

From: >

Sent: 06 July 2022 10:28

To: clerk <clerk@goringparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: Fwd: Parking on Lockstile Way

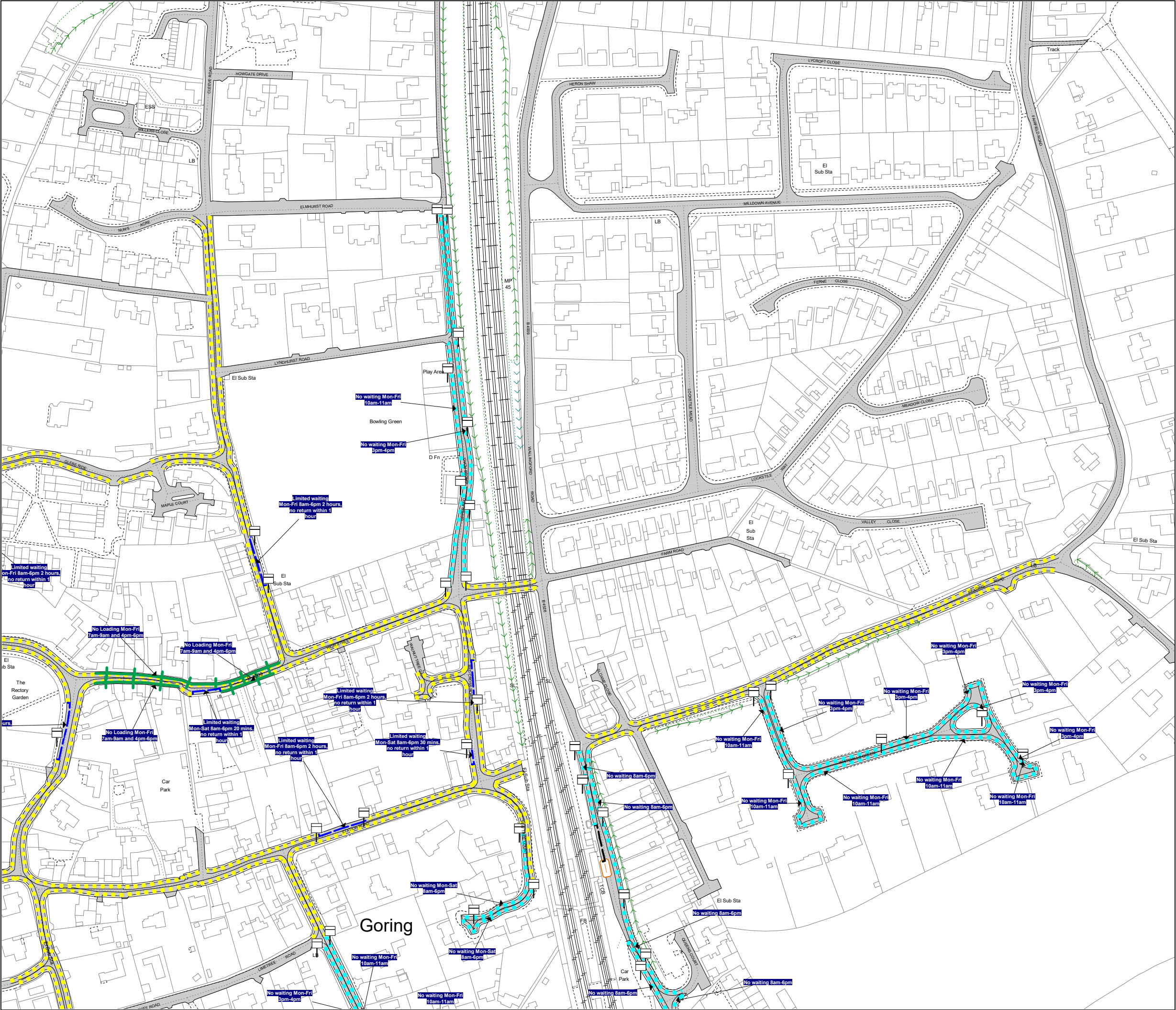
I am writing to you regarding inconsiderate parking on Lockstile Way. This has been a long standing issue, notably with vehicles parking on the corner at the junction with Wallingford Road, but for the last two days somebody has parked their car and left all day, partly on the pavement. It was parked directly opposite a car that was already parked, causing difficulty for access. Why anybody thinks this is appropriate is beyond me. It's also parked on the pavement near the bus stop.

