

CLIMATE, BIODIVERSITY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 2 August 2022

Title: Request to Install Bollards – Woodstock Road, Witney

Contact Officer: Deputy Town Clerk – Adam Clapton

Background

Oxfordshire County Council has asked for the Town Council's agreement to install wooden bollards on the highway verge adjacent to 89 Woodstock Road, Witney.

A resident has made the request to the County Council due to parking issues in this location.

Current Situation

The Town Council has not been asked for permission of this type before and has been advised the agreement is based on aesthetics as some town and parish Council's do not like them and not cost, as this will be covered by the requestor.

Bollards of this type have previously been installed on other verge sections in this location.

A location plan and pictures of the proposed bollards are attached to this report, along with a supporting letter from the requestor. The land is not owned or maintained by the Town Council.

Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

The inclusion of bollards would safeguard a grass area for its intended verge purpose.

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.

Once agreement has been given, a precedent has been set on any future requests to the Town Council. A precedent has already been set by the County Council.

Financial implications

- The cost is to be borne by the resident requesting the bollards.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and consider the following:

- The request to install bollards on the highway verge adjacent to 89 Woodstock Road, Witney.