

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

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT

23 JANUARY 2025

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

Report by Director of Environment and Highways

RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet Member is **RECOMMENDED** to:

Approve the following:

- a) The proposed provision of Disabled Persons Parking Places (DPPP) at: Caldecott Close, Abingdon; Maberley Close, Abingdon; Swinburne Road, Abingdon; Fane Drive, Berinsfield; Station Road, Chinnor; Hagbourne Road, Didcot; Childery Way, East Challow; Boucher Close, Grove; Poplar Grove, Kennington; Lea Road, Sonning Common; Ireton Court, Thame; Naldertown, Wantage.
- b) The proposed removal of a DPPP at: No. 12 Orchard Way, Wantage.
- c) Defer approval of the DPPP at the following location pending further investigations: No. 13 Orchard Way, Wantage.
- d) Defer approval of the removal of a DPPP at the following location: Gainsborough Crescent, Henley-on-Thames.

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. **Annexes 1 to 14** 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.

Legal Implications

6. The consultation that has been undertaken complies with the consultation requirements for the various elements as required by law including under the Highways Act 1980, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and any other related regulations.
7. The scheme has been promoted by Oxfordshire County Council as the Highway Authority under the Highways Act 1980.

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Equality and Inclusion Implications

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

Sustainability Implications

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

Formal Consultation

10. Formal consultation was carried out between 20 November and 20 December 2024. A notice was published in the Oxfordshire Herald newspaper, and an email sent to statutory consultees & key-stakeholders, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Bus operators, countywide transport, access & disabled peoples user groups, the Vale of the White Horse, and South Oxfordshire District

Councils, the local District Cllrs, and the relevant local County Councillor representing the divisions affected.

11. Letters were also sent to approx. 305 properties in the immediate vicinity, and public notices were also placed on site adjacent to the proposals.
12. Forty-two 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 | Caldecott Close | 2 | 1 | |
| | Maberley Close | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| | Swinburne Road | | | 1 |
| Berinsfield | Fane Drive | | | 1 |
| Chinnor | Station Road | 1 | | 1 |
| Didcot | Hagbourne Road | | 1 | 1 |
| East Challow | Childrey Way | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Grove | Boucher Close | | 3 | |
| Henley-on-Thames | Gainsborough Crescent (Removal) | | 1 | 1 |
| Kennington | Poplar Grove | 1 | | |
| Sonning Common | Lea Road | | 1 | 1 |
| Thame | Ireton Court | | 2 | 3 |
| Wantage | Naldertown | | 1 | |
| | Orchard Way | | 2 | 3 |
| | Orchard Way (Removal) | 1 | | |

13. Thames Valley Police and Oxford Bus Company responded expressing no objection, Thame Town Council expressed no objection, East Challow Parish Council expressed no objection and Ashbury Parish Council objected to the removal of a disabled parking place in Pound Piece.
14. The responses are shown in **Annex 15**, and copies of the original responses are available for inspection by County Councillors. Any comments received that contain personal abuse and/or other personal information will be redacted as appropriate

Officer Response to Objections/Concerns

15. Comments and recommendations are provided in response to the concerns and objections as given in Annex 15 in respect of each of the proposed sites in the following paragraphs.

16. The eligibility for a blue badge is determined by teams at the County Council following thorough assessments, which are separate to the process for Disabled persons parking places applications (DPPP's). If through the DPPP application process evidence is provided that a valid blue badge is being used by the applicant this is deemed acceptable for the purposes of promoting the introduction of a DPPP.
17. If a member of the public believes that a blue badge is being misused or someone is committing benefit fraud, they should report it to the department for work and pensions (DWP) or the county council's blue badge team.

Abingdon – Caldecott Close: proposed new DPPP

18. One objection and two expressions of support were received; an objection was received believing that the applicant for this disabled bay has a large driveway; the applicant has no off-street parking, it is recommended that this proposal is approved.

Abingdon – Maberley Close: proposed new DPPP

19. Two objections and five expressions of support were received; concerns were received believing that the applicant is not entitled to a disabled parking place, the applicant has previously been assessed and is a blue badge holder, therefore it is acceptable that it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place.

Abingdon – Swinburne Road: proposed new DPPP

20. One expression of concern was received; concerns over the applicant being entitled to a blue badge and not displaying it; the applicant has previously been assessed and approved for a blue badge, therefore it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place, blue badge holders will be required to display their blue badge when parked in the disabled bay.

Berinsfield – Fane Drive: proposed new DPPP

21. One expression of concern was received; concerns over the proposed location were received; the applicant has been informed of the proposed location which is suitable for their needs, therefore it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place.

Chinnor – Station Road: proposed new DPPPs

22. One expression of concern and one expression of support were received; parking is an issue on Station Road and to lose a parking space would have a big impact; given that the applicant already parks on Station Road a parking place would not be lost, therefore it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place.

Didcot – Hagbourne Road: proposed new DPPP

23. One objection and one expression of concern were received; Hagbourne Road is heavily congested during the day, parking for residents is very difficult; given that the applicant lives in the nearby vicinity and struggles to park near to their property, it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place.

East Challow – Childrey Way: proposed new DPPP

24. One objection, one expression of concern and three expressions of support were received; parking is an issue in Childrey Way; given that the applicant lives locally and does not have off road parking available to them, it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place.

Grove – Boucher Close: proposed new DPPP

25. Three objections were received; parking in the Close is extremely limited. There is an existing disabled place that is under used; proposals to remove the existing disabled bay will be considered in due course and given that the applicant already parks in the Close it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place.

Henley-on-Thames – Gainsborough Crescent: proposed removal of an informal DPPP

26. One objection and one expression of concern were received; the disabled parking place is still required by blue badge holders living in the vicinity; it is recommended to not approve the removal of the disabled parking place.

Kennington – Poplar Grove: proposed new DPPP

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

Sonning Common – Lea Road: proposed new DPPP

28. One objection and one expression of concern were received; parking in Lea Road is very chaotic, allocating a disabled parking place would make the situation worse; given that the applicant already parks in Lea Road this would not be a loss of a parking place, it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place.

Thame – Ireton Court: proposed new DPPP

29. Two objections and three expressions of concern were received; parking is very difficult in the Court, the positioning of the disabled bay needs to be at an angle and not in line with the kerb, as this will reduce parking even further; it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place, but consideration needs to be taken into account on how all cars are currently parking and position the disabled parking place on the same diagonal as other parked cars.

Wantage – Naldertown: proposed new DPPP

30. One objection was received; it is difficult to access our property due to the road width and parked cars; given that the applicant already parks at this location, it is recommended to approve the disabled parking place.

Wantage – Orchard Way: proposed new DPPP

31. Two objections and three expressions of concern were received; the applicant has requested that we look at providing a different location than the one that has been proposed due to accessibility issues that have been raised; it is recommended to not approve the disabled parking place at this location, but to look at an alternative location in due course.

Wantage – Orchard Way: proposed removal of DPPP

32. One expression of support was received; it is recommended to remove the disabled parking place.

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Director of Environment and Highways