I have taken some pictures and I believe other residents have also reported this. I think it's time something was done about the all day parking on Lockstile Way by non residents, usually to use the train. Other roads have restrictions to prevent this. The issue is that if there is a problem with access they can't be asked to move the vehicle.

I trust this email will find its way to the appropriate authorities.

Kind regards

Lockstile Way resident



This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office © Crown Copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. Oxfordshire County Council Licence No: 0100023343 2021



DRAWING TITLE

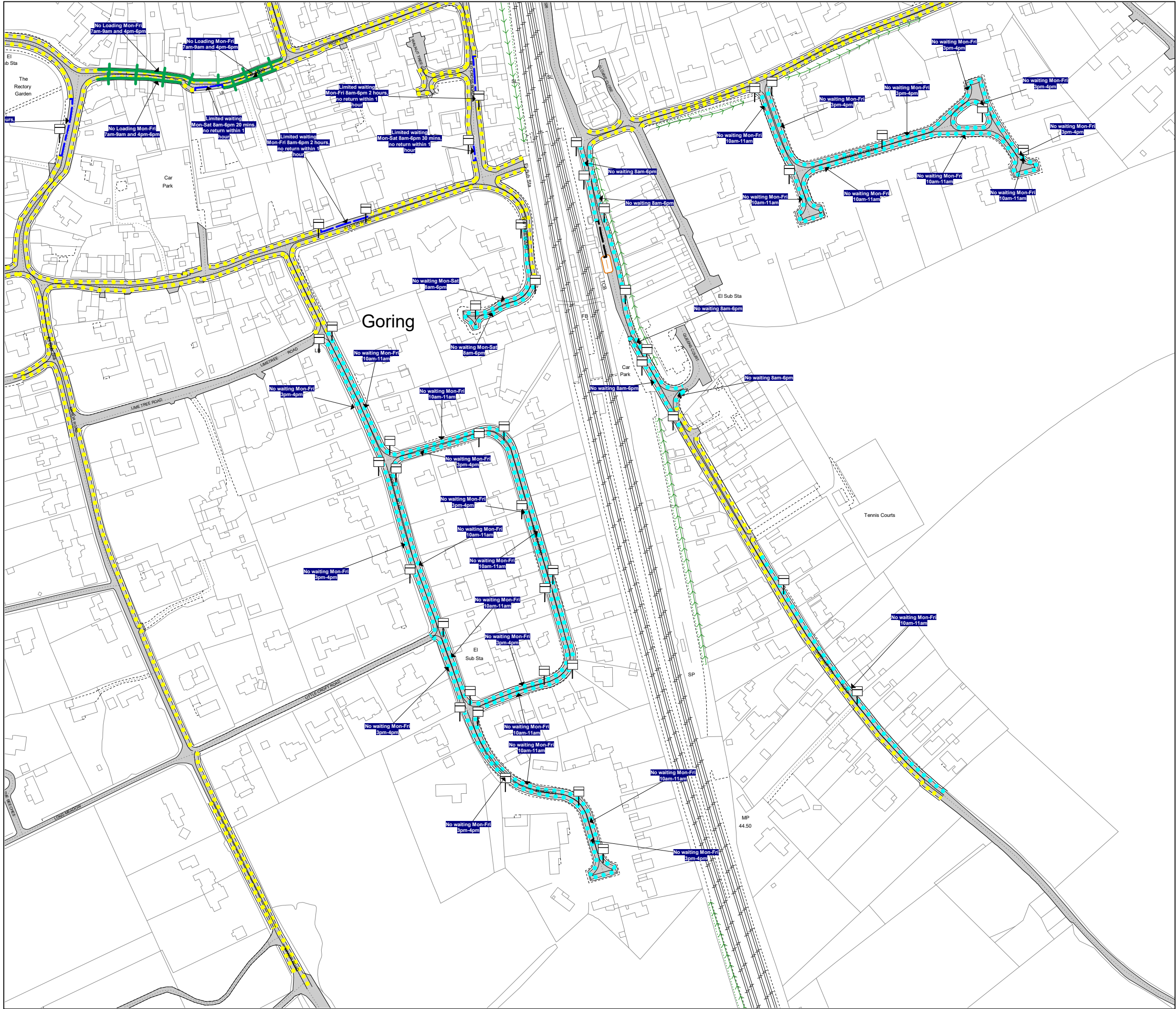
Goring North and East

SCALE 1 : 2500

DATE 18/10/2021

DRAWING No.

