
Agenda Item: Salt Bin Requests

Meeting Date: Monday, 27 January 2025

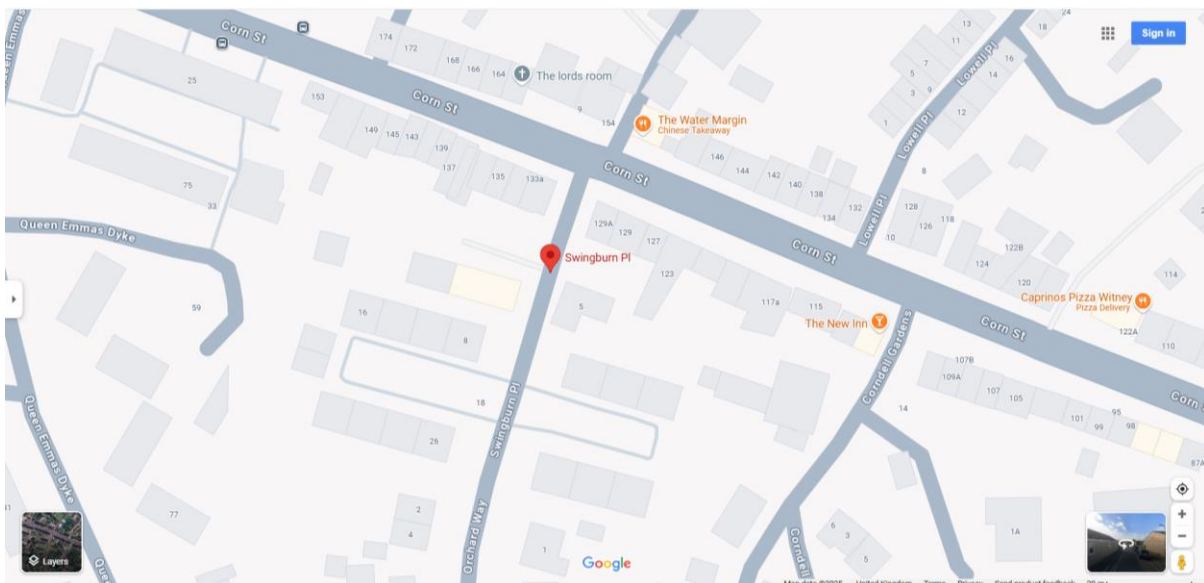
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Background

Salt bins across Witney are purchased by the Town Council from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC). A request form is completed by the Town Council and issued to OCC who will assess the location and requirements for a salt bin. If approved, the Town Council will purchase and OCC will install and fill the bin, any subsequent refills required can be requested by the Town Council at no cost. If the bin is damaged and needs to be replaced the County Council will also cover this at no additional cost.

Current Situation

Residents at Swingburn Place have made a salt bin request to the Town Council. There is no salt bin along Corn Street and the next closest available are at Moorland Road and Ducklington Lane. Swingburn Place has multiple elderly residents and a salt bin in close proximity to their homes would be very beneficial. The salt bin would also serve residents on Corn Street and Orchard Way.



In communication with the County Council on salt bin installations, officers have learnt that the County has received multiple requests from residents on Windrush Place. Although the Town Council have not received a request from these residents, the county has advised that

they are imminent. The County has also advised that they would reject the request from the Town Council as none of the roads in Windrush Place are adopted highway land.

Impact Assessments

The Town Council has a duty to consider the effects of its decisions, functions and activities on equality, biodiversity, and crime & disorder. Consideration should also be given to effects on the environment, given the Council's Climate Emergency declaration in 2019.

- a) Equality – The inclusion of a salt bin in the area will benefit vulnerable residents.
- b) Biodiversity – none.
- c) Crime & Disorder – none.
- d) Environment & Climate Emergency – none.

Risk

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

- In not approving a request it could generate a negative response towards Witney Town Council.

Social Value

Social value is the positive change the Council creates in the local community within which it operates.

- Provision provides a small element of safety for the local community.

Financial implications

- The County Council charge £300.00 ex VAT per salt bin
- The community infrastructure budget (4200/402) is £7,047, exceeding the £5,000 budget. The £3,292.25 cost for the bike rack installation on Welch Way will be offset by income from insurance, resulting in an underspend of £1,245.25.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and,

1. Consider the request for a salt bin installation at Swingburn Place.