

Divisions affected: *Various in South Oxfordshire & Vale of White Horse districts*

**CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT –
21 JULY 2022**

**SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE & VALE OF THE WHITE HORSE DISTRICTS:
VARIOUS LOCATIONS - PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS
PARKING PLACES**

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

Recommendation

1. The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve:
 - (a) the proposed provision of Disabled Persons Parking Places (DPPP) at: Pound Piece, Ashbury; Poplar Grove, Kennington; Park Street, Thame; Stirlings Close, Wantage.
 - (b) the proposed removal of Disabled Persons Parking Places (DPPP) at: Fane Drive, Berinsfield; Wilson Avenue, Henley on Thames.
 - (c) But to defer approval of the proposals at the following locations pending further investigations: Bell Street, Henley on Thames; Gainsborough Hill, Henley on Thames; Parkside, Marcham.
 - (d) Defer approval of the removal of DPPP at the following locations: Colwell Road, Berinsfield; Dibleys, Blewbury; Summerside Road, Buckland; Church View, Stoke Row.

Executive summary

2. The provision of Disabled Persons Parking Places is reviewed when requested by members of the public. Specific proposals are assessed applying national regulations and guidance on the suitability of providing new bays or amending or removing existing ones.
3. This report presents objections 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 Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse districts
4. The 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 13** provide plans of the locations for which objections have been received or concerns raised.

Financial Implications

5. Funding for the proposed waiting restrictions has been provided from the County Council's revenue budget.

Equality and Inclusion Implications

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

Sustainability Implications

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

Consultation

8. The formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 20 April and 20 May 2022. A notice was placed in the Herald Series newspaper and emails sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, South Oxfordshire District Council, the Vale of the White Horse 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. Forty-three 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	Parsons Mead (removal)	1		
Ashbury	Pound Piece		2	1
Berinsfield	Colwell Road (removal)		3	
	Fane Drive (removal)		1	
Blewbury	Dibleys (removal)		1	
Buckland	Summerside Road (removal)			1
Henley on Thames	Bell Street		4	
	Gainsborough Hill		7	
	Harpsden Road	1		
	Mount View Court	1		
	Park Road (removal)	1		
	Wilson Avenue (removal)			
	York Road (removal)	1		

Kennington	Poplar grove	1	1	
Marcham	Parkside		4	2
Stoke Row	Church View (removal)		1	
Shiplake	Church Lane (2 x bays)	1		
Thame	Church Road	1		
Thame	Park Street	2	3	
Wantage	Stirlings Close			1

10. Thames Valley Police responded expressing no objections, Thame Town Council supports both Church Road and Park Street disabled bays, Buckland Parish Council objects to the removal of the Summerside Road disabled bay, Stoke Row PC has no opinion on the removal in Church View (however a telephone conversation was received from the applicant of the disabled bay to say that the bay was still in use).
11. The responses are recorded in **Annex 14**, and copies of the full responses are available for inspection by County Councillors

Response to objections and other comments

12. Comments and recommendations are provided in response to the concerns and objections as given in Annex 14 in respect of each of the proposed sites in the following paragraphs.

Abingdon – Parsons Mead – proposed removal of the DPPP

13. One expression of support received; it is recommended that the proposal to remove the disabled parking place is approved.

Ashbury – Pound Piece – proposed DPPP

14. Two objections and one expression of concern was received; the road is heavily parked and residents are unable to park outside their homes; it is recommended that this proposal is approved.

Berinsfield – Colwell Road – proposed removal of the DPPP

15. Three objections were received to the removal of the DPPP; the disabled bay is still in use by the applicant of the bay; it is recommended not to proceed with the removal of the disabled bay.

Berinsfield – Fane Drive – proposed removal of the DPPP

16. One objection to the removal of the disabled bay was received; there are not enough disabled bays in the local vicinity; however it is recommended that the proposal to remove the disabled parking place is approved due to the bay not being used in this location.

Blewbury – Dibleys – proposed removal of the DPPP

17. One objection was received to the removal of the disabled bay; the disabled bay is used by a multitude of residents on the Dibleys Estate; it is recommended not to proceed with the removal of the disabled bay.

Buckland – Summerside Road – proposed removal of the DPPP

18. One expression of concern was received to the removal of the disabled bay; visitors to the adjacent school who are Blue Badge holders use the disabled bay; it is recommended not to proceed with the removal of the disabled bay.

Henley on Thames – Bell Street – proposed DPPP

19. Four objections were received; parking is not a problem, residents are always able to park close to their properties; it is recommended not to approve the disabled parking place.

Henley on Thames – Gainsborough Hill – proposed DPPP

20. Seven objections were received; there is insufficient parking on the Hill, the applicant is a multi car user; it is recommended not to approve the disabled parking place.

Henley on Thames – Mount View Court – proposed DPPP

21. One expression of support was received; it is recommended to approve the disabled bay.

Henley on Thames – Park Road – proposed removal of a DPPP

22. One expression of support to the removal of the disabled parking place was received; it is recommended to approve the removal of the disabled bay.

Henley on Thames – Wilson Avenue – proposed removal of a DPPP

23. One expression of concern was received to the removal of the disabled parking place; initial concerns that both disabled parking places would be removed; it is recommended to approve the removal of the disabled bay as indicated on the plan in Annex 8.

Henley on Thames – York Road – proposed removal of a DPPP

24. One expression of support on the removal was received; it is recommended to approve the removal of the disabled parking place.

Kennington – Poplar Grove – proposed DPPP

25. One objection and one expression of support was received; concerns over

access and egress from drive; it is recommended to approve the disabled bay.

Marcham – Parkside – proposed DPPP

26. Four objections and two expressions of concern were received; concerns were received that the location of the disabled bay is inappropriate for the blue badge holder and that it could be used inappropriately; it is recommended that this proposal is deferred.

Stoke View – Church View – proposed removal of a DPPP

27. One objection to the removal of the disabled parking place was received; it is recommended to not to remove the disabled bay.

Shiplake – Church Lane – proposed DPPP (2 x bays)

28. One expression of support was received; it is recommended to approve both of the disabled bays.

Thame – Church Road – proposed DPPP

29. One expression of support was received; it is recommended to approve the disabled bay.

Thame – Park Street – proposed DPPP

30. Three objections and two expression of support were received; one objection was received from an adjacent business premises (a dental practice) on the grounds that they were applying for - subject to planning consent - the creation of a new vehicle access adjacent to the current proposal for a DPPP; the other objections related to general concerns over parking pressures here. Noting the above, and recognising that blue badge holders are particularly impacted by difficulties in finding parking places which are close to their destination, it is recommended that the DPPP proposal is approved and that the wider consideration of the impact of the new vehicle access and possible alternative locations for the parking place it would remove is addressed as part of the planning appraisal.