DRAWN BY



This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office © Crown Copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. Oxfordshire County Council Licence No: 0100023343 2021



DRAWING TITLE

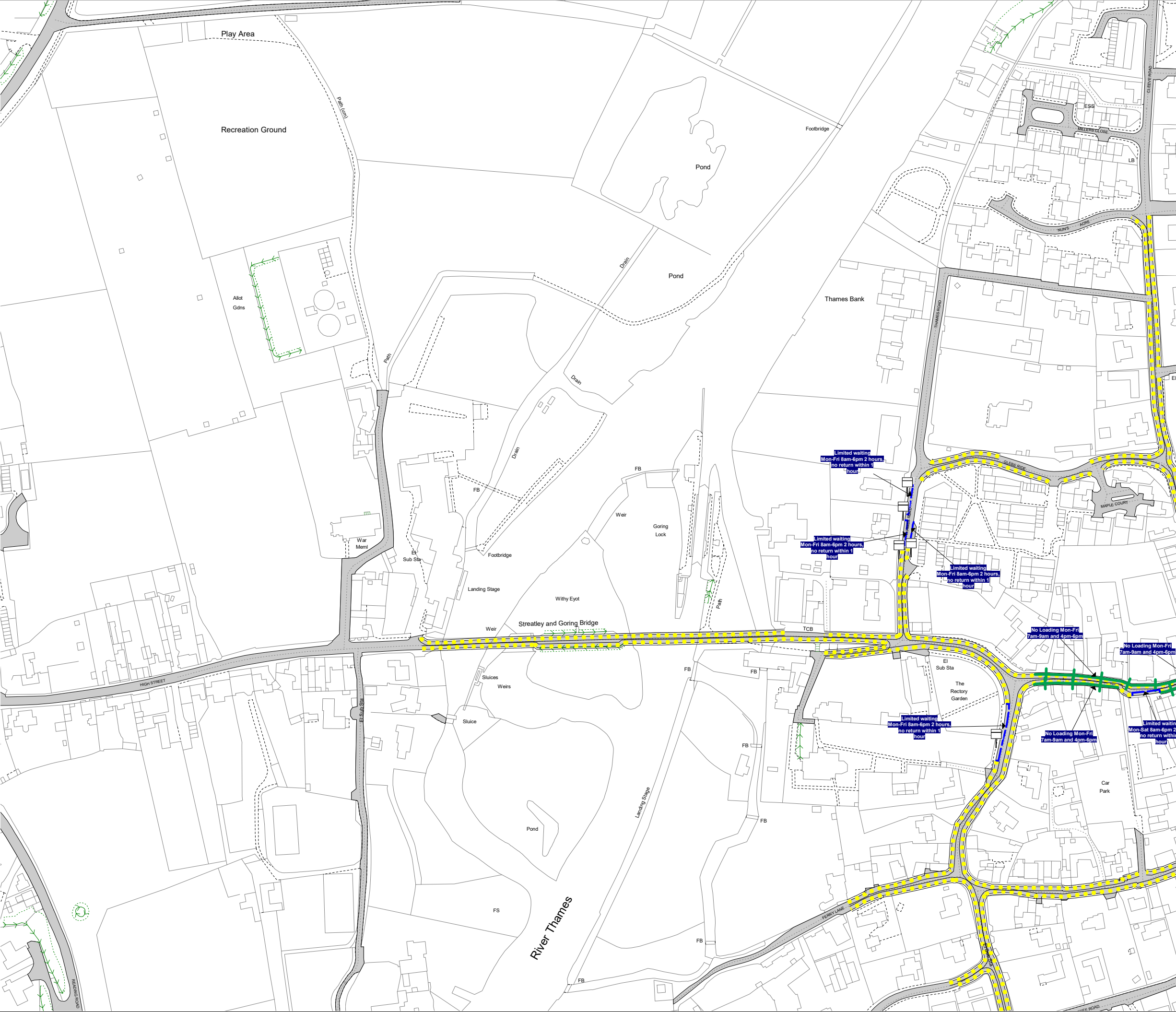
Goring South

SCALE 1 : 2500

DATE 18/10/2021

DRAWING No.

DRAWN BY



This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office © Crown Copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. Oxfordshire County Council Licence No: 0100023343 2021



DRAWING TITLE

Goring West

SCALE 1 : 2500

DATE 18/10/2021













DRAWING No.