Annexes: Annexes 1-14: Consultation plans
 Annex 15: Consultation responses

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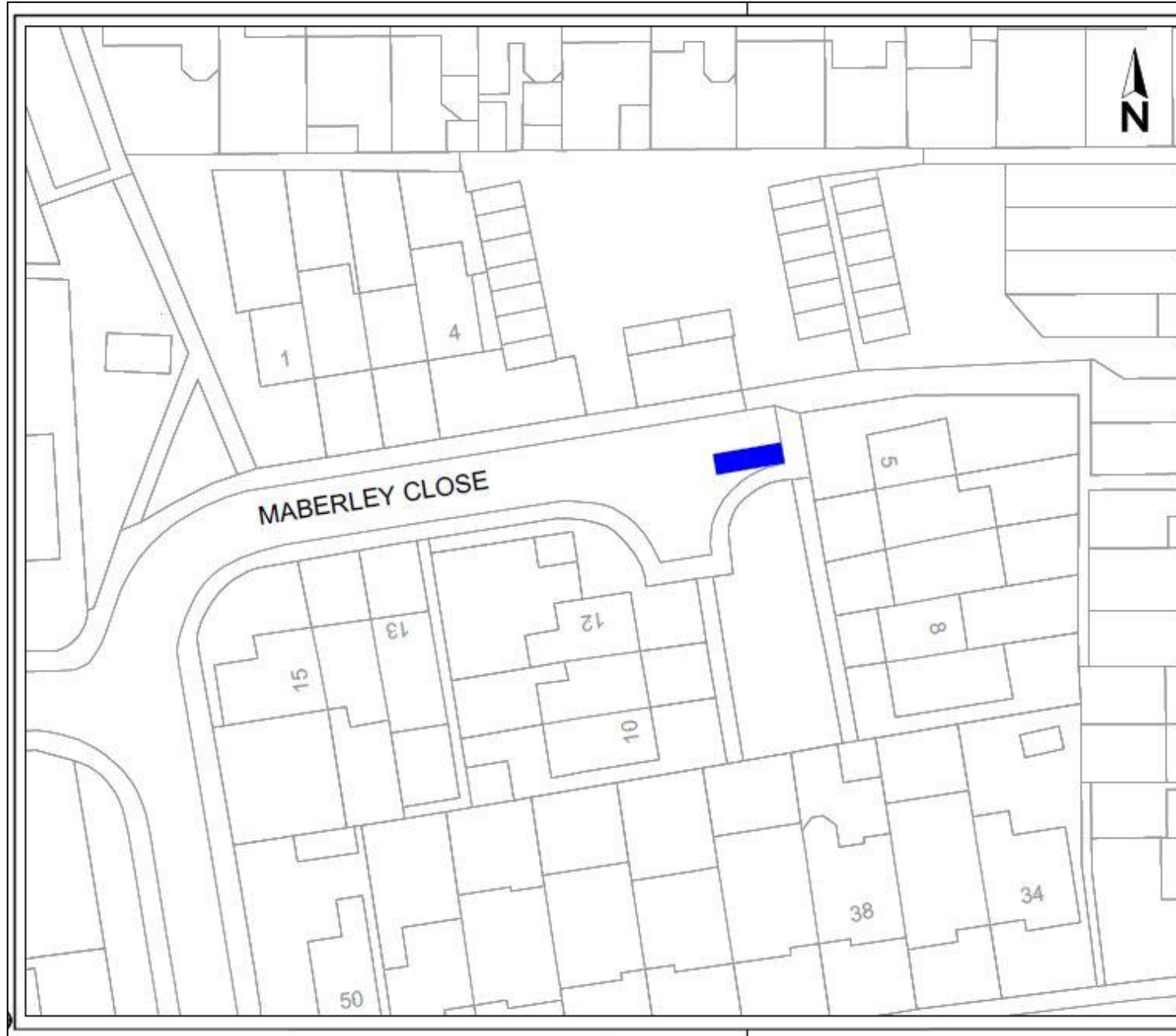
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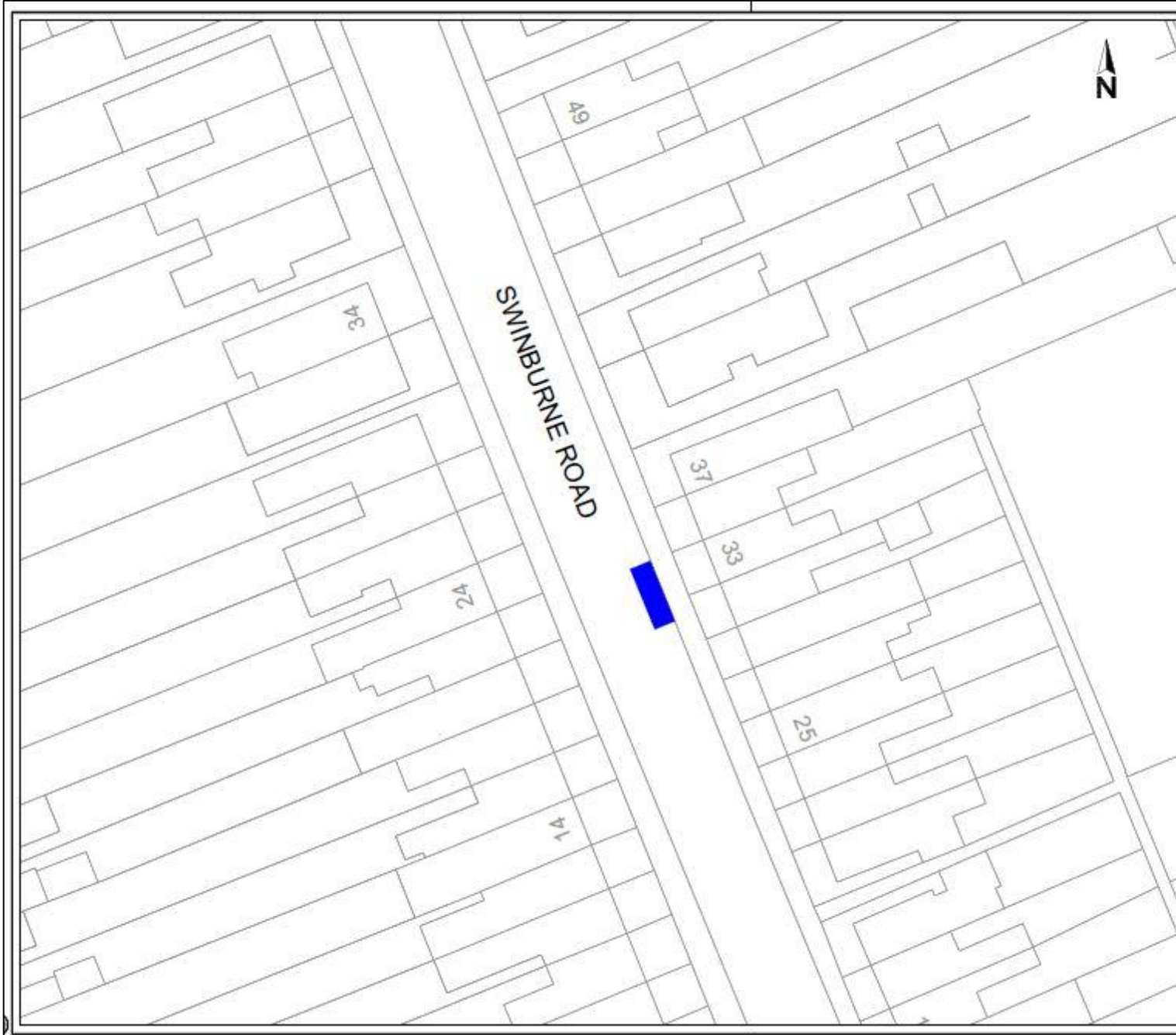
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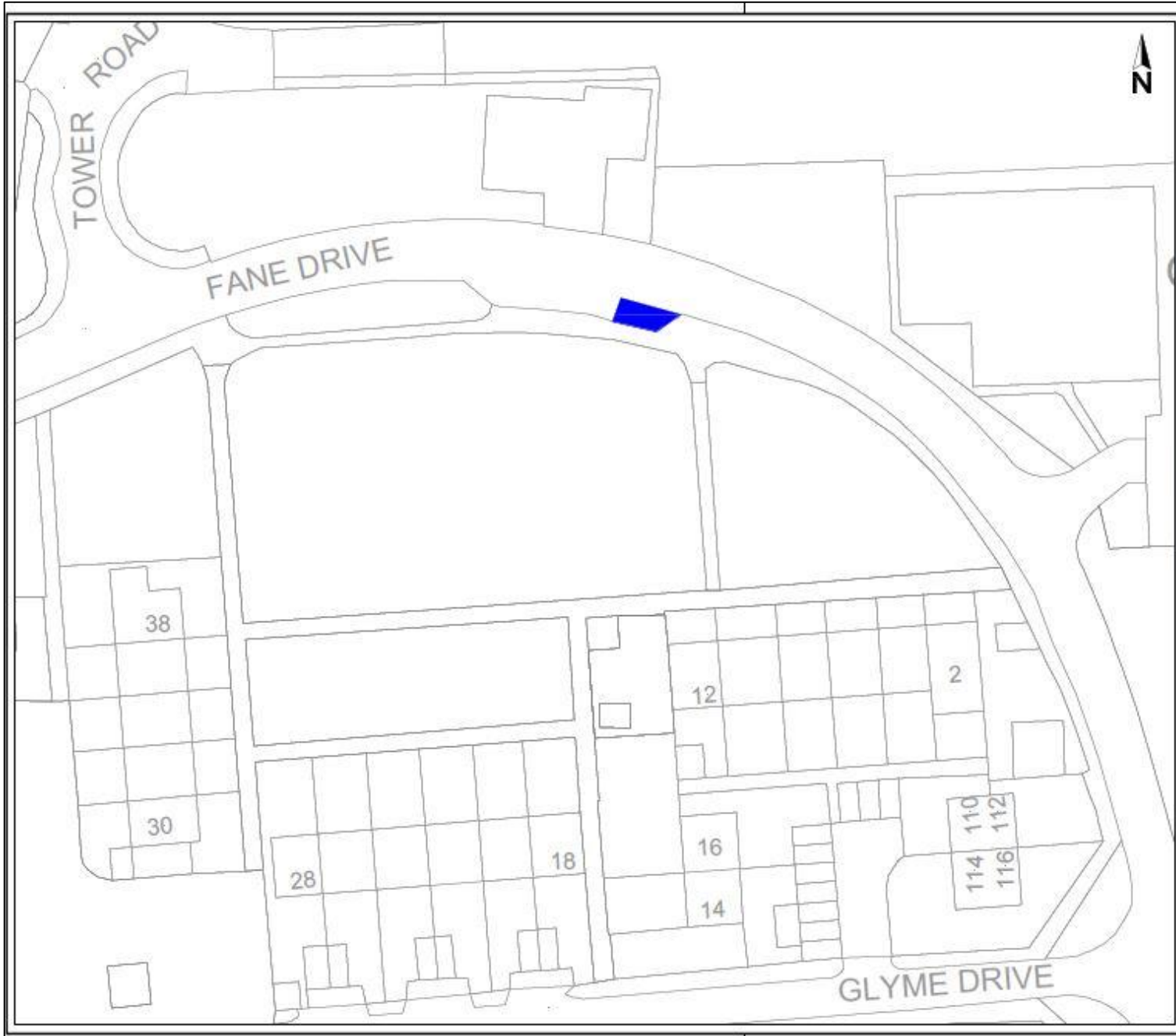
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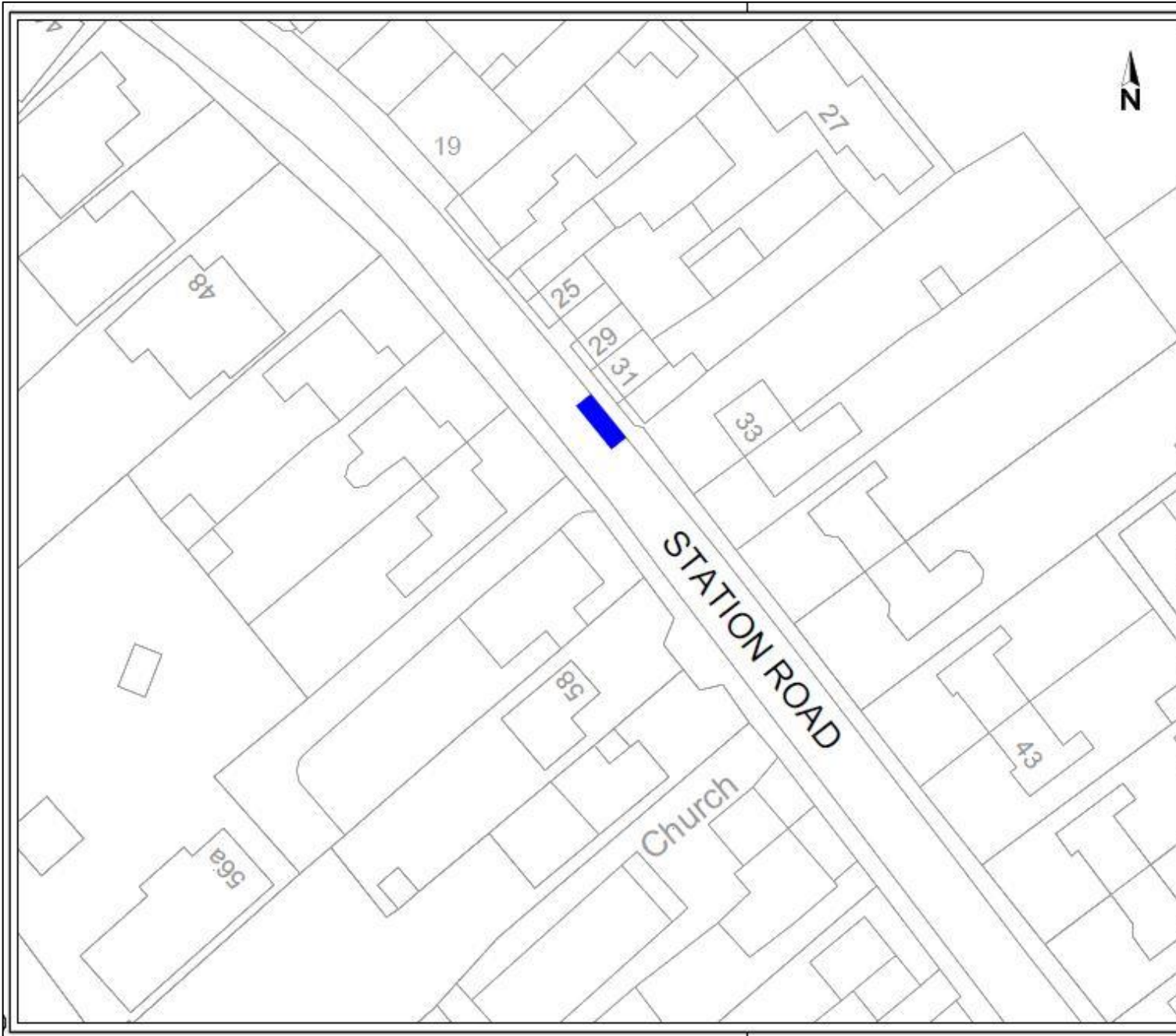
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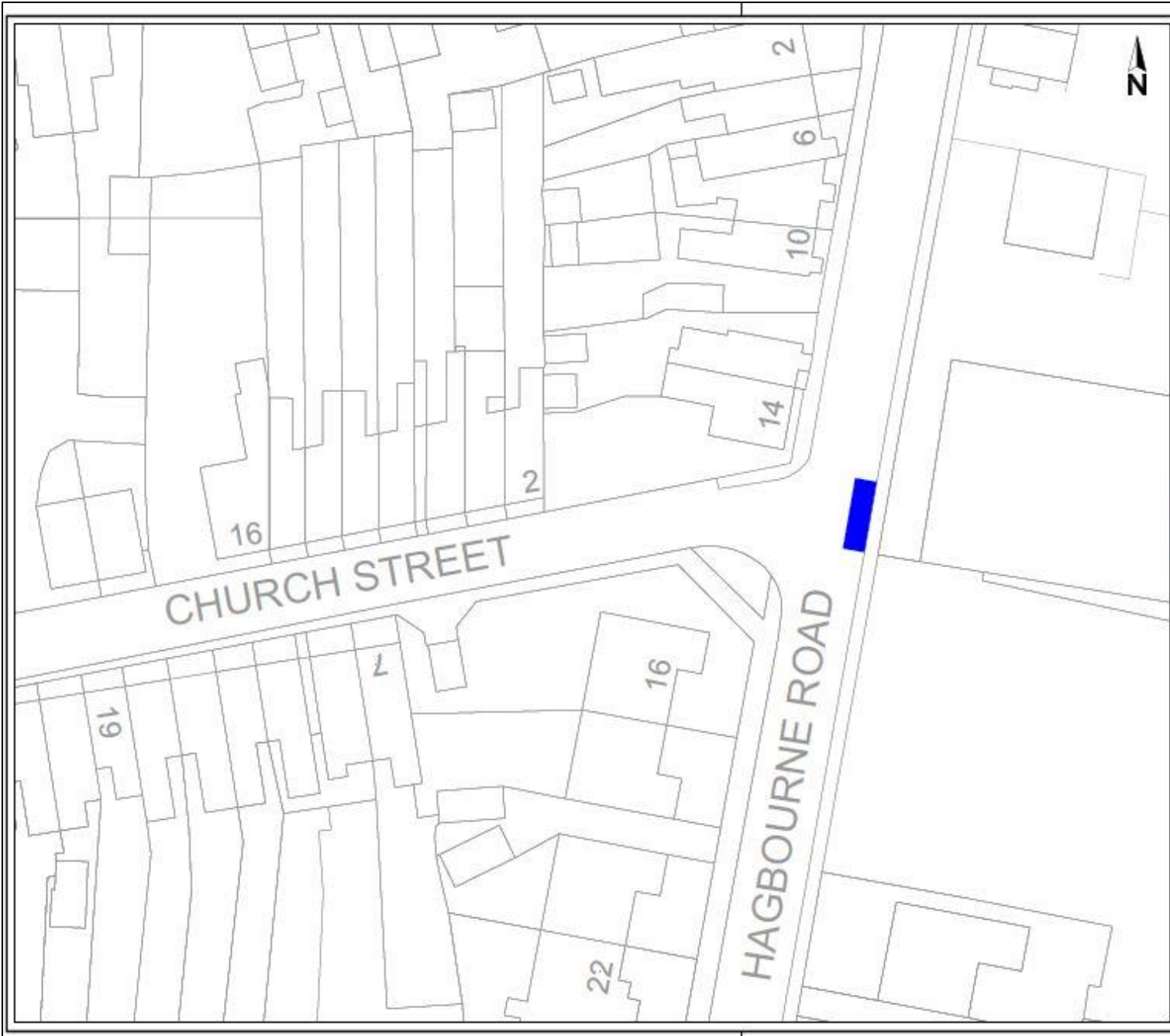
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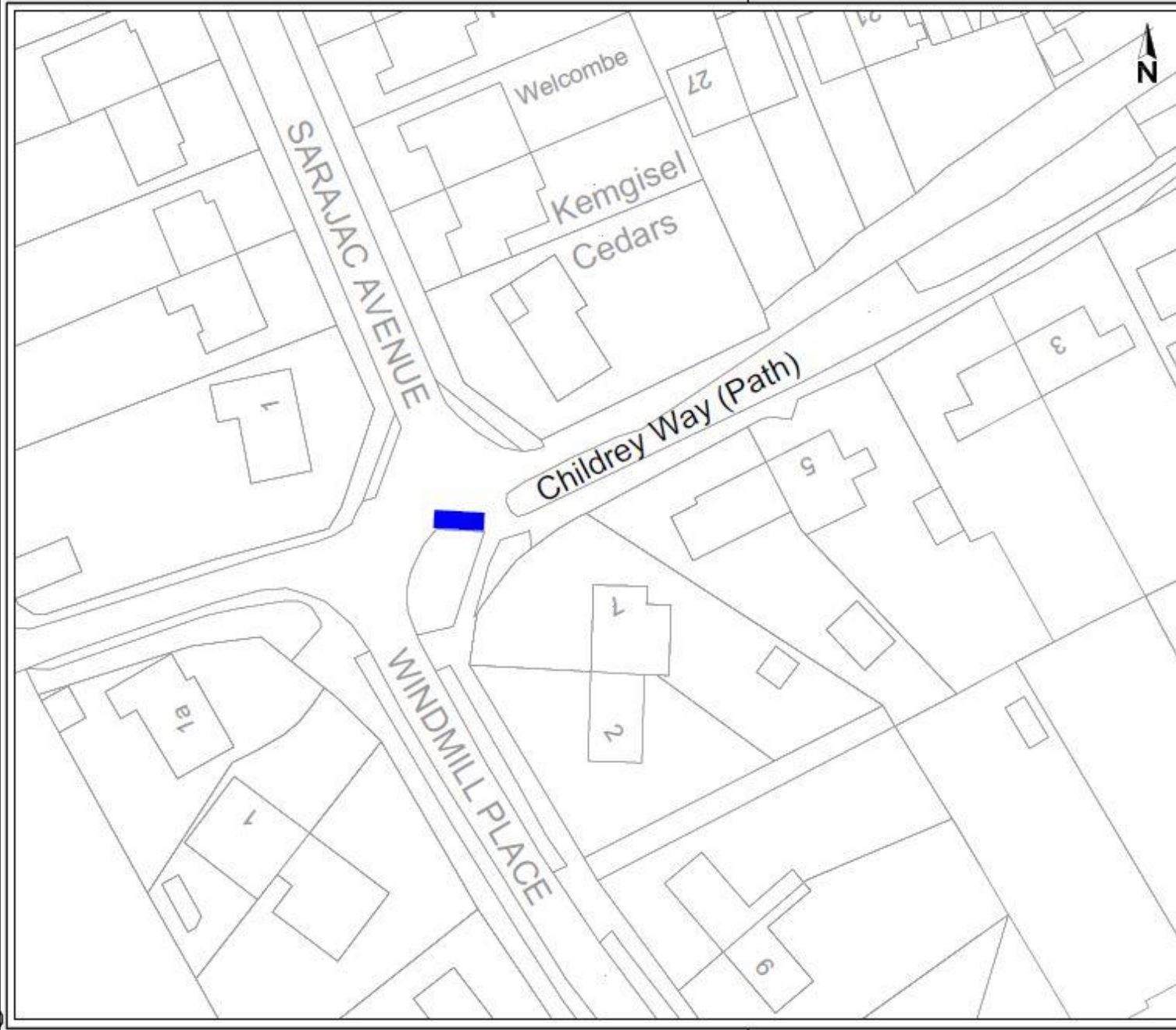
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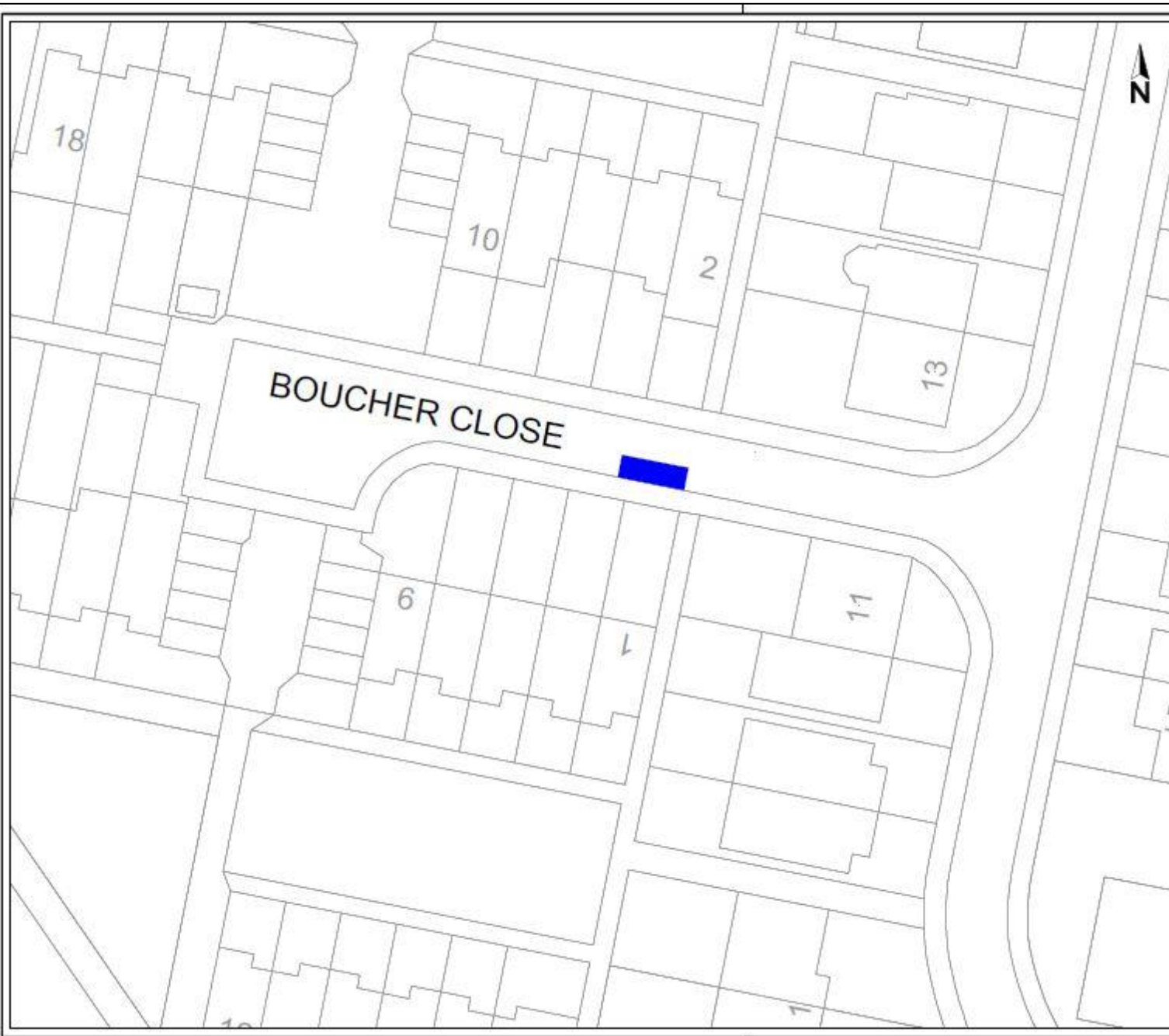
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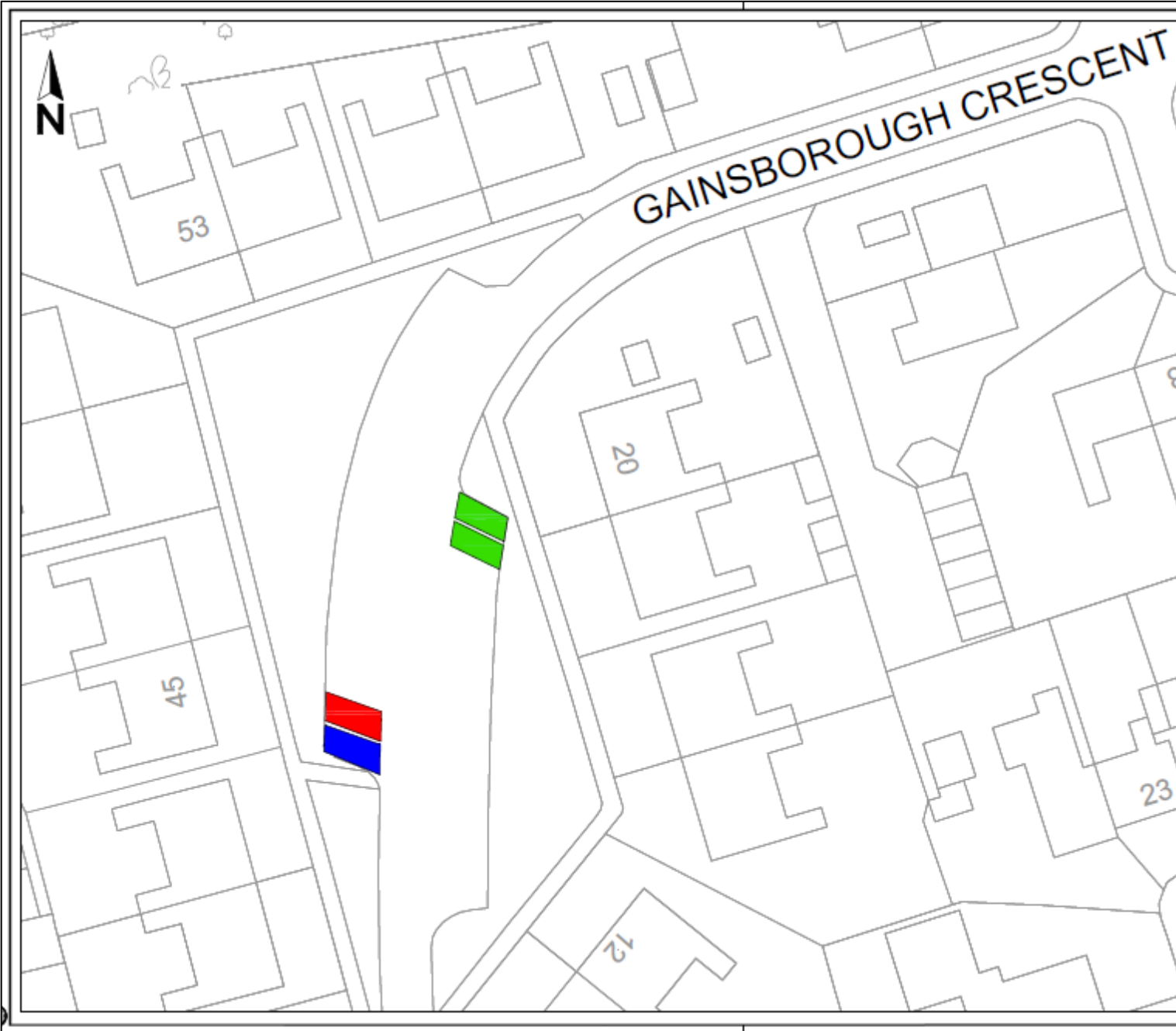
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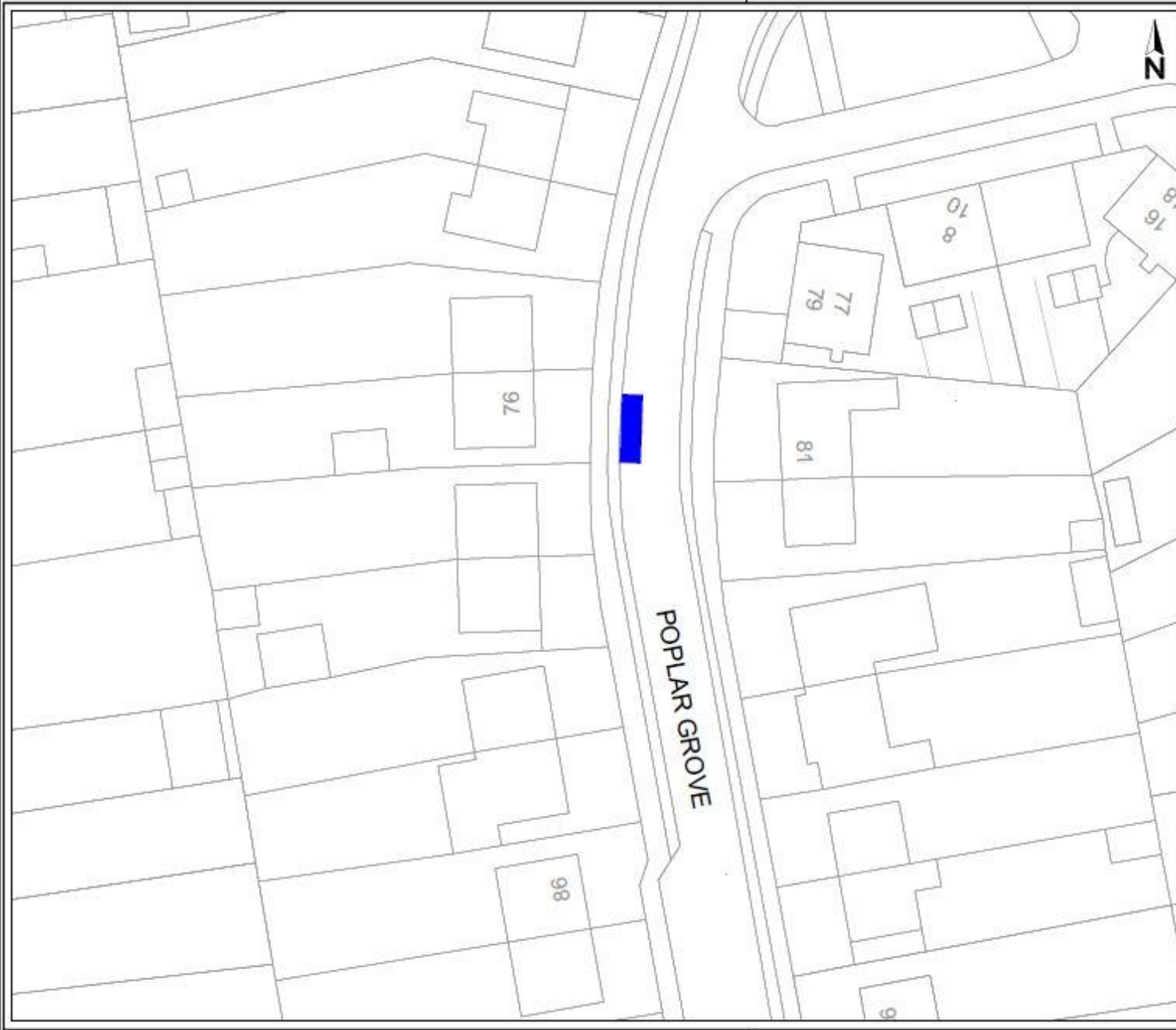
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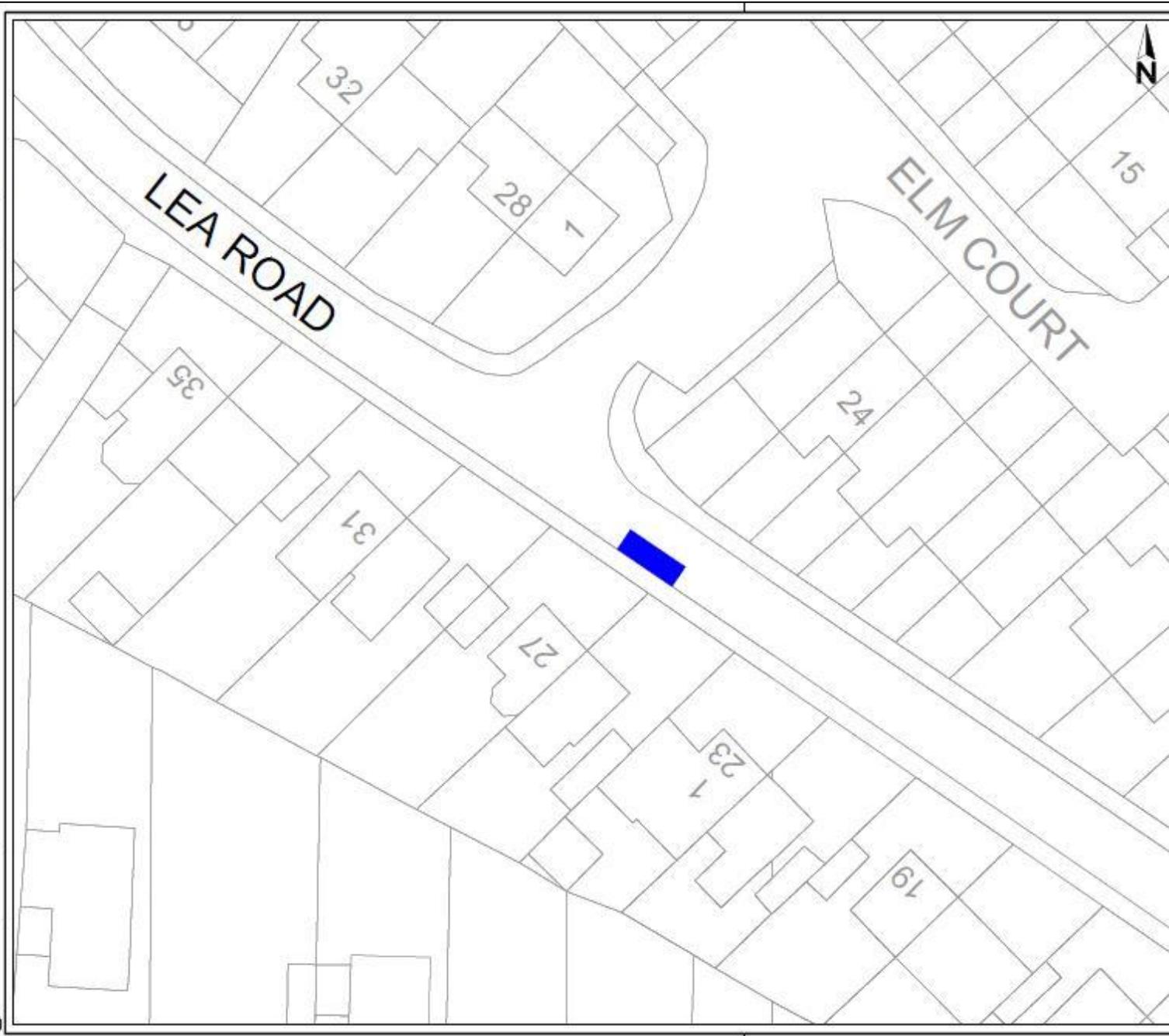
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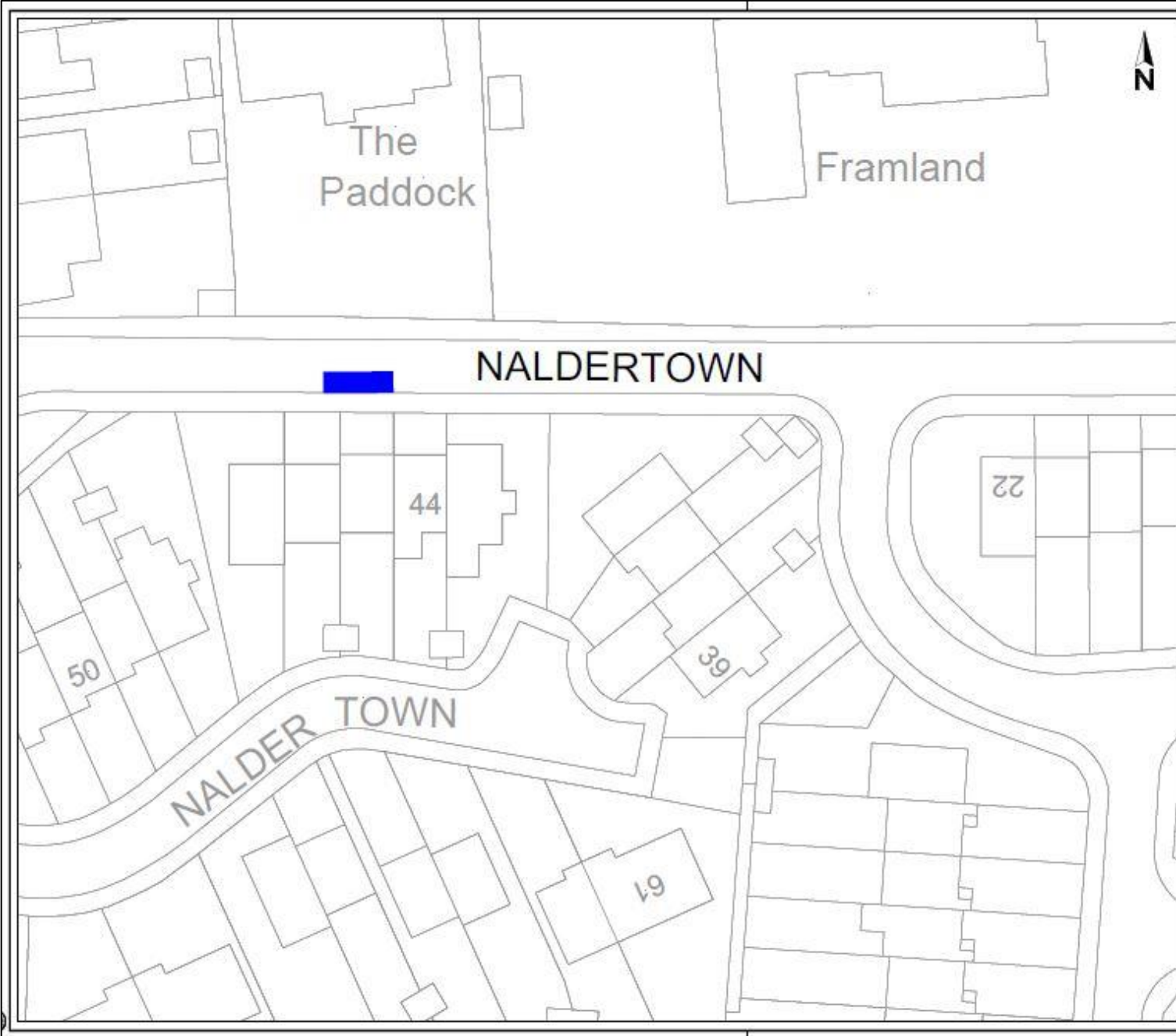