Wantage – Stirlings Close – proposed DPPP

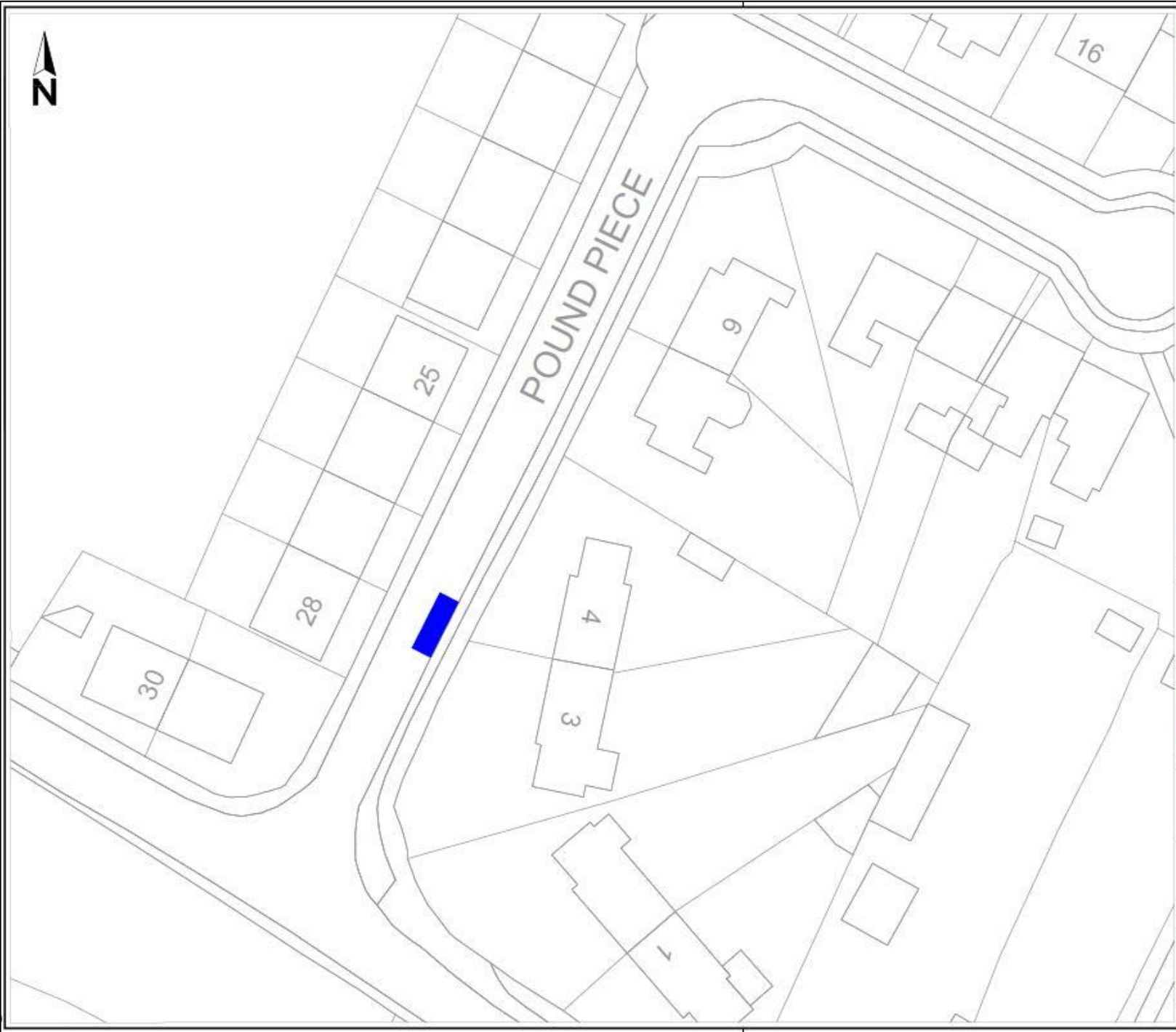
31. One expression of concern was received; parking is difficult in the Close, it would be beneficial to have residents only parking; it is recommended to approve the disabled bay

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Annexes Annex 1-13: Consultation Plans
 Annex 14: Consultation responses