DRAWN BY

Orders, Non orders
Schedule shading patterns and restriction descriptions
Map Grid: Static Map Schedules

Order Types

————— Unrestricted Bay

-  Car Club Parking Space
-  Disabled Persons' Parking Places
-  Limited Waiting
-  Loading Place
-  Motorcycle Parking Place
-  No Loading
-  No Loading/Unloading at any time
-  No waiting
-  No waiting at any time
-  Payment Parking Place
-  Permit Parking Place
-  Taxis only Bay

Non-Order Types

-  Bus Stop / Stand
-  Keep Clear Entrance Marking (advisory)
-  Pedestrian Crossing

SODC

Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE)

We write to register our concern that we still experience a high level of illegal parking around the village.

We have been told that we have had visits from CPE officers but would suggest that they are so infrequent as to be ineffective in generating a hesitance in people to park illegally.

Regular illegal parking locations are as follows:

- a. Cleeve Rd near the junction with the High St and beyond the limited parking area.
- b. Along Upper Red Cross Rd adjacent to the hardware store.
- c. At the junction of Manor Rd with the High St, where people park obstructing the dropped kerb.
- d. In both directions from the permitted parking outside the café (Pierreponts) in the High St.

We are unclear as to the timings of when CPE officers appear, but we believe they are needed seven days a week and apart from during the day in the evenings as well.

We do not anticipate that you would offer to provide this level of commitment so we would seek to be granted whatever powers are needed so that we can have our own officers patrol our roads to issue fines for illegal parking.

We would also seek clarification as to what actions we could take against people who park on footpaths, causing difficulties for people with wheelchairs or prams.



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Old Jubilee Fire Station • Red Cross Road • Goring • Reading RG8 9HG

Phone: 01491 874444 • Clerk@goringparishcouncil.gov.uk •

www.goringparishcouncil.gov.uk

All correspondence to be addressed to the clerk

XXth XXX 2022

Mr E X Ample
29 Example Road
Goring

Dear Mr E X Ample

RE: Road safety – overhanging trees in Elvendon Road e Garden

It has been brought to our attention that there are overgrown hedges from your property, please would you arrange for this vegetation to be pruned back or removed to mitigate any issues arising allowing pedestrians to walk along safely and motorists to have full visibility.

It has been brought to our attention that there are dangerously overhanging trees in XX Road. The trees appear to be growing from the land where the XX belonging to the house in XX Road are situated.

If you do not have any interest in this land but you know who does, we would be very grateful if you could inform the Parish Council accordingly so that we may contact the appropriate person(s).

Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation in helping to get this important work carried out. Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of the Goring-on-Thames Parish Council
Mrs S Archer
Assistant Clerk to the Council.



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Old Jubilee Fire Station • Red Cross Road • Goring • Reading RG8 9HG

Phone: 01491 874444 • Clerk@goringparishcouncil.gov.uk •

www.goringparishcouncil.gov.uk

All correspondence to be addressed to the clerk

XXth XXX 2022

Mr E X Ample
29 Example Road
Goring

Dear Mr E X Ample

RE: Road safety – overgrown hedges in Elvendon Road e Garden

From time to time the Parish Council receives reports that overgrown shrubs and hedges are obstructing the public footpath or pavement. Being a leafy village, Goring is especially prone to the problem.

When this happens, the vegetation around your property can cause extra dangers to road users, especially pedestrians, wheelchair users and parents pushing prams and buggies, who may have to move into the road to pass each other. It can also severely restrict the vision of motorists especially at road junctions and obstruct a vehicle view when pulling out into oncoming traffic.

The council does its best to keep the problem under control by writing to the householders responsible and asking them to prune vegetation emanating from their property where necessary.

It has been brought to our attention that there are overgrown hedges from your property, please would you arrange for this vegetation to be pruned back or removed to mitigate any issues arising allowing pedestrians to walk along safely and motorists to have full visibility.

Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation in helping to get this important work carried out. Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of the Goring-on-Thames Parish Council
Mrs S Archer
Assistant Clerk to the Council.