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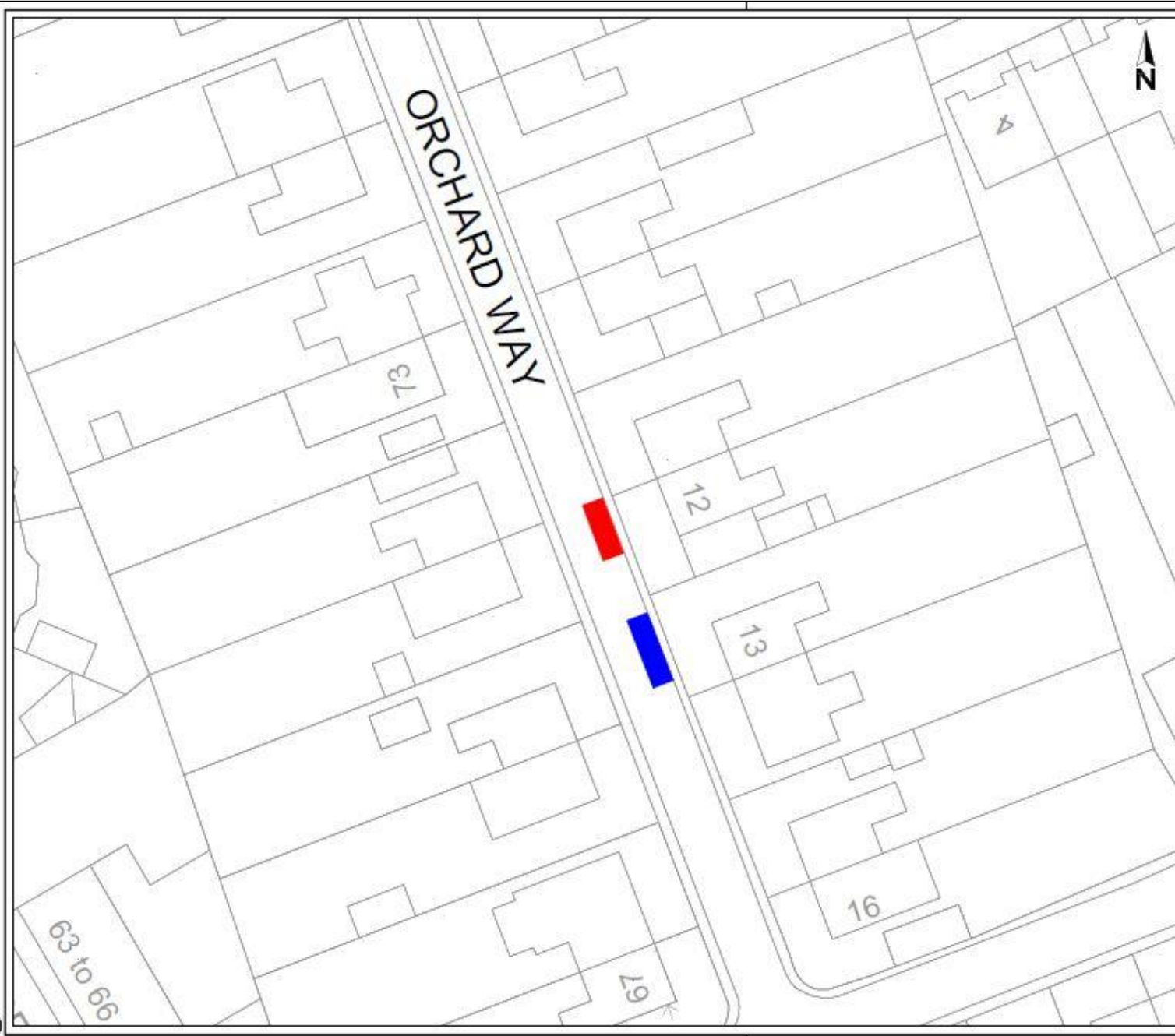
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| RESPONDENT | SUMMARISED COMMENTS |
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| (1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police) | No objection |
| (2) Ashbury Parish Council | Objection (Pound Piece - removal) – there is continuing demand from some residents of Pound Piece for the disabled parking place to remain; The residents that have requested that the disabled parking place remains have been invited to apply for disabled parking and if they meet the criteria, it will be recommended to retain the disabled parking place. |
| <i>Caldecott Close (Abingdon) - Proposed new DPPP</i> | |
| (1) Local Resident, (Abingdon) | <p>Concerns (Caldecott Close) - We wish to strongly object to the proposed disabled parking space planned to be sited near 26 Caldecott Close. We are mainly objecting because the rest of the residents in the Close use unallocated kerbside parking, but the owners of number 26 have paved their front garden, have paid for a dropped kerb to be installed and have on drive access to their front door for the three vehicles that they own and use.</p> <p>Despite having guaranteed access to parking, the owners of number 26 like to keep their work van in a space across the road from their house. When one of them goes out in the work van, the other person takes a vehicle off of their drive and puts it in the space, so that they effectively prevent anyone else from parking there. They can be witnessed doing this manoeuvre most days.</p> |
| (2) Local Resident, (Abingdon) | Support (Caldecott Close) - I think this is a must for number 15 to have this space as disabled parking and don't see any reason for this not to take place. |
| (3) Local Resident, (Abingdon) | <p>Support (Caldecott Close) - If the space is related to number 26 Caldecott Close then they already have a drop kerb and a driveway, plus 4 vehicles that are rarely parked on their driveway but opposite in parking spaces that could be used by other residents. Therefore, I would ask why they would also need a designated parking space.</p> <p>If the proposed parking space is for any other resident of Caldecott Close then I have no objections.</p> |

