19) Local Resident (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p>Object (Gainsborough Crescent) - I do have an objection to this parking space.</p> <p>Firstly, I have had ongoing communication with South Oxfordshire Housing Association regarding the parking at Gainsborough crescent - there are not enough parking spaces for all the households on the crescent, and residents that return home after 6pm cannot park - the Housing association have sent out letters to residents reminding them that this is residents parking only and not for visitors and to please try and park considerately. However, the parking situation has not improved and often people park inconsiderately and to the point that if there was an emergency in the crescent and the need for a Fire Engine to attend - there would be no way it would be able to enter the crescent. If yet another disabled space was put in place (we already have 3) - it would cause more of a problem.</p> <p>Secondly as I have already mentioned - we currently have 3 disabled spaces on the crescent and only one is used regularly, the other two (I have marked their location on the map you provided and enclosed with this email) , are not being used ? no one parks in them on a day to day basis and when the disabled residents are collected in the morning via a disabled taxi - they do not use the parking space either - they sit in the middle of the car park.</p> <p>Can I question why one of the unused disabled spaces cannot be given to the resident in need rather than another space being put in place in an car park that is already not fit for purpose?</p> <p>I often arrive home after 6pm due to my work commitments and upon arrival in the crescent I cannot park and end up driving back out to Greys Road and park there and have to walk back to the crescent. When I pay a service charge for my parking space this is unacceptable and putting yet another disabled space in the crescent when we have 3 and only 1 being used seems very unfair on the residents.</p>

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	<p>The two spaces that are unused can be accessed via a flat path all the way around the crescent, so access from either side of the crescent is no problem for this person in need. I suffer with arthritis in both knees and struggle walking but as I say I often have to park outside of the crescent due to parking issues.</p>
(20) Local Resident (Henley-on-Thames)	<p>Object (Gainsborough Crescent) - I am objecting to the current proposals based on the fact that Gainsborough Crescent is way short of parking spaces as it is and to add another restricted space will only add to the misery and force people to park on the highway causing access issues (as there are no parking restrictions such as yellow lines).</p>
<p><i>Luker Avenue (Henley-on-Thames) - Proposed new DPPP</i></p>	
(21) Local Resident (Henley-on-Thames)	<p>Object (Luker Avenue) – I wish to make the following comments which may also be read as objections. I am the homeowner of 7 years in Luker Avenue.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. During this time, there has been an increasing amount of lost unrestricted parking on the road due to being given over to disabled parking. This in turn has meant that visitors, deliveries etc throughout the road have become hampered at times especially in bad weather.2. The situation is further complicated by the fact that, for example, No. 58 neighbouring the proposed space has a continuous white line painted across the entire width of its plot. I am led to believe that this gives the homeowner exclusive use of this parking area in front of their property or at least to any nominated person. In this case the homeowner is verbally abusive and physically threatening to anyone that happens to stop on that white line. If you have visited the subject area you will have noticed that while the line extends the width of the plot, it does in fact have a single car driveway opening only, as a brick wall prevents access onto the rest of its plot. I would be interested to know how SODC came to paint the line the while width when road parking on some of that white line would not prevent at all entrance or agree from that house onto Luker Avenue?3. By affording a disabled space outside no 58 Luker Avenue, there would then be a continuous restricted on road parking spanning two properties.4. Being fortunate to have a driveway for one vehicle, I nonetheless have a disabled taxi bring my elderly mother to visit. She is wheelchair bound and really, especially in inclement weather, needs to be able to pull up and be unloaded close to my Home. Given the above, this will no longer be possible, in fact could well present a danger as its likely she will have to be manoeuvred along the road or pavements, crossing Cooper Road in doing so. Note cars and vans 'race' down the hill of Cooper Avenue and take the bend from Luker Avenue into Cooper very fast.