Central Goring survey of dropped kerbs

Road Rd	Map ref.	Location	Problem	Solution
Holmlea Rd.	1	Junction of railway path and HR	The temporary tarmac slope is disintegrating. Steep camber on both sides of HR	Resurfacing and levelling of camber
Croft Rd Station junction	2	No photo	The pavement on the east (station) side of Croft Rd. fizzles out on this hazardous junction with poor visibility in several directions, an uneven surface and no dropped kerbs.	Dropped kerb has been recommended on the station side of Croft Rd. and was agreed in principle in the May survey by Cllrs SL and DB.
Red Cross Rd and Station Rd junction.	3	Opposite Hardware shop	The only pavement is on the shop side. This junction has limited visibility and takes 4-way traffic. An additional hazard for pedestrians is the large number of heavy vehicles and delivery vans manoeuvring at this tight junction.	These hazards will reduce once other calming measures are in place e.g. the PPL.
Surgery entrance, Walnut Tree Ct.	4		Very busy in all directions. Poor quality pavement; narrow and with steep camber. Kerb materials are suitable and not damaged	Cut back hedge to increase pavement width and reduce camber by levelling pavement.
High St and Red Cross Rd junction	5		Very busy in all directions. Poor quality pavement; narrow and with steep camber with sharp turn.	Reduce camber, cut back vegetation and increase space for mobility vehicles to turn safely.
Cleeve Rd	6	Adjacent to Rec. ground.	Provision of dropped kerbs is fine	No remedial work needed.
Glebe Ride	7	Throughout	Provision of dropped kerbs is fine.	No remedial work needed
Thames Rd	8	Approaching junction with High St	Steep kerbs but suitable materials used to produce smooth finish.	This example should be followed elsewhere.
High St	9	Junction High St. and Manor Rd.	Delivery vehicles parked on existing dropped kerb.	Uncertain of conclusions drawn in discussion 31.05.22
Manor Rd	10	Opposite Thomas's church	Rough kerbstones and dropped kerb needed opposite church path	Construct new dropped kerb as suggested using improved smoother materials.

Attached

smoothing?

...and new signage is installed to direct eastbound through traffic towards High Street

cut

Collapsed pavement in Red Cross Road, outside Walnut Tree Court, between High Street and surgery entrance road. This pavement is capable of tilting a wheelchair into the carriageway

Closure of McColls will make this less likely to recur (IMHO).

1

Kerbstones in Holmlea Rd are mainly granite blocks. Their short length allows them to be weathered and also eroded by the passage of vehicle wheels.

Improved kerbstones made more durable by length (60 cm) and material (concrete). 1a shows the tarmac patch-up of the collapsed kerb which is the only nearby crossing point to the alley.

Normally call setts.