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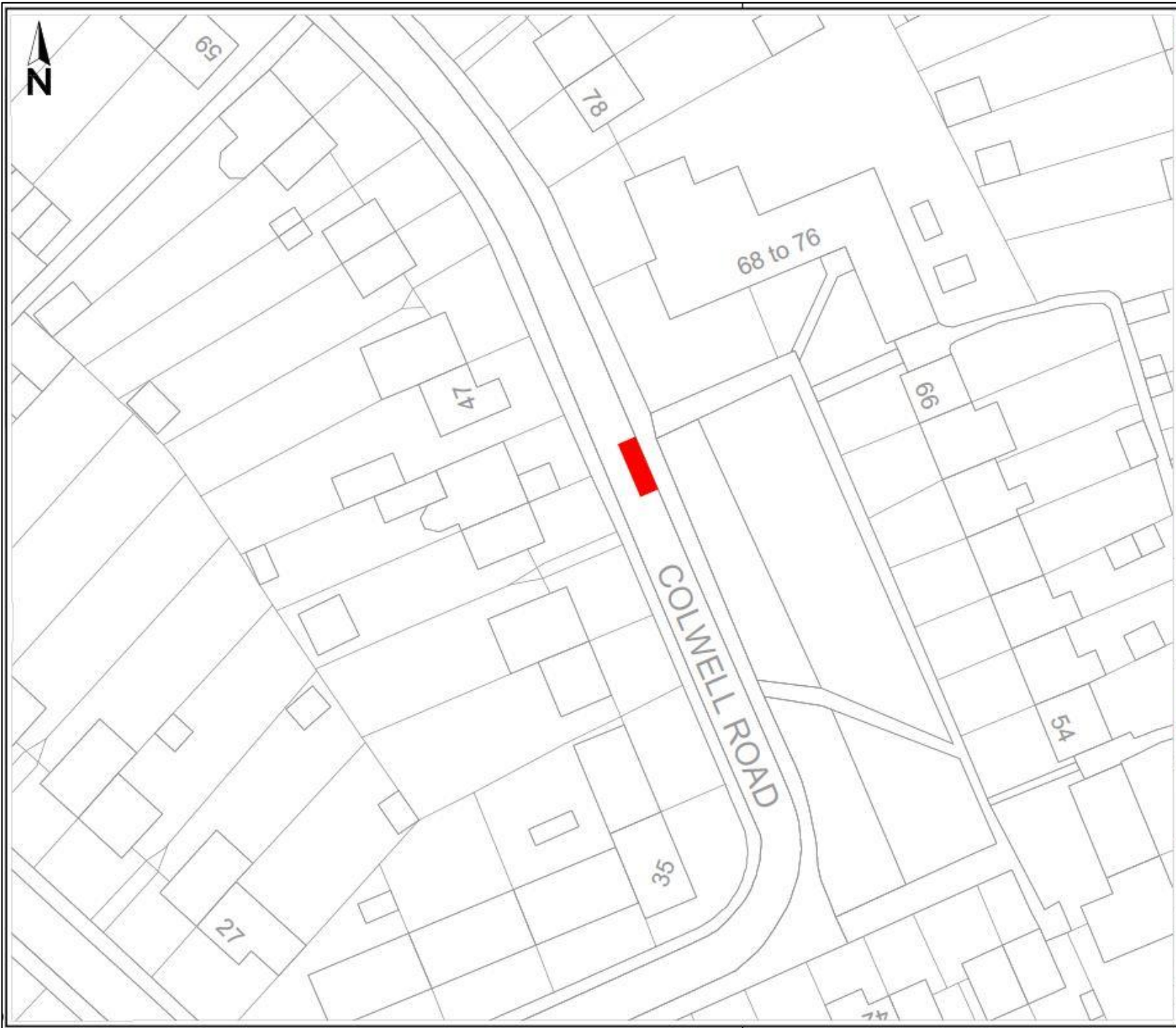
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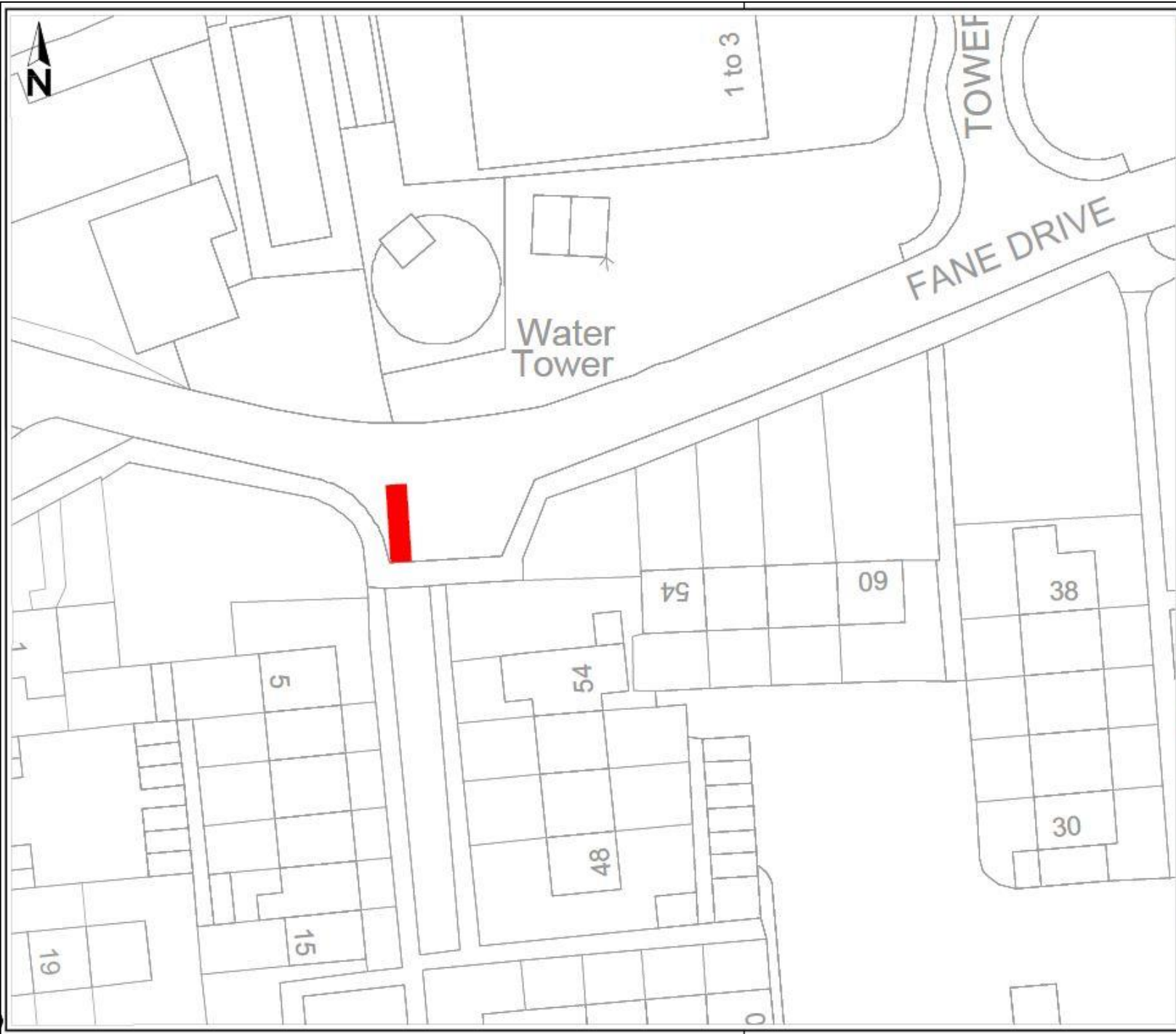
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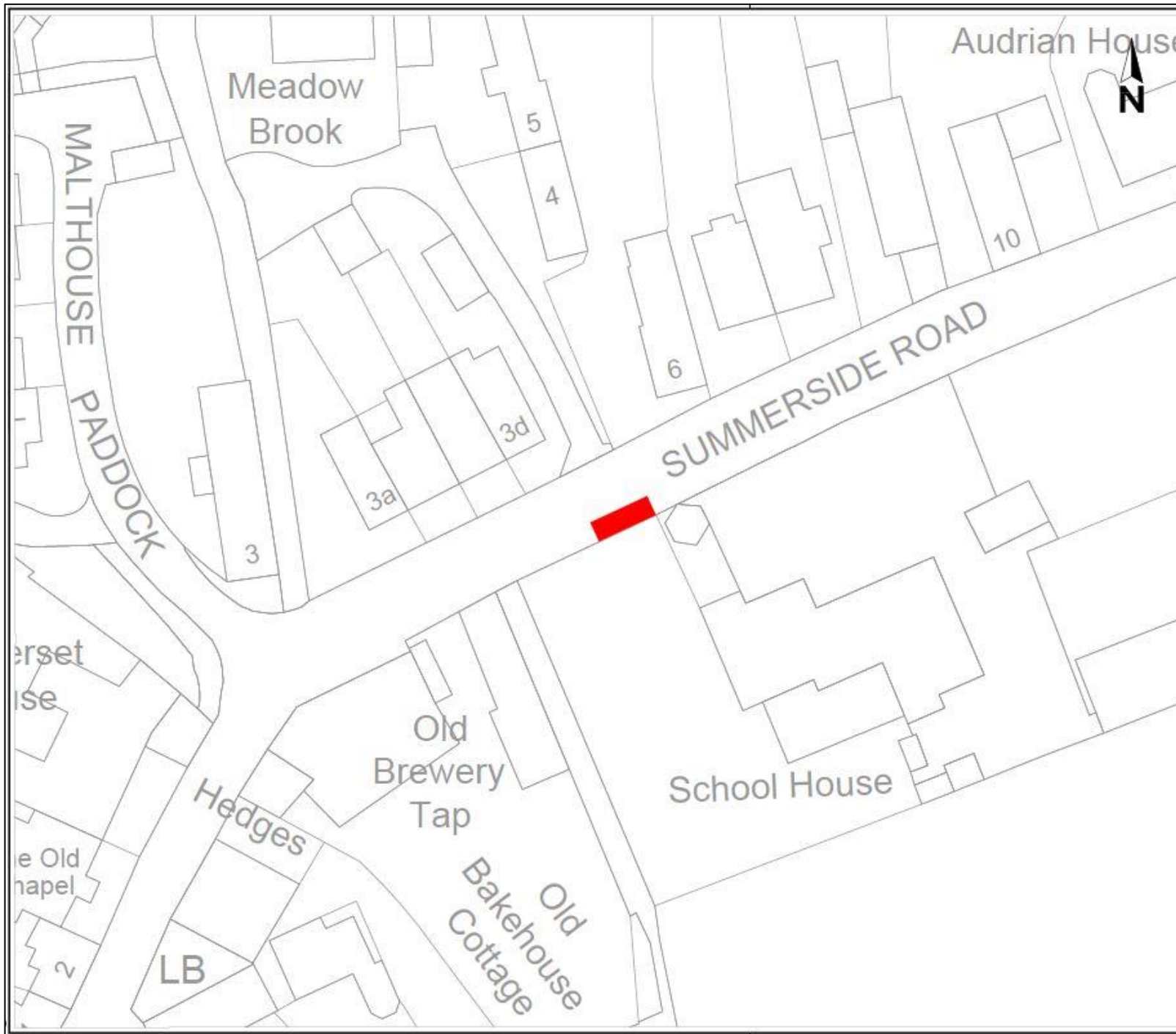
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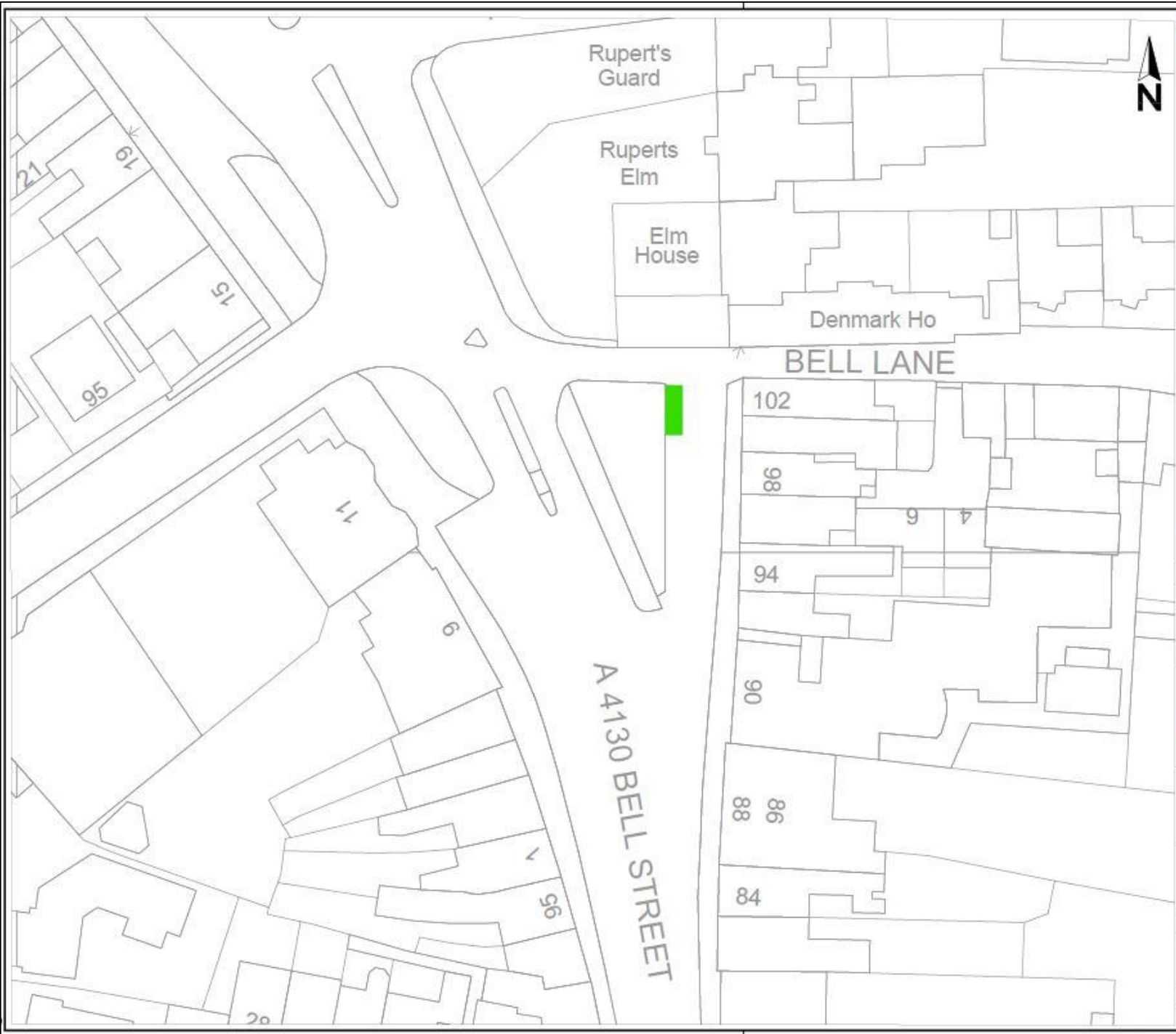
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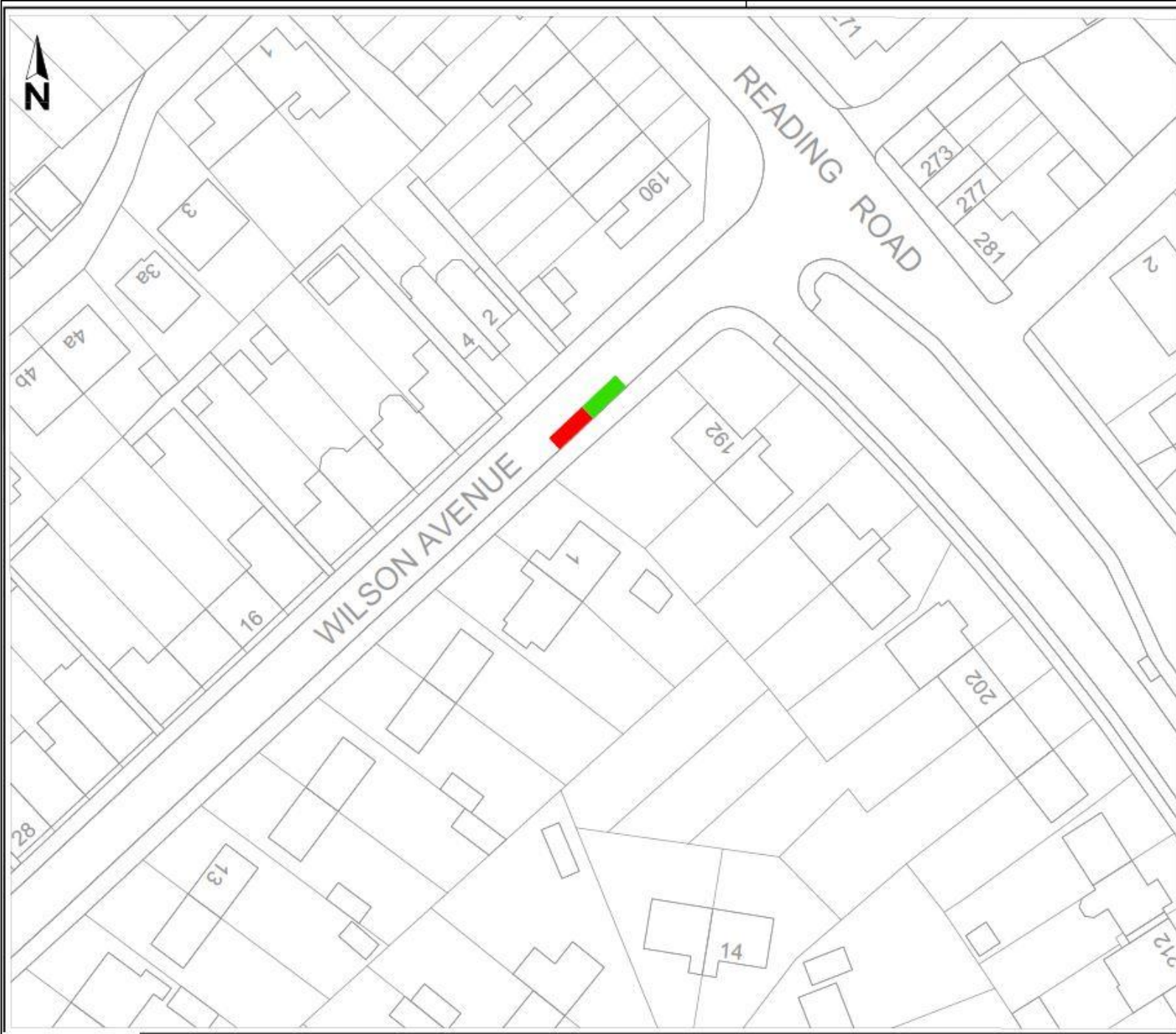
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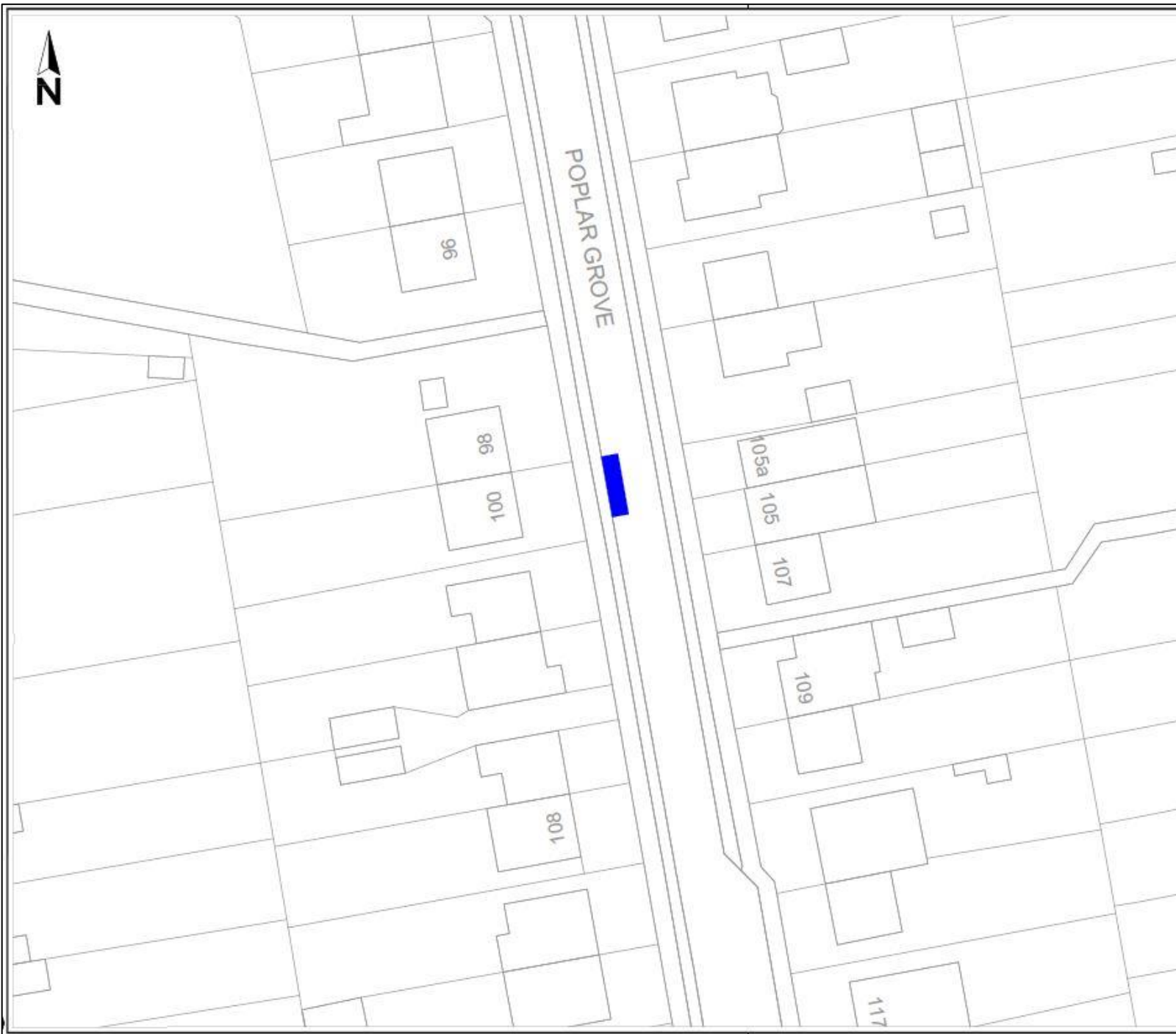
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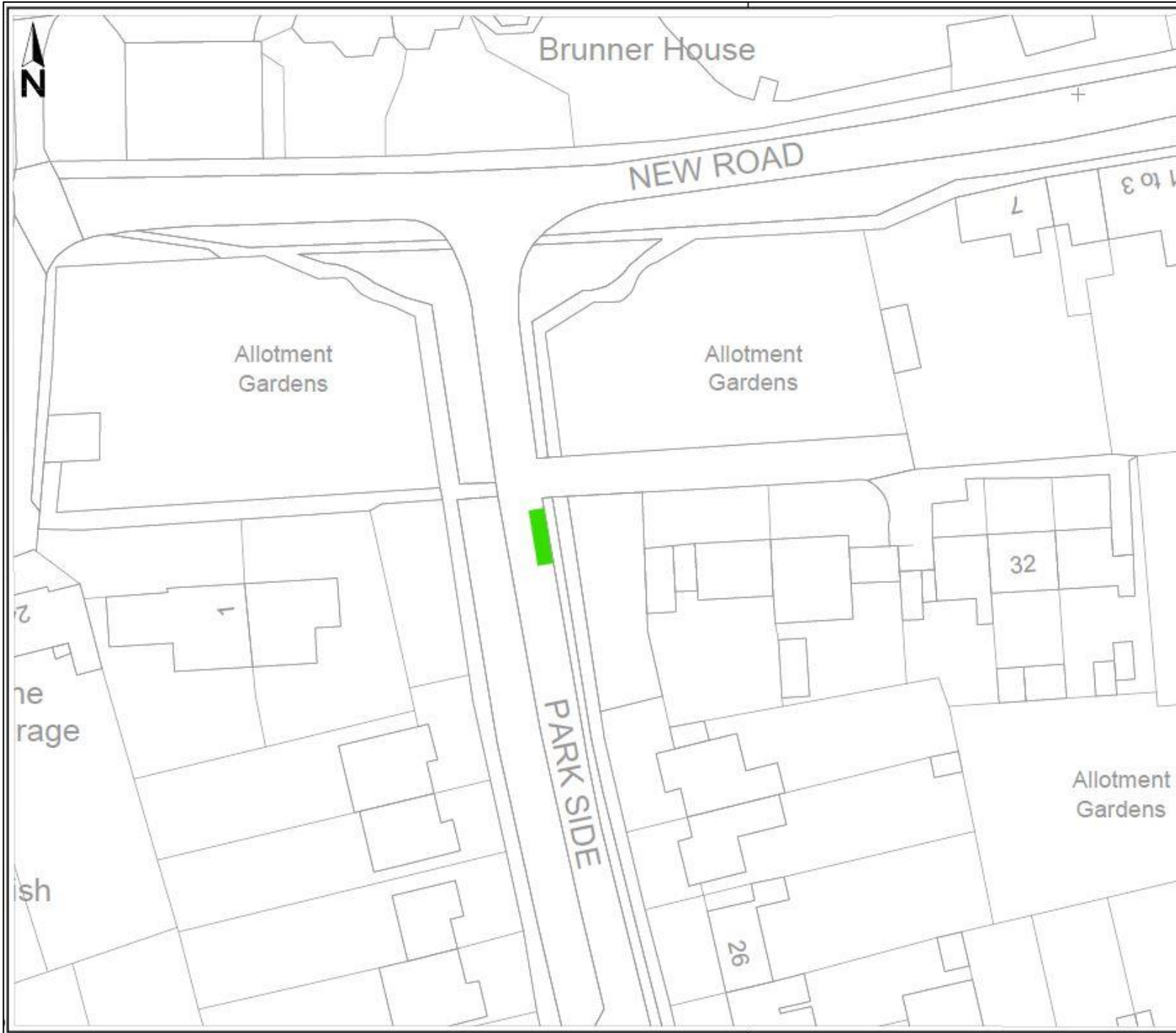
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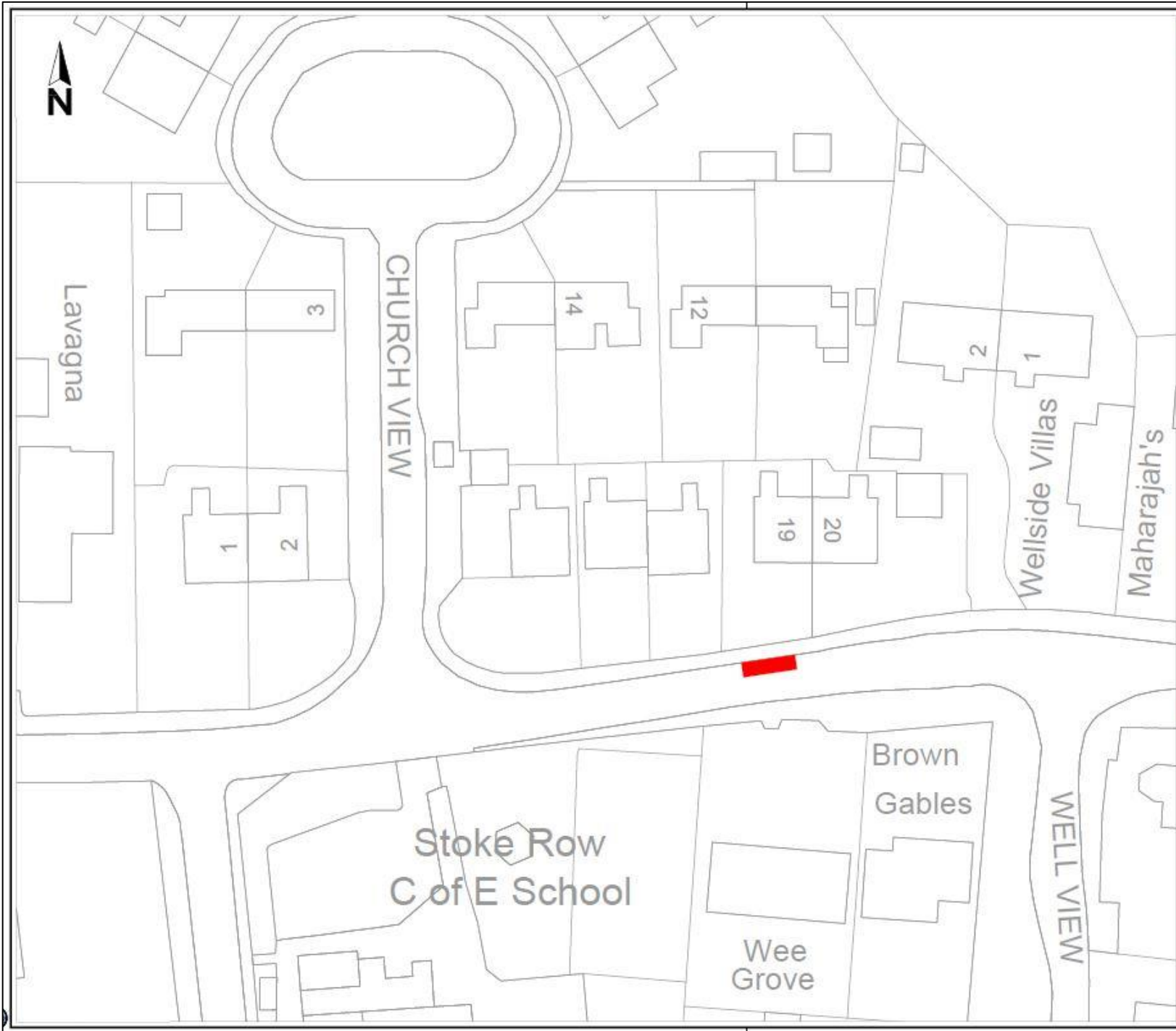
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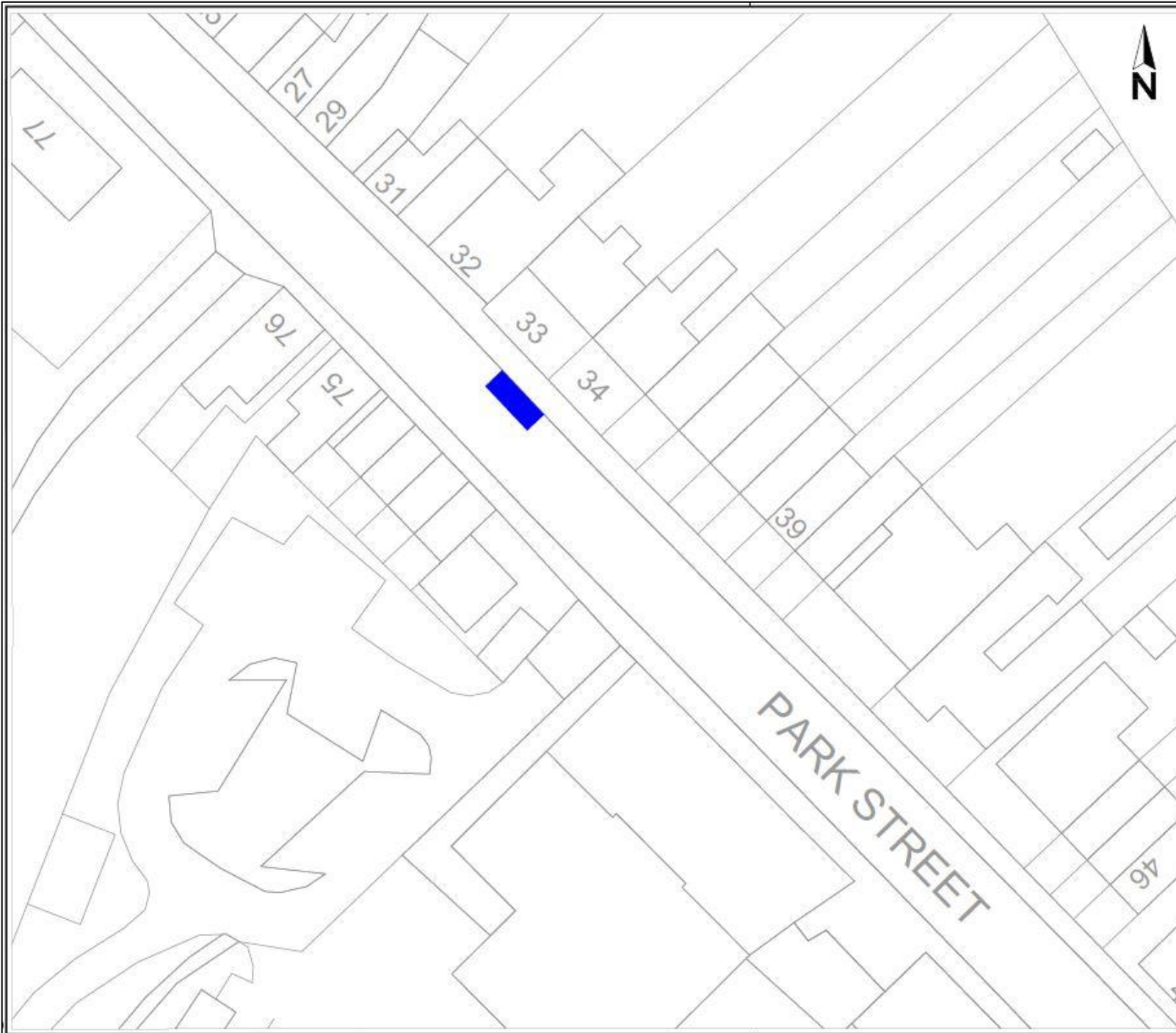
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(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No objection
(2) Thame Town Council	No objection
(3) Buckland Parish Council	Objected to the removal
(4) Stoke Row Parish Council	No opinion
<i>Parsons Mead (Abingdon) - Proposed removal of DPPP</i>	
(1) Local Resident, (Abingdon)	Support (Parsons Mead) - We were not aware this still existed - The street post is still there, the disabled wording has been painted out however, white lines are still (but faintly) visible on the road surface
<i>Pound Piece (Ashbury) - Proposed new DPPP</i>	
(2) Local Resident, (Ashbury)	Objection (Pound Piece) – I am registered disabled, why are all disabled people not being offered the same? I cannot walk too far due to age and health issues. What's good for one should be good for all.