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	<p>Finally, I would like to know if this proposal is in response to an individual's application for a disabled space, or just Policy which deems requiring another space, and if so why that particular location has been chosen?</p>
<p>(22) Local Resident (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p>Concerns (Luker Avenue) - Whilst I am in support of more disabled parking spaces, I feel that the proposed place for one is not the best. The area it would cover is very bus with a lot of cars vying to park there. As it is, space outside those houses is premium with people frequently parking on the no parking lines, putting traffic cones in the spaces when they go out etc. I think the disabled space could go a few houses down, towards the flats on Luker Avenue. There is a lot more space there.</p>
<p><i>New Street (Henley-on-Thames) - Proposed removal of two DPPP's</i></p>	
<p>(23) Local Resident (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p>Object (New Street) – I was amazed to receive the letter dated 29th March telling me of the above proposal. At a time when disabled people are struggling to live as normal a life as possible, the proposal seems so short sighted. It is only a short time ago that the two parking places were extended so that it was possible to use the rear of the vehicle to offload a wheelchair or other equipment. I understand residents' frustration when they cannot find a parking bay free but no doubt, they have no experience of the problems experienced by the disabled and their family members. In many cases the disabled person is elderly and very infirm, it is their elderly exhausted and frail spouse who is trying to support them. I trust that the proposal will be refused.</p>
<p>(24) Local Resident (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p>Object (New Street) - I live in Oxford and hold a Blue Disabled Person's Badge as I am unable to walk because of acute pain in both knees and lower back together with many other medical conditions. My daughter and family live on New Street. Fortunately, I am able to drive very easily so can visit my family several times a week and stay overnight too. Without these Disabled Places I would never be able to visit. The vast majority of properties in New St. are residential. Also, the Solicitors Practice will have disabled spaces. I strongly object to the removal of these disabled spaces. There is also a problem in Henley by Traffic Wardens not penalising those who park in Disabled spaces without displaying a Blue Badge. Please could you record my objection and take it into consideration. I know I am 80 but should not be discriminated against by reason of age or disability, which removal of these special spaces would do.</p>

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<p>(25) Local Resident (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p>Object (New Street) - My mother is a blue badge holder and lives in New Street near the first disabled bay which is very helpful for her as she is 97 and not very mobile. Obviously, the blue badge can be used to park on the double yellow lines further up the road but, if you know Henley at all, you will be aware that no-one seems to take any notice of these double yellows and it's often impossible to park due to numerous vans and cars that people have parked on both sides of the road. This makes it quite a long walk for my mother to get to her house. The illegally parked vehicles also make it quite dangerous for crossing such a busy road if one is not very agile. Therefore, we would be very grateful if the disabled bay could remain in place.</p>
<p>(26) Local Resident (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p>Object (New Street) - My Mum's conditions have deteriorated including her walking. The use of her car and disabled parking is imperative to her life. The disabled space outside the property 25/27 New Street is imperative. My Mum is registered disabled and she and we require the space for her use. We were assured when the road was being resurfaced and the bay marked disabled the post would be re installed.</p> <p>I attach photos of the parking bay showing a resident who persists in parking in it and is not a blue badge holder, the resident is using it wrongly and <u>there are other spaces on the road for residents to park in.</u></p> <p>I would ask that the disabled space is retained and should you remove it I will make an application for a new space. I attach an application if you need one for a disabled person's parking space. I would much prefer then that is here is retained and simply has a post and sign erected.</p> <p><u>It is one of only 2 spaces close to the Theatre and the only resident that seems to park in it is the resident with no blue badge whose car was again parked in the bay last night and this morning despite other spaces being available. The resident said that there is there is no post and disabled sign which I was informed by Highways during the re surfacing works it would have a new post erected and a disabled sign, please can this be attended to and put back. <u>The bay is road marked DISABLED in new white lettering.</u></u></p>
<p>(27) Local Resident (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p>Object (New Street) - The Disabled parking places are extremely useful and valued by blue badge holders, either residents or visitors, especially to the Kenton Theatre. There is very limited parking on double yellow lines at the top of New Street (the traffic can be very busy at this corner). I think the need for Disabled parking will only increase. If only one was retained, I would favour retaining the parking place opposite the Kenton Theatre. Both were recently repainted and enlarged for the benefit of disabled users. Unfortunately, they are sometimes abused, but more often than not they are used by blue badge holders. I pass the Disabled parking place outside 40 New Street most days.</p> <p>I think the number of Resident scheme parking places (particularly Resident-only parking places) in New Street could be increased by removing some of the double yellow lines at the bottom of New Street (opposite Hotel du Vin, from 37</p>