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| | <p>It would be really helpful if parking space lines could be painted along Caldecott Close to guide parking. Parking is becoming more challenging and often people park without care, causing a space that could fit two cars but have parked so that it only fits one.</p> <p>We also have many cars parked in Caldecott Close that use the school opposite, leaving even fewer spaces for residents.</p> |
| <p><i>Maberley Close (Abingdon) - Proposed new DPPP</i></p> | |
| <p>(4) Local Resident, (Abingdon)</p> | <p>Objection (Maberley Close) – Unfortunately, I object because there is not enough parking space in the Close and there is 25 cars in the Close and some cars have to park behind the back of the garages and the other space outside the front now if the space was given to this person it would cause mayhem and it would not be a good idea. It needs to be kept as it is, the person in mind wants the space all the time but any car park in that spot which is good but if you take that space away people will struggle trying to find a space. The person who is applying for this space can walk and he park is car round the back of the garage he is not disabled he make out that he is disabled so I do object very strongly for this space to be a pose so please think very carefully this person walk round tesco unaided and this person if he carnt find a space outside the houses he will park it behind the garages then he walk from the garages to his house which is 100 metres which is not far so once again I object to this proposal for this space to be given to this person.</p> |
| <p>(5) Local Resident, (Abingdon)</p> | <p>Objection (Maberley Close) - I am writing to object to the plan for a disabled parking place in Maberley Close, Abingdon.</p> <p>The person who applied for this is more than capable of walking the distance from garage patch to his house. He also goes shopping in tescos and carries shopping from his car which he has had to park in garage patch when no spaces out front walking unaided also carrying bags of shopping.</p> <p>We don't understand why he needs it when we have witnesses that majority of the time he walks unaided and his wife hardly ever with him.</p> <p>If this is granted I will take it further, I could understand it if he was in a wheelchair and on oxygen, also if he is that bad that requires a space then how can he walk from the disabled parking at Tesco into the store do some shopping and back to the car. This being a lot more then a few meters from the garages to the house.</p> |