(3) Local Resident, (Ashbury)	Objection (Pound Piece) – received by letter – No thank you, there are enough cars in this road, they park across my driveway. If it is who I think it is they walk the dog.
(4) Local Resident, (Ashbury)	Concerns (Pound Piece) – received by letter – My family are unable to park close to my home to take me out. I struggle to walk to the nearby parking area. One resident parks his car night and day in the road and does not go out, he could park it in the nearby parking area. If you put in a disabled bay, you should give me one. The Council should look at other residents who need one.
<i>Colwell Road (Berinsfield) – Proposed removal of DPPP</i>	
(5) Local Resident, (Berinsfield)	Object (Colwell Road) – The space indicated on the map is the WRONG space. The one that is no longer used is further down the road in the parking bays. The one indicated belongs to my neighbour and is in constant use.
(6) Local Resident, (Berinsfield)	Object (Colwell Road) – If this disabled parking spot is removed, this would cause extreme distress to the user of the bay. I believe that the disabled bay should remain. I believe this parking spot has been confused with a disabled spot further down the road in the bank of parking spots just off the Green.
(7) Local Resident, (Berinsfield)	Object (Colwell Road) – The disabled parking spot is used constantly and if removed would cause extreme stress to the Blue Badge holder.
<i>Fane Drive (Berinsfield) - Proposed removal of DPPP</i>	
(8) Local Resident, (Berinsfield)	Object (Fane Drive) - There are not enough of these spaces in the local vicinity as it is. There is that one plus one in Glyme Drive for Blue Badge holders who need to park. These spaces are very often used by non blue badge holders as parking in general is at a premium.

