

ITEM 15 – APPENDIX J

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE – 7 JANUARY 2014

Title:

AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT A PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE CREATION OF PARKING SPACES ON SHAMLEY GREEN

[Portfolio Holder: Cllr Julia Potts]

[Wards Affected: Shamley Green & Cranleigh North]

Summary and purpose:

This report seeks authority for the submission of a planning application in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992, in respect of the creation of additional parking spaces on Shamley Green. Details of the proposed works are set out within the report.

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

Environment: protecting Waverley's unique mix of rural and urban communities in our towns, villages and hamlets.

Leisure And Lives: providing opportunity to take part in sport, recreation and other leisure activities to promote health and well-being.

Understanding Residents' Needs: working with residents, and businesses to meet people's needs.

Financial Implications:

There will be a cost for submitting the planning application, consent for works on commons land and construction of the parking spaces. As this is a community project, cost will be sought from sources such as CIL and shared with the parish council. Outline estimated cost is £5,000 subject to quotation.

Legal Implications:

Planning permission for engineering works and consent for works on common land under the Commons Act 2006 will be required.

Introduction

1. Erosion to common land verges in Shamley Green has increased due to parking pressure from local people and residents, walking, taking part in sports, visiting local businesses and attending local schools. Wooden posts have been installed in some areas to prevent verge damage however further posts would adversely impact on the open village green landscape.

2. The Council's countryside staff and Womersley Parish Council have been working together to find a way of increasing the car parking capacity for the village. Fourteen potential options were identified which were circulated to all residents/businesses and feedback was gathered at a public meeting in November 2012. Following analysis of comments, only two options were proposed for further investigation.
3. This planning application relates to the creation of seven additional parking places in a new parking bay to the east of the Red Lion pub (plan below). This location had the least landscape impact, as views of parked cars will be screened by an existing earth bank and mature trees. The parking bay will have a permeable surface of a `grasscrete` type surface in order to limit the visual impact.
4. Planning permission is needed for the engineering works (cutting back into the earth bank and installing a reinforced permeable surfacing) and because the site is within the conservation area. If planning permission is granted, an application will also have to be made to the Planning Inspectorate for ministerial consent for works on common land.

Conclusion

5. The proposed new parking area is supported by the parish council and community. It would support the recreational use of the common and the viability of local businesses.

Recommendation

That the Executive:-

1. Gives authority for the submission of a planning application, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 for the construction of a parking area in Shamley Green; and
2. Gives authority for officers to submit an application to the Secretary of State for consent for works on common land.

Background Papers

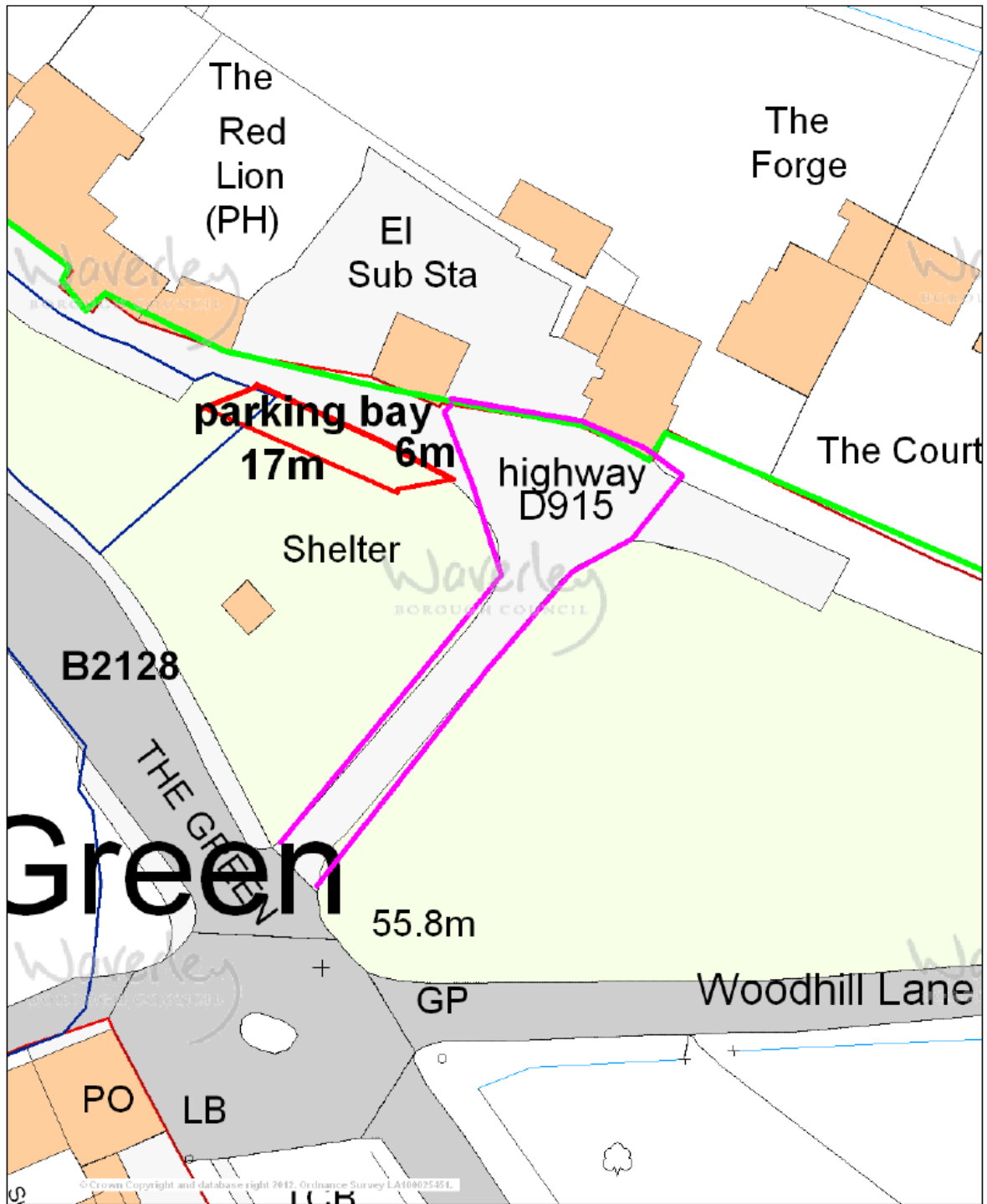
There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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