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	New Street down towards the river). Unfortunately, Hotel du Vin applied for planning permission with the provision of a free car park for their visitors but, planning permission obtained, their car park soon became a paid-for option (now £15). I hope you will consider this objection, but I do wonder why I never received any notification.
(28) Local Resident (Henley-on-Thames)	Object (New Street) - The disabled parking space located outside of my business, and the other space located further down the road, are in my personal opinion essential, with a blue badge you can park free of charge: in disabled bays for an unlimited time, people use these spaces who stay at Hotel Du Vin, or come into my office, use Mercers Solicitors for example, Hotel Du Vin has limited parking anyway, and you cannot expect someone with a disability or mobility issues to park at the train station (nearest long term parking) and walk that distance, parking on yellow lines as you will be aware has a maximum stay of 3 hours, I see little sense in removing these 2 spaces from New Street.
(29) Local Resident (Henley-on-Thames)	Support (New Street) - The disabled space outside no.22 New Street is rarely used, especially overnight, and I am led to believe that it was originally created for someone who lived at 26 New Street who is no longer there. Furthermore, the parking spaces on the even side of New Street were redrawn after the resurfacing resulting in a ridiculous arrangement of a resident space for one and a half cars, followed by a disabled space for one and a half cars, followed by a resident space for one small car. The space would be much better utilised if it was all for residents parking.
<i>Thameside (Henley-on-Thames) - Proposed new DPPP</i>	
(30) Local Resident (Henley-on-Thames)	Support (Thameside) – Providing an additional space is created, I have no objection. If an existing parking space is allocated to become a DPPP, then I do object on the following grounds: a). There are insufficient roadside parking spaces at present. b). There is a Blue Badge scheme that is perfectly adequate. C). This is not a costless proposal.
<i>Trust Corner (Henley-on-Thames) - Proposed new DPPP</i>	
(31) Local Resident (Henley-on-Thames)	Object (Trust Corner) - I've received your letter this morning about a proposed 'Disabled Person Parking Place' in Trust Corner and I wanted to let you know that I strongly object to the proposal. I understand that not everyone has a visible disability, but in terms of walking a distance (which this is about), everyone in our area can walk - so therefore why is the disabled parking space needed?

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	<p>As mentioned, I'm more confused as to why this is needed than anything else. If this goes ahead, it means we will lose a parking place, that will really create a problem with parking (which we've never had in all the time I've lived here - 15 years). I would understand (and would be completely supportive) if anyone had problems walking, but this isn't the case in this instance.</p>
<p><i>Ashford Avenue (Sonning Common) - Proposed new DPPP</i></p>	
<p>(32) Local Resident (Sonning Common)</p>	<p>Object (Ashford Avenue) - I think this is ridiculous the lady it is for is 95 years old and doesn't even own a car. It would be totally unnecessary, parking is a problem along this road as it is, and to have a disabled space that not going to be used only when her family visit maybe once a week if that. Total waste of resources.</p> <p>Unfortunately, I know it will go ahead and my opinion won't matter</p>
<p>(33) Local Resident (Sonning Common)</p>	<p>Object (Ashford Avenue) - the application has been made to assist the collection by her daughter/son-in-law when she goes to them for meals at the weekends. Ashford Avenue is already suffering with extreme congestion due to the volume of residential parking in the road. As a 75year old lady I often have to park some distance from my home, sometimes having to carry heavy shopping and I know that my other neighbours experience similar problems including those with small children.</p> <p>The parking bay would for the majority of the week be empty as my neighbour no longer has a car. I feel I must raise an objection to the application for the reasons given.</p>
<p><i>Chinnor Road (Thame) - Proposed new DPPP</i></p>	
<p>(34) Local Resident (Thame)</p>	<p>Concerns (Chinnor Road) - We understand the need for 105 Chinnor Road to have a disabled parking place, however we would like to ensure that this single space is restricted to in front of their house (105) Currently, 3 cars are able to park outside numbers 103,105 & 107, and it would be a shame if the disabled space reduced parking capacity.</p> <p>Another way to help this problem would be to change the existing double yellow "no waiting at any time" in front of our driveway to a single white line. This would allow us to park in front of our own drive without reducing on-street parking capacity in the road.</p>