	In my opinion there needs to be more parking on the Village in general with some more Disabled spaces added, but that's another matter.
<i>Dibleys (Blewbury) - Proposed removal of DPPP</i>	
(9) Local onsite management company (Blewbury)	Object (Dibleys) – There has been a considerable amount of comments raised by the residents of Dibleys concerning the removal of the disabled persons parking place. The disabled bay is used by multiple residents of the estate and is a vital need. The company request that a dropped kerb is installed to allow access for wheelchair users and that the faded disabled bay lining is refreshed.
<i>Summerside Road (Buckland) - Proposed removal of DPPP</i>	
(10) Local School (Buckland)	<p>Concerns (Summerside Road) - As we are a school, and the space is located outside our front gate, we are concerned about the proposed removal for a number of reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would be detrimental to visitors visiting our site and not in line with our equality objectives and access arrangements. • Whilst we do not currently have any blue badge holders that are employees, we would not want a prospective family with a disabled family member to discount our school due to the lack of disabled parking space. We have a duty of care to ensure that families consider the school is right for their child and this includes those with disabilities. • There have been incidents where the space has been used - In the past, we have had parents with life limiting illnesses (e.g. cancer) who have required the use of the bay and held a blue badge.
<i>Bell Street (Henley on Thames) - Proposed new DPPP</i>	