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| <p>(6) Local Resident, (Abingdon)</p> | <p>Concerns (Maberley Close) - I understand the person applying for the space near his house has a blue parking badge. I am not sure if this entitles him to a private parking space on the public highway when he has a parking space on the deeds of his property in a private car park only a few yards from the proposed disabled space. Before granting permission to limit parking for existing neighbours by allocating a disabled space, it would be good to obtain medical approval confirming the person is unable to walk the extra yards from the existing car park. If medical confirmation is obtained stating he cannot walk the extra yards then I understand the need for a disabled parking space slightly closer to his house. Allocating space in the Cal de sac without medical confirmation would increase parking pressure on other neighbours.</p> |
| <p>(7) Local Resident, (Abingdon)</p> | <p>Support (Maberley Close) - Further to your letter of 20 November 2024 concerning the proposed Disabled parking place for use by <u>ALL</u> who live or visit Maberley Close, we write to confirm that we have <u>NO OBJECTION</u> to this request. The Close over the years has seen more and more Maberley Close residents cars parking on the pavements, grassed areas and double parking instead of using the garage area provided which has subsequently made those living and visiting with mobility issues much harder.</p> |
| <p>(8) Local Resident, (Abingdon)</p> | <p>Support (Maberley Close) - I've seen the state the parking can be round there now especially when it floods the garages and at night, ive seen the gentleman that applied for the space and he does need it there, I will be applying for a disabled badge so on the odd occasion I can park there for an hour if I need to anyway, get it in there as soon as possible please before it starts getting icy.</p> |
| <p>(9) Local Resident, (Abingdon)</p> | <p>Support (Maberley Close) - We have one resident with a blue badge and, soon, another who will be expecting regular visitors with a blue badge. The parking in the Close is such that there is not a lot of space when everyone is home for the night. Anyone able-bodied should be able to walk across the mild environmental impediments, which are logistical considerations for those with mobility concerns, such as a mild slope in the frost and wet leaves, etc. The proposed disabled space will make life easier for those who need it.</p> |
| <p>(10) Local Resident, (Abingdon)</p> | <p>Support (Maberley Close) - The gradient when walking up from the car parking area can cause problems for people with limited mobility. In cold weather this frequently ices up and has the potential to cause a significant issue. Due to non-residents using the carpark it can be difficult to find parking close to home - this can prove an additional challenge for a blue badge holder.</p> |
| <p>(11) Local Resident, (Abingdon)</p> | <p>Support (Maberley Close) - Lack of Disabled Parking Space, needs of local resident.</p> |

Swinburne Road (Abingdon) – Proposed new DPPP

(12) Local Resident,
(Abingdon)

Concerns (Swinburne Road) – I understand one of the criteria for being granted a disabled parking place is that the applicant must hold a 'blue badge'. The applicant does not display one in the vehicle while it is parked at the property. Indeed, they do seem to go about their business largely unaided and I would not say the applicant exhibits a *permanent or substantial disability, such that walking is not possible or presents a considerable difficulty over longer distances*. Granting a disabled parking place might 'open the floodgates' to applications from other residents not unduly disabled who would see the opportunity to create their own parking place, thereby putting further strain on parking in Swinburne Road.

There is huge pressure on parking in Swinburne Road as it is, mainly due to many residents having been allowed to 'drop' the kerb in front of their property, remove their front wall, and so enable them to park their vehicle on the front garden, with the road space exclusively 'reserved' for access. In reality, very few residents park their vehicle on their property because it would overhang the pavement and they now have their very own 'protected' space on the road. There have been altercations when other residents have parked in such spaces knowing they are not used for access and should free for anyone to use. 27 residents (or more than 25% of all properties) on Swinburne Road have created their own parking place in this way. This is an issue that needs to be more tightly controlled and I should be grateful if you could refer this matter to the relevant department.