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<p>(35) Local Resident (Thame)</p>	<p>Concerns (Chinnor Road) - 'The Parking on Chinnor Road is a problem, as there are less spaces than needed for all the cars. The Disabled Person Parking Place will take up much more space than one normal parking space. At the moment there are three spaces outside 103, 105 and 107, which works well. If you put the disabled parking space there, it will cut it down to two spaces, exacerbating the existing parking problems in the road. I feel it would be better if you put the parking space outside 109a, as there is a long run of parking spaces and might not take away one complete space. We live on the other side of the road and have parking on our front garden so it will not affect us parking but feel it's sad to take one space away for others to use.'</p>
<p>(36) Local Resident (Thame)</p>	<p>Support (Chinnor Road) - As it happens, we are supportive of an application for a disabled parking space in Chinnor Road but clearly our opinions, like those who may have a differing view cannot be taken into account because the councils administration is not as robust as we would all wish.</p>
<p><i>Simmons Way (Thame) - Proposed new DPPP</i></p>	
<p>(37) Local Resident (Thame)</p>	<p>Concerns (Simmons Way) - I don't have any objections, however I question why it's needed they have an allocated parking spot only 10 feet away from proposed parking bay</p> <p>If it does go ahead, please can you move it 1.5m up road so it starts at their boundary otherwise the road will lose the space for an additional car to be parked. Moving it up the road will move it to where they naturally park and doesn't impact others.</p>
<p><i>Radnor Road (Wallingford) - Proposed new DPPP</i></p>	
<p>(38) Local Resident (Wallingford)</p>	<p>Concerns (Radnor Road) - I use one of the disabled bays, it was originally put in for my father in 1989, when it had the number of the property in the bay, which was later removed causing problems allowing anyone to park. It was then used for my mother and now myself, these problems still arise when I have come home from hospital after treatment to find someone parked in the bay, I have had to park a distance away . The addition of a 3rd bay would not stop cars parking there without a blue badge, as in the past someone not living in the area parked in the disabled bay for 3 weeks to go on holiday with people that lived in station road. Although the 3rd bay could benefit somebody on the road, it would be good if there was a way that the people who live here are looked after and maybe go back to a numbered bay system.</p>

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<p>(39) Local Resident (Wallingford)</p>	<p>Support (Radnor Road) - another disabled parking space would be amazing as I have a son with ASD and he has a blue badge. I think the extra space would definitely help not just me but others as parking on Radnor Road is tedious at the best of times. I don't use the current spaces due to the elderly using them but would make life easier for me knowing I had a space I could use for my son safely, rather than hoping to find a suitable space to park with him in mind.</p>
<p><i>St. Nicholas Road (Wallingford) - Proposed new DPPP</i></p>	
<p>(40) Local Resident (Wallingford)</p>	<p>Concerns (St. Nicholas Road) - The proposed parking space outside No 61 is entirely in the wrong place for the following reasons.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The properties on the west side of St Nicholas Rd are predominantly Victorian/Edwardian with narrow frontages relative to the modern housing estates of the sixties on the east side. These older properties have verdant hedges and long drives and exiting onto the road with other parked cars on their frontages is a considerable danger due to lack of visibility.2. As far as I am aware No. 61 has two vehicles, one of which is parked in their drive, the other, a camper van which is parked outside their frontage, where the disabled space is proposed.3. There are zigzag lines outside No. 63 extending to No. 61, to prevent school parking/drop-offs/deliveries that, were they reduced to accommodate your plan, would be a real visibility danger to my exit onto the road with cars and children etc arriving/leaving the school. (No. 61 frequently abuses this road signage and is already a nuisance to me.)4. The congestion caused by parking around the school gates and any further permanent parking facility on the same side of the road as the school entrance/exit as you propose will reduce visibility to all and potentially a threat to life.5. As most, if not all houses on the east side have low front walls and hedges, better visibility, wider drives, away from the school entrance, this would make more sense and perhaps less legal ramifications. <p>Might I suggest a visit to the site on a school day between 8 am to 9.15, and 2.30pm to 5.00 when teachers' cars leave.</p>