<p>(11) Local Resident (Henley on Thames)</p>	<p>Object (Bell Street) - I wish to object in the strongest terms to the proposal. Historically, the small parking strip involved was outrageously carved down a few years ago from 10 spaces to 6 following a flawed public inquiry. Since then, the bases on which that decision was made have proven to be false in every way (because interested parties put up false misrepresentations). This 40% reduction in parking spaces has made an already bad situation much worse. With more homes built locally, and buildings converted into flats in this area, the parking needs has increased significantly and is now dire. There are many more suitable sites in the town for disabled bays. This proposal is just unsuitable.</p>
<p>(12) Local Resident (Henley on Thames)</p>	<p>Object (Bell Street) - As this terrace is set back from the main road with it's own individual slip road; vehicles of all shapes and sizes can load / unload directly outside each door, without having to park in a specific space. This is also true for anyone whom is being picked up in either a taxi, or a private car. In the case of the individual address which has applied for the space, it is my understanding that the actual 'disabled badge holder' does not drive, and therefore is ferried by her carer. There is no reason therefore in my understanding, for the 'carer' not to be able to park literally anywhere in the local vicinity (as they already have a resident's parking permit in addition to a disabled permit) and park the car outside the address momentarily whilst the disabled individual enters the vehicle without having to walk further than a few metres. In addition I often see the applicant and her carer walking in to the centre of town without any help, such as a wheel-chair or walking frame. I have never <u>not</u> been able to park within the local vicinity (within 50 metres) in a Resident's bay. Nor to my understanding has the applicant, whom has parked right outside her actual address (the car hardly ever moves), as long as I have lived here. Due to the size of proposed bay, it will reduce the amount of residential car spaces on the terrace from five to four, so will in effect, reduce parking availability. Therefore I see no reason for a disabled bay to be allocated.</p>
<p>(13) Local Resident (Henley on Thames)</p>	<p>Object (Bell Street) – I strongly object to this proposal. There is not an increased local demand for parking – I undertook a parking survey over several months and observed that there is always parking availability within 50 meters of the property in question. Since SODC issued parking permits, parking for residents has never been an issue. Since I have lived here I have always been able to park my vehicle within 50 metres of my property. The Blue Badge holder rarely uses the vehicle and is able to walk into town un-aided.</p>
<p>(14) Local Resident (Henley on Thames)</p>	<p>Object (Bell Street) – We wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposal. We have observed that the person for which this benefit is targeted is able to walk into town without any aids. Since we have lived here we have not experienced difficulty in parking. The applicants vehicle is very rarely used. Due to the length of the proposed disabled bay it would have the effect of reducing the amount of residents parking.</p>