Fane Road (Berinsfield) – Proposed new DPPP

(13) Local Resident,
(Berinsfield)

Concerns (Fane Drive) - I'm not against a new parking space for the disabled but my concern is that it's not going to be any closer to their home? That part of the road is the furthest away from the nearest houses. Wouldn't it have been better to allocate a space on Fane Drive near to the junction with Glyme Drive? That way it will be closer to the houses who, I presume, you're trying to help?

Station Road (Chinnor) - Proposed new DPPP

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| <p>(14) Local Resident, (Chinnor)</p> | <p>Object (Station Road) - The parking area is a pinch point. The parking serves mainly 5 houses and a shop. 10 cars park regularly for at best 7 spaces to lose a space would have a big impact for the other residents. There is almost always a space outside the house, there are two parking spaces directly outside the house. We all get on as residents and there are no issues and I don't understand why this is necessary. If needed we park down the road in the surgery carpark as do other neighbours and we manage things well between us, to dedicate one space will have a big impact on an already poor parking situation.</p> |
| <p>(15) Local Resident, (Chinnor)</p> | <p>Support (Station Road) - Is the disabled space for a resident who lives on Station Road? If it isn't then I find it strange that a disabled parking space is needed on a residential road and would ask if it could be placed somewhere else on Station Road? E.G outside the Methodist Church.</p> <p>We all have to park on the main road due to limited personal parking availability. It already becomes very busy outside my house with parking and I struggle already to park outside or near my house.</p> <p>So, as you can likely tell if the disabled parking bay is for a resident of Station Road, then I am more than happy for them to have it as I am struggling myself when I have to park away from my property, let alone having limited mobility. However, if it is for the community as a whole I think that the GP car park would be appropriate enough to park in, or for a disabled bay to be placed further along Station Road near the church where all the houses there have driveways.</p> |
| <p><i>Hagbourne Road (Didcot) - Proposed new DPPP</i></p> | |
| <p>(16) Local Resident, (Didcot)</p> | <p>Object (Hagbourne Road) - I wish to object to the proposal, there are many unanswered ambiguities. Will this parking space be restricted to a local resident of Hagbourne Road/Church Street (people already come from outside the immediate area to park, making the chronic problem worse)? Who will be considered to be "a local resident"? What will be the method of ensuring the user is residing in the "local area"? This disabled parking proposal could be better accommodated by removing the double yellow lines that exist between the drop curb of County Plumbing supplies and the lamppost (opp Church Street).</p> |
| <p>(17) Local Resident, (Didcot)</p> | <p>Concern (Hagbourne Road) – The application seems a little strange in the light of the new building that is almost complete at No.5 Hagbourne Road Didcot. Does this have any connection with this building as they have their own car park spaces for visitors?</p> |

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| | <p>Hagbourne Road is heavily congested best part of the working day, a lot of the congestion and parking problems stem from Busby House Dental practice customers. Why was the proposed Disabled Parking place not located near to the Dentist's building, this would help it's Disabled customers having only a short walk? The only shop in the proposed Disabled Parking location is the Bathroom showroom, no other shops are in the area.</p> <p>Parking for the residents of Hagbourne Road without their own driveway is a matter of luck, people park along the road and just go off to work or shopping leaving no spaces for the residents.</p> <p>Please Note: When the planning application for No.5 Hagbourne road was submitted the Highway carried out a survey, using a computer simulation or standard document, it came to the conclusion that people would either catch a bus to Lower Broadway, walk or cycle. Their surveyor turned up at 20:30 to check on the parking status, hope someone comes during the daytime if it is deemed necessary on this occasion.</p> <p>We could do with some Resident Parking places along this road too. My apologies for the long mail, but congestion down Hagbourne Road is beyond a joke now.</p> <p>.</p> |
| <p><i>Childrey Way (East Challow) - Proposed new DPPP</i></p> | |
| <p>(18) Local Resident, (East Challow)</p> | <p>Object (Childrey Way) - I wish to strongly object to the creation of a disabled parking bay as shown on the plan.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The applicant for this space has off-road parking at no 7 and has had the car stood there continuously for several weeks. 2. Parking at Childrey Way is already very difficult where nine cars (plus regular visitors) contest four spaces in the evenings and overnight. Creating a 3m wide disabled bay will severely limit the available space for the other residents in Childrey Way, with no alternative parking spaces available nearby. 3. If a disabled space must be provided, then it would be better if this could be recessed into the adjacent verge towards the telegraph pole so as to limit the impact on other residents. |

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| | 4. Whilst I am sure this project has no funds for this, if the Council could consider the provision of general parking bays along the broad verges of Windmill Place this would go a long way to remove the pressure on parking and help traffic flow in the area as well. |
| (19) Local Resident, (East Challow) | Concerns (Childrey Way) - Oh, dear. Trying to administer East Challow is a losing game. Why a disabled space? For the people down Childrey Way? Perhaps, for the school ? No, there is a car park a lot closer, not used sufficiently. Where to put the rubbish bins?? A disabled space will not be respected- look at the Chelsea Tractors parked in disabled bays outside Sainsbury's in Wantage. See the cars here at 9am and 3pm, parked anywhere, laziness possibly, could be dangerous with some unsupervised infants . Also, camper vans going along the bridle path to holiday lets at Cornhill. The bridle path I understand is your responsibility, one icy winter and no stitch in time, repairs could get costly. What will this proposal do for neighbourliness? |
| (20) Local Resident, (East Challow) | Support (Childrey Way) - Obviously if a resident needs a disabled space to make it easier to park, this makes perfect sense but if it is not for a resident, then I think it would just compound the parking problems we already have. |
| (21) Local Resident, (East Challow) | Support (Childrey Way) - St Nicholas School opposite has a car park and the parents & teachers insist on parking on Windmill Place, Sarajac Avenue & blocking access to Childrey Way. Any disabled use is impossible as residents are unable to park. |
| (22) Local Resident, (East Challow) | Support (Childrey Way) - Parking is very difficult so disabled parking would help those who need it most. |
| <i>Boucher Close (Grove) - Proposed new DPPP</i> | |
| (23) Local Resident, (Grove) | Object (Boucher Close) – I would like to formally express my objection to this proposal for the following reasons: 1. Existing Parking Challenges: Boucher Close is a small cul-de-sac where parking is already extremely limited. Several residents own multiple vehicles, including commercial company vans and motorhomes. Adding another reserved space would further reduce the availability of parking for other residents, exacerbating the already strained situation. 2. Underused Existing Disabled Parking Space: There is already a disabled parking space in our cul-de-sac that is no longer in use. Before imposing a new space, I urge the council to review the utilization of this existing space and reassign it if no longer needed. |

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| | <p>3. Impact of Commercial Vehicles: The parking pressure is significantly worsened by the presence of large commercial vehicles and motorhomes brought home by some residents. It would be more effective to regulate these vehicles before introducing additional parking restrictions that further limit space for private vehicles.</p> <p>While I understand the importance of providing accessible parking for residents with disabilities, I urge the council to carefully evaluate the need for an additional disabled parking space in this specific area, considering the current constraints and underutilized existing facilities.</p> <p>I respectfully request the council to reconsider the proposal and explore alternative measures that address the broader parking challenges faced by residents of Boucher Close.</p> |
| (24) Local Resident, (Grove) | <p>Object (Boucher Close) – My response is to reject the proposal for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is already a designated disabled spot in the Close at the bottom. This should be on your records; • Each household is designated with a parking spot in accordance to their property deeds; • There are many households on this street that will have more than one vehicle and can be as many as four vehicles to a household. A problem they have to prioritise amongst themselves who has the designated spot in the property deeds; • The already installed disabled parking spot with the visible notice is, for the majority of the time, if not all the time, ignored because there is no control or management to enforce illicit use; • The user of the existing disabled spot has left the resident a couple of years ago; • I have not seen or witnessed any evidence of individual severe mobility issues within our Close; • I am a Blue Badge holder myself and see there is no need for such designation in this residential street. Wherever you park you are in close proximity of your property. • Reducing availability to park as a result of installing the additional designated disabled parking spot will worsen the current parking situation (if properly enforced) especially over the weekend when many visitors call in; • There have been many fallouts within the neighbourhood over parking spots. This will make things worse; • While parking situation is not great, you need to consider accessibility of emergency services (in particular patient transfer to ambulance, which I have experienced myself) that is already presenting problems since blocking off a central hardstand area with bollards causing vehicles to spill out to the Close. |

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| | <p>I am surprised this letter has come out of the blue when I have not seen any outcome of a survey to access feasibility and practicability of introducing the proposal.</p> <p>I have taken the opportunity to enclose some photos of the Close to demonstrate what a normal occupancy looks like when majority of the residents are at home. Usually all of the available parking spaces are full. Visiting during the week to access how busy the Close is will not be necessarily be a true reflection as many of us are working.</p> <p>As stated, I do not agree or accept the proposed allocated disabled parking space for the above reasons.</p> |
| (25) Local Resident (Grove) | <p>Object (Boucher Close) - There is already a signposted disabled parking space in Boucher close in Grove. No one in that small area has a long term disability and we are already VERY short of parking places for the residents. I very much doubt that this valuable space will be left vacant when people cant find a space to park anyway, and unless any future disabled person actually lives right by the proposed space(one house) its not going to help them at all. Its a very small road and no one has to get far from their parking space to their home so to be honest I have no idea why this is being proposed. I really hope that it doesn't happen.</p> |
| <p><i>Gainsborough Crescent (Henley on Thames) - Proposed removal of DPPP</i></p> | |
| (26) Local Resident (Henley on Thames) | <p>Object (Gainsborough Crescent) – I do not agree with this so how can I make this official? Cos we need the spaces there.</p> |
| (27) Local Resident (Henley on Thames) | <p>Concerns (Gainsborough Crescent) - I do not support this as I am a disabled resident and need access to the disabled parking place nearest the ramped area, which is being proposed by this consultation, to remain. I hope it does remain as it is used by myself, (when it is free and not occupied by other non-disabled residents). If it is formalised and resigned could I ask that the hatched area be redone too if possible, to allow for wheelchair transfer space passenger side, as the space is very tight to the ramp?</p> |
| <p><i>Poplar Grove (Kennington) - Proposed new DPPP</i></p> | |
| (28) Local Resident (Kennington) | <p>Support (Poplar Grove) - I have no opposition to the proposed spot, however I wanted to make you aware that since this will be in front of a series of approx half a dozen, over 55 council houses that are managed managed by Sovereign I suspect there will be high demand for it. Would the space be open to anyone who is a blue badge holder?</p> |