1a



1b

Photographs of selected site in Central Goring

Site 5



Site 9



Site 10



Site 1



Site 3

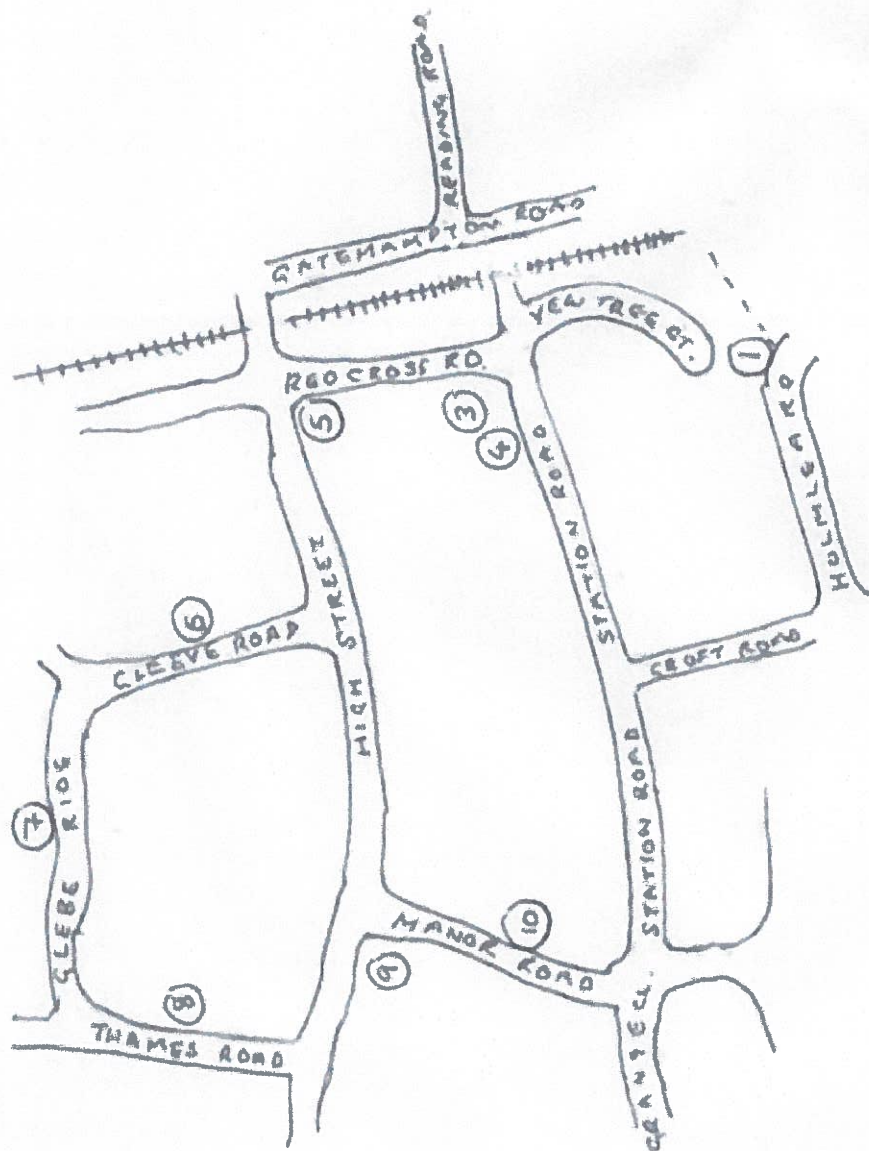


Site 4



B2

Central Goring – Pavement and kerb survey





GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Appendix F

Old Jubilee Fire Station • Red Cross Road • Goring • Reading RG8 9HG

Phone: 01491 874444 • Clerk@goringparishcouncil.gov.uk • www.goringparishcouncil.gov.uk

12th March 2021

Parish Resident
[INSERT ADDRESS]

Dear Parish Resident,

RE: Boundary Hedge Over Hanging Public Highway

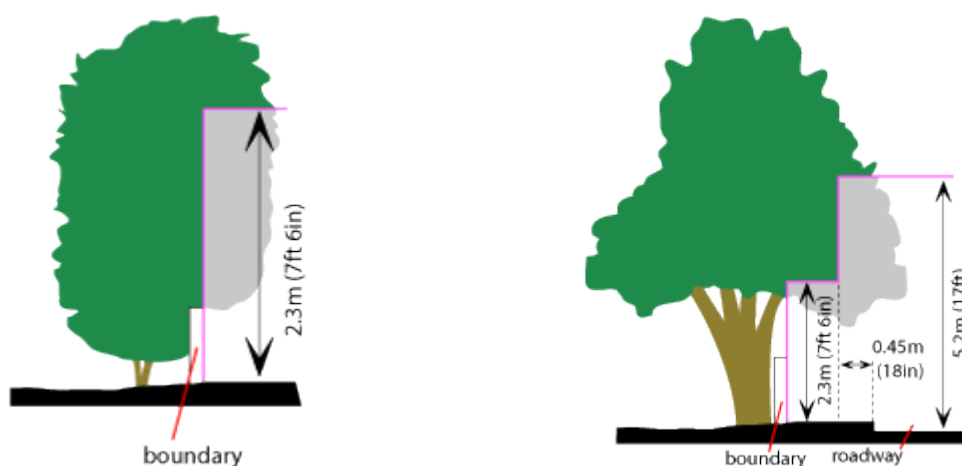
It has been brought to our attention by members of our community that the width of the boundary hedge of your property is obstructing the highway. The owner or occupier of a property has a legal responsibility (Highway Act 1980 s154) to ensure that the 'public highway' adjacent to a property is not obstructed by vegetation from their property. Local Authorities also have a legal duty to ensure that public highways and streetlights are unobstructed.

As indicated in the image below, your boundary hedge, is narrowing the pavement – the public highway. Your boundary fence can be seen behind it.



Particularly for wheelchair and pushchair users, significantly decreasing the paved areas available for use in this way, is causing pedestrians to walk on the grass verge, thus causing significant damage to the grass verge outside your property. [UPDATE this paragraph to suit the letter]

Please see below an image of how a boundary should be maintained adjacent to a footpath. I have also included for your information, an image of correct trimming over a footpath adjacent to a roadway for your information.



Whilst being mindful that it is unlawful under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to disturb nesting birds you should carefully check before cutting back the bushes and trees on your property. We kindly ask that this issue is given attention at your earliest opportunity.

We do appreciate that for some of our residents this situation occurs as they are no longer physically able to do the work themselves. If you need help arranging these works to be done, we do have a trusted contractor with whom we could make the arrangements, who would charge you directly.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs L White, Parish Clerk