Gainborough Hill (Henley on Thames) - Proposed new DPPP

(15) Local Resident
(Henley on Thames)

Object (Gainsborough Hill) - I can not believe they have applied again after they abused it the first time when they had one. The daughter thinks she has the right to park her car in it and use it as her personal parking spot and from that when they have visitors they also used it. At the moment they have 3/4 cars and 2 motorcycles in that household and constantly playing jenga with the parking. This family make everyone's life hell with the constant moving of cars they even have a camera over looking the road so if anyone moves they run out and move their cars up or down or eventually take so much room up that no one can park. There is insufficient parking on the hill as it is with the amount of house hold cars we have one and struggle all the time. One resident even puts out cones so she can park that it without the Henley workers who park up here on a daily basis. So I strongly object to a disabled bay in Gainsborough Hill.

Also the person who it is for can walk into town which is approximately 3 quarters of a mile no problem and back again. So as a resident you ask your self why do they need it. When personally we could all apply for one.

(16) Local Resident
(Henley on Thames)

Object (Gainsborough Hill) - I received a letter today about a disabled parking bay outside my house we are a family with 1 car and the parking down the hill is awful there is insufficient parking as it is. The family who has applied had one before and this was totally abused by other family members also family members shouting at others using it. They seemed to use it as a personal parking spot. They have 3 cars and play jenga with parking constantly moving up and down the hill, they have a camera over looking the hill and run in and out when other people move. I am in l'll health in constant pain and some days I struggle to walk. I would love to park outside my front door but now and again I can, but the exercise does me good to move. The person who they say it is for is more than capable of walking into town I've seen in him on a regular basis walking down to get a Starbucks and back again no problem also he is left home alone for hours on end so if is capable of doing this he is able to walk to the car 10 yards at of hill not even this. I can not believe that after losing a bay once they have applied again just because they have changed their names again. The house hold should not be allowed as again it will be abused by the family.

(17) Local Resident
(Henley on Thames)

Object (Gainsborough Hill) - There is not sufficient parking as it is on the hill for most families as most have more than 1 car. There is disabled bays as marked in the layby not a 5 min walk also more just at the park around the same walk. As the person who it is so called for is able to walk in town and back. I strongly object to this place.

<p>(18) Local Resident (Henley on Thames)</p>	<p>Object (Gainsborough Hill) - I understand that a family, Gainsborough Road, Henley-on-Thames, have applied for a Disabled Parking Bay. The family in question had one previously. I would like to put my objections forward. This family have no limited walking restrictions. When observing them they have no abnormal gait, no co-ordination problems, and I have seen them, individually at times walking into town or back from town. Up a long, steep incline, of over a mile. They never seem out of breath either, when undertaking this walk. There are a lot of individuals who are entitled to Parking Bays and this family, individual, in my opinion does not meet the requirements to entitle them to one. This request is in my view for convenience only due to the horrendous parking along the whole road. There are Disabled Parking Bays yards from their home, admittedly not in front, but around the corner which they can access very easily. Could one of these be created, identified as for them. They have numerous vehicles, both cars and motorbikes, one Parking Bay is not going to help with their parking issue. One designated Parking Bay will not help them either as they need to maintain some form of exercise to promote their wellbeing. Neither will a Parking Bay for them help you in ensuring that people who truly need one have space when needed. It will also help with the neighbours who are quite agitated by them requesting one.</p>
<p>(19) Local Resident (Henley on Thames)</p>	<p>Object (Gainsborough Hill) - I have just seen that they want to paint a disability bay in Gainsborough Hill, the parking situation down the hill is near enough impossible to park let alone a disabled bay. The person who has applied can walk easily without any problems and the need for the bay is for the sister who parks her car out side her bedroom window which is opposite 30 Gainsborough hill. There are disabled bays not 10 metres near the hill near the play park just around the corner also there is a lay-by with a disabled bay so if they feel they need a disabled bay they can park in there as they are always empty. They had a disabled bay before and it was used by other family members as a personal parking bay without a blue badge and the family members used to shout at other neighbours who parked in the bay with a badge it caused a lot of friction between neighbours. So I strongly object to this bay in Gainsborough hill.</p>
<p>(20) Local Resident (Henley on Thames)</p>	<p>Object (Gainsborough Hill) - There isn't enough parking down the hill as it is and the house has 3 cars, there isn't the need for the person.</p>
<p>(21) Local Resident (Henley on Thames)</p>	<p>Object (Gainsborough Hill) - I am objecting because there isn't enough parking down the hill and there is disabled parking not 10 meters from the house.</p>

Harpsden Road (Henley on Thames) - Proposed new DPPP

(22) Local Resident
(Henley on Thames)

Support (Harpsden Road) - I have no objection to this proposed disabled parking place. I just don't understand why it is not nearer the steps up to the houses on that side of Harpsden Road.

Mount View Court (Henley on Thames) - Proposed new DPPP

(23) Local Resident
(Henley on Thames)

Support (Mount View Court) – Thank you this is wonderful news, the sooner the better.

Park Road (Henley on Thames) - Proposed removal of DPPP

(24) Local Resident
(Henley on Thames)

Support (Park Road) - The disabled parking spot is no longer required. The parking space is directly outside my house and since buying the property in Oct 2021 it has never been used.

York Road (Henley on Thames) - Proposed removal of DPPP

(25) Local Resident
(Henley on Thames)

Support (York Road) - I have no problem with the removal of the Disabled Parking Place in York Rd Henley. Whilst on the subject of parking in York Rd, which is tight, and used by others with residents parking permits could I draw your attention to, and ask you to look at, releasing parking spaces from 1 and 2 and the corner with Kings Rd.

If you could add three or four spaces aside in both York and Clarence Roads life would improve considerably and earn our gratitude.