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| | <p>I also suspect that this has come as a result of ongoing disputes between the elderly residences of those houses over parking space right in front of their homes. I think this request may be related to that.</p> <p>There is plenty of parking on the road and I understand the need for a disabled spot in front of homes that require it. I believe one home further down the road already has one. Would it cause issue if multiple people would then want to use it?</p> <p>Overall though, no opposition to the application. Just some further information for consideration.</p> |
| <p><i>Lea Road (Sonning Common) - Proposed new DPPP</i></p> | |
| <p>(29) Local Resident (Sonning Common)</p> | <p>Object (Lea Road) – I would like to object to the proposal and provide the following rationale.</p> <p>I have lived in Lea Road for many years and have obviously seen how traffic has naturally changed over time. However there are a number of other things which have influenced the current traffic situation.</p> <p>The maisonettes in Lea Road at the Grove Road end have progressively changed hands from elderly residents to young families. None of the maisonettes have parking provision and they rely on roadside parking. Only a few of the elderly residents had their own vehicles and therefore most of that end of the road remained clear. This also catered for the primary school traffic. However, since the increase of young families with their own vehicles the road has become filled with parked cars, which they are entitled to do. This has created difficulty when parents are collecting children and has pushed the traffic to the other end of end road causing congestion.</p> <p>In relation to the disabled bay, I would offer my support if there was no driveway parking at the remaining properties in Lea Road.</p> <p>There is already a disabled space reserved by the school in Lea Road, which I understand as there is no alternative.</p> <p>However the properties at the proposed site all have their own driveways. I can only then assume the provision is for a property in Elm Court. The parking in Elm Court is already congested and has been exacerbated by the provision of a care home which requires around the clock care staff. I do not know if this is the origin of the application, but if this is</p> |

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| | <p>the case, I do not think it is fair to reserve a space when the staff take up spaces in Elm Court provided at the side of my property. If you need to provide a disability space then I would consider using one of the spaces at the side of the my property and ask the staff to park further up the road.</p> <p>If you remove general parking at the proposed site it will affect parents picking up children and the residents in Lea Road who do not have sufficient parking provision. There will be times when the space will be empty and people cannot use it.</p> <p>When there is insufficient parking available in Lea Road, drivers have started to park on the pavement and on the junction with Elm Court. This has made the junction dangerous at times, especially when collecting children. As an example, in 2021, my car was parked in the proposed site and one the parents had problems navigating the junction and drove into the side of my parked car.</p> |
| (30) Local Resident (Sonning Common) | <p>Concerns (Lea Road) – I am rather concerned about this, as parking is already very chaotic. All of the houses have a parking space, some have two. This will be taking away a parking space for visitors etc.</p> |
| <p><i>Ireton Court (Thame) - Proposed new DPPP</i></p> | |
| (31) Local Resident (Thame) | <p>Object (Ireton Court) - I would like to object to the proposed placement of this space.</p> <p>The proposed space on the diagram will actually mean that residents will lose 3-4 parking spaces in total.</p> <p>There has been an informal parking arrangement at the end of Ireton Court for at least 10 years and cars currently park diagonally across this corner and along the side. (I have attached a diagram to illustrate this). This is the most efficient way of parking in this area where there are already more cars than space.</p> <p>At evenings and weekends it is already extremely difficult for residents to park, and many of us have had to resort to parking on adjacent roads. If we then lose more parking spaces this will be extremely detrimental to all residents of this area, the large majority of whom have young children. (I will add that we only have one car in our household and we still find it difficult to park).</p> |

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| | <p>If this proposal is due to an application from a resident of Ireton Court, I would suggest that the other corner (near number 21) would be more practical, as it is already used as a space, so would not impact other residents. However if this proposal is simply due to a general 'increased demand' as you say in your letter, then I would argue that the impact on Ireton Court and it's residents would be extremely negative.</p> |
| <p>(32) Local Resident (Thame)</p> | <p>Object (Ireton Court) - I am strongly opposed to having a disabled parking space at this location. We have one car as a family and already are unable to park our car on any regular day. The parking situation is however cordial. The residents have tuned a fine art of parking in the close to make sure everyone has room. We always are considerate of allowing those with disabilities priority access. I'm not opposed to someone parking but please don't make it a reserved space.</p> |
| <p>(33) Local Resident (Thame)</p> | <p>Concerns (Ireton Court) - From the map it shows the parking space to be parallel to the kerb,all the parking along this side of the road are at an angel so this will take up two parking spaces. The resident also has a van so this will take up a third place and there is a dropped kerb on this side and will therefore prevent us parking on this side completely.</p> <p>There is very little parking in this cul de sac which is why houses are often difficult to sell. A few houses have already put in dropped kerbs due to lack of parking which then prevents you from parking there.</p> <p>The house that have requested this already have a van and a car, most houses now have 2 cars or vans down this road. If this were to go through then his van will need to be parked by the garages or on the main road so it is not taking up another spot. Perhaps someone from the Council should come down here in the evening and see what the parking situation is.</p> |
| <p>(34) Local Resident (Thame)</p> | <p>Concerns (Ireton Court) - Is should start by pointing out that there are not enough spaces to cover demand as it is. Whilst the proposed disabled space would be an inconvenience for non-disabled residents I do appreciate that one of our residents would benefit from it. I think a disabled spot would work so long as this condition is met:</p> <p>Please see my diagram photo below compared to diagram in the letter. The disabled spot proposed would wipe out three non disabled parking positions because of space needed around it. The residents here park in a kind of crescent formation (as shown), maximising the space available. House No.15 and No.18 have driveways that must not be obstructed but the best position for the disabled space would be outside No.18 because it will only cost us one regular space and also it would guarantee the disabled person access to their car from the pavement (whilst also allowing No 18 access to their driveway). The best case scenario, should this go ahead, is for the disabled space to be marked out along with all of the other non-disabled spots to make clear who is to park where. It would be good but not essential</p> |

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| | that it if the demand for a disabled space recedes (eg is the person needing the space moves away), the space is returned to being one for regular parking. |
| (35) Local Resident (Thame) | Concerns (Ireton Court) - Whilst we have no objections to a disabled parking space, we do question the placing of it. Given that some residents including No.26 have more than one car, parking is very tight on the court. Could the space be on a diagonal placing therefore allowing more spaces on the remaining right hand side (which is how people tend to park now). |
| <i>Naldertown (Wantage) - Proposed new DPPP</i> | |
| (36) Local Resident (Wantage) | <p>Object (Naldertown) – Our view is that we fully object to the proposal, for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We already have difficulty with lack of road width and turning circle space that preventably restricts and impedes access. • It is difficult for larger vehicles accessing our property. We have on many occasions found it difficult to access our drive and cannot due to the road width being restricted having vehicles parked on it. The proposed bay is on a public road, this is not a busy road (often with little or no cars on it) and has plenty of off road parking opportunities in a very reasonable distance to the occupier's property i.e. a few steps away. |
| <i>Orchard Way (Wantage) - Proposed new DPPP</i> | |
| (37) Local Resident (Wantage) | Object (Orchard Way) - The road is already incredibly narrow and difficult to access. We do not need to move the bay from where it currently is, it will make road access even worse and is entirely unnecessary. It is already dangerous for pedestrians- especially those with wheelchairs, prams and with dogs. |
| (38) Local Resident (Wantage) | Object (Orchard Way) - The road is busy residential street which is very narrow. There are a lot of cars parking on the road and the addition of a disabled parking bay will add to the already congested road. Properties do have front garden which can be adapted for parking which would negate the need for on road disabled parking outside individual houses. |

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| <p>(39) Local Resident (Wantage)</p> | <p>Concerns (Orchard Way) – I am just contacting you with regards to the new location of the disabled bay, the location of the new bay would restrict those who have drives opposite and either side of the new location. Parking is always an issue on Orchard Way and the new location would also lose a parking place on the road. The household who the bay is intended for already has 2 cars parked on the road, 1 disabled car that is never used for the disabled person and another car purchased by themselves, only 1 member of that household drives. The road is a single carriage road with cars parked on one side so if a delivery van is blocking the road we are then unable to go the other way. I don't think this is the correct location for the bay.</p> |
| <p>(40) Local Resident (Wantage)</p> | <p>Concerns (Orchard Way) - Yes we need to change the proposal . It isn't a full size path they wouldn't get into the car . Plus it would mess every one up the street with bin day and people's drives and it's only 2 more steps away from there gate and the road isn't very big . It would be better for everyone up the street for it to be literally a few feet in front of their gate . Across the road which the road is narrow and u can only park tbe opposite side. Sorry to be a pain. But putting it by their gate they wouldn't be able to use . Which therefore would be a waste of time and resources. They need a disability bay other wise they have to park sometimes not even on the street and 10 minute walkaway which is ridiculous.</p> |
| <p>(41) Local Resident (Wantage)</p> | <p>Concerns (Orchard Way) - The position that you propose would significantly impact access. The street is extremely narrow. The pavements are not wide enough for people to walk down, and the road is used constantly by all residents for pedestrian access. The proposed position outside of 13 would totally block access onto and off of the drive of number 70. The previous position outside of 12, you mention in your letter made access difficult enough. I wrote at the time of this application to explain how poor the position of that was for access to our property and this was not taken into account. I strongly request more consideration for access to be taken into account. Please locate the space on the west side of the street outside number 70, rather than outside number 13.</p> |
| <p><i>Orchard Way (Wantage) - Proposed removal of DPPP</i></p> | |

(42) Local Resident
(Wantage)

Support (Orchard Way) - No objection to the removal of the parking bay as it will ease congestion.