Wilson Avenue (Henley on Thames) - Proposed removal of DPPP

<p>(26) Local Resident (Henley on Thames)</p>	<p>Concerns (Wilson Avenue) – I was concerned about the removal in case the pair were removed, but looking at the plan I need not of worried. I would be lost without the disabled bay I use, which I paid for some 20 years ago. I get annoyed when strangers use the bay as I paid for it. Would it be possible to paint 'Residents Only' in the bay or have a sign on the fence.</p>
<p><i>Poplar Grove (Kennington) - Proposed new DPPP</i></p>	
<p>(27) Local Resident (Kennington)</p>	<p>Object (Poplar Grove) - Regarding the proposed disabled person parking place in Poplar Grove, I have some objections, these are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed space is too large, being more than the width of my entire house, I question the need for a space this wide. 2. As the road is narrow the proposed space will make it consistently difficult and dangerous for me to Ingress and egress my drive. 3. There is consistently parking space within very short walking distance of the location of the proposed space, making me further question the need for a designated disabled person space. 4. The front gardens of numbers 102, 100, and 98, have plenty of room for off-street parking to be implemented, which would be a safer option for both the occupants and community, as it would reduce the number of street parked cars. 5. The space does not appear to be intended as temporary, if the parties proposing the space should move, I do not see the need for the proposed space to remain.
<p>(28) Local Resident (Kennington)</p>	<p>Support (Poplar Grove) – I support this proposal because we need a disabled parking place marked outside our house as i can't walk very far and have many health problems.</p>
<p><i>Parkside (Marcham) - Proposed new DPPP</i></p>	

<p>(29) Local Resident (Marcham)</p>	<p>Object (Parkside) - I would like to object to the proposal of a disabled parking space on Park side. Reasons for there is not enough parking spaces for people to park at the top of park side, some days we have to park on the grass resulting in receiving letter from yourselves tell use we will be fined if you continue to park on the grass. So if you put a disabled parking space at the top we have no option to park on the the grass so I propose disabled parking space on new road or church street.</p>
<p>(30) Local Resident (Marcham)</p>	<p>Object (Parkside) - I understand the need to have disabled parking, especially if you are in a town, or at a supermarket etc, but down a residential road, which has continued parking problems, I think it is taking yet another space from people. Personally, as a resident of Parkside, Marcham I won't need this proposed space, as I have paid, at extreme expense over the years to have a dropped curb, and have paid for block paving to get all cars in our household off of the road, and in front of my house. We do have issues with cars parked opposite our drive entrance, as parkside, as a road is narrow, so any cars parking down our road has difficulties finding a space. So if you did make it a disabled space, and it wasn't being used, then there would be a problem for people on this road to park. I think finding a way of finding more parking for cars would be better. Disabled parking, it kinda doesn't fit, because the proposed space for the disabled spot is no where near any of the houses. So, as a resident, I object to the proposal.</p>
<p>(31) Local Resident (Marcham)</p>	<p>Object (Parkside) - I would like to object against this propped parking space as there is very limited parking on the road as it is. The applicant already uses a parking space right outside of his property for a disabled vehicle and i would suspect this proposed disabled parking space would be used for his family and friends who are not disabled but would use his blue badge. This proposal wouldn't be fair on the other residents of Parkside that only have one vehicle.</p>
<p>(32) Local Resident (Marcham)</p>	<p>Object (Parkside) - We are strongly opposed to the provision of a disabled parking place for the following reasons: 1. The majority of houses on Parkside have drives. The location of the proposed disabled parking space would be further from house driveways and therefore makes little sense. 2. Access to the flats from the proposed disabled parking space is via a long walk down an uneven track - not something that would be easy for a person with a 'permanent or substantial disability such that walking is not possible</p>

	<p>or presents difficulty over longer distances.' Surely a disabled parking space for the flats would need to be adjacent to or nearer to the flats thus avoiding poor walking conditions.</p> <p>3. The proposed parking space is close to the access road to the flats. Cars parked here regularly receive obstruction letters from the County Council refuse collectors who are unable to manoeuvre their vehicles around the parked cars. In our opinion a disabled parking space situated in this location will create a fixed obstruction.</p>
(33) Local Resident (Marcham)	<p>Concerns (Parkside) - In principle I am OK with the application however there are a couple of concerns and suggestions I have that could be addressed should this be granted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The marking of the bay would need to be at least 1 meter from the highest point of the dropped kerb to allow delivery vehicles, bin lorries and emergency vehicles turning access to 29 to 33 Parkside. 2. One of the kerb stones in the location of the bay will need to be repaired as it is on its side and pushing vehicles away from the kerb edge. 3. While the markings are being painted for the disabled bay additional KEEP CLEAR across the entrance to access for 29 to 33 to stop blocking of vehicle access.
(34) Local Resident (Marcham)	<p>Concerns (Parkside) - I would like to know if this is for a member of one of the families who lives in close proximity to the space and therefore already parks in the area? The reason I ask is that currently the parking situation in Parkside is dire. I'm sure you are aware of this. There are multiple households with a need to park on the road due to lack of driveway or allocated parking and this seems to be increasing all the time. Whilst there is always space on the adjoining street (New Road) this is rarely used . Ever since we moved to Parkside the area of grass near our house has been used as a parking area almost always by residents of the Sovereign flats happy to trash a green space in preference to walking a few extra steps from New Road to their home . I have spoken to Sovereign and the council that owns the land but there has been no success in stopping it from happening. I am sure you will understand I don't want the parking situation in Parkside to worsen by having a space that can only be used by a disabled person . I am not aware of anyone with a disability in Parkside that lives in close proximity to me but I imagine this really is none of my business . Essentially what I am saying is that I believe the space is only reasonable if it is specifically being provided for someone who lives in close proximity to it and who is already using the area to park. In my opinion there is no scope to allow any additional cars to park in Parkside and I would find this very unfair as it forces more cars onto the green space which I'm sure you would agree is not reasonable and makes for a very depressing and shabby appearance for the area which no one wants.</p>

Church Lane (Shiplake) - Proposed new DPPP (2 x bays)

(35) Local Resident
(Shiplake)

Support (Church Lane) - I am only commenting on the Shiplake site as this directly affects the church. Having these spaces reserved will really help people access the church as we have many people leaving their vehicles in Church Lane who live in the house boats on the Thames, this means that parking for access to the church is incredibly difficulty.

Church View (Stoke Row) - Proposed removal of DPPP

(36) Local Resident
(Stoke Row)

Object (Church View) – Disabled bay is still in use.

Church Road (Thame) - Proposed new DPPP

(37) Local Resident
(Thame)

Support (Church Road) - Happy for my neighbours who need the disabled space to have it allocated to them.

Park Street (Thame) - Proposed new DPPP

(38) Local Dental Practice
(Thame)

Object (Park Street) - We currently use our front forecourt for parking of up to 2 vehicles, but only currently have a half width dropped kerb. We are just in the process of applying to extend the dropped kerb width to be full width of the property (similar to all adjacent properties on the road) to aid access and parking for our patients. There is also currently a parking control signpost situated on the left edge of our property which we will need to be moved and the existing parking space shortened or removed. Hence this proposed plan for a disabled parking space may not be feasible? As a healthcare business who regular sees patients with limited mobility we desperately require both of our parking spaces to be in daily use and improving access to the 2nd space is essential. Therefore we object strenuously

	to the proposed plan and would be grateful if you could please convey our concerns and plans for modifying access to our practice forecourt to the Cabinet Member for Environment's Decisions meeting in June 2022.
(39) Local Resident (Thame)	Object (Park Street) - Park Street in Thame is drastically lacking in parking places for residents. The proposed disabled space would remove a space that is almost continuously utilised throughout the day, either by residents or by customers to the dental practice. This space is also regularly used by 2 small cars over night. A disabled space at this location would not be fully utilised and would put additional pressure on the few spaces available to residents.
(40) Local Resident (Thame)	Object (Park Street) - Park Street offers around 15 spaces to its residents, the very large majority live in terraced houses with no driveways. There are by far not enough spaces for the Park Street residents (many of whom have young families), businesses (barbers x 2, dentist) not to mention the primary school. Parking is impossible, recently this has been made even more difficult with the restrictions have been put in place for the town centre and visitors to the town choosing to spill onto Park Street. Residents are not entitled to parking permits so the situation will only worsen. There is already an disabled parking space on Park Street, offering parking for those who are disabled, the sheer size of the street doesn't warrant a second space, it would be far better placed in the town centre.
(41) Local Resident (Thame)	Support (Park Street) - Happy for my neighbours who need the disabled space to have it allocated to them.
(42) Local Resident (Thame)	Support (Park Street) - If this application is to provide for a specific resident who needs this facility, then we have no objection at all, and would indeed support it. If it is being proposed in order to fulfil a more general quota of disabled parking provision in Thame, then we would question its usefulness in this location.
<i>Stirlings Close (Wantage) - Proposed new DPPP</i>	
(43) Local Resident (Wantage)	Concerns (Stirlings Close) - It would be beneficial to all the residents of Stirling Close to have residents parking only. As nearly all the people living here are elderly and a large number have mobility issues. Parking has always been difficult in the close. So many people park here all day to go to work in Wantage. Some people who live two streets away park here for several days. We will have three disabled parking spaces in this small close. So parking will be an

	<p>issue for the rest of the residents. Also the old Wellbeing Center at the bottom of the close is being refurbished and going to be for small business startup space. This will be very bad for the parking situation in our small close. Some of the residents don't want to go out in their car as they worry there won't be any where to park when they return.</p>
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