

Cabinet Member for City Services

30 July 2018

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor J Innes

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

Ward(s) affected:

Bablake

Title:

Petition – Seymour Close, request to remove kerb and grass and create parking area

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

A petition of 14 e-signatures has been received requesting a length of kerb and an area of grass is removed and a tarmac parking area is created on Seymour Close.

In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to verges and parking are heard by the Cabinet Member for City Services. The Cabinet Member had considered this petition prior to this meeting and in response to the request made, requested that the petition was dealt with by letter (determination letter), rather than a formal report being submitted to a meeting, to be able to deal with the matter more efficiently.

The determination letter advised that the Council could not take action in regard to the request made as the area of land referred to is not adopted highway and is in private ownership. On receipt of the determination letter the petitioner advised they did not wish the petition to be progressed by letter and wanted the issue to be considered at a Cabinet Member for City Services meeting.

The cost of introducing an area for parking on private land, which is not adopted highway would not be funded by the Council.

Recommendations:

Cabinet Member for City Services is recommended to:

1. Note the petitioners concerns
2. Endorse that no action will be undertaken, as confirmed by determination letter to the petition spokesperson.

List of Appendices included:

Appendix A – Location Plan

Appendix B – Determination letter

Background Papers

None

Other useful documents:

None

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

Report title: Petition - Seymour Close, request to remove kerb and grass and create parking area

1. Context (or background)

1.1 A petition of 14 e-signatures has been received requesting a length of kerb and an area of grass is removed and a tarmac parking area is created on Seymour Close. The petition is supported by Councillor R Ali.

1.2 The petition advises:

'There are a lot of vehicles coming in and out and parking at Seymour Close. I would like to propose if the curb next to the fence area for flats 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 & 12 can be removed, so these flats can park their vehicles there. As double yellow lines have been implemented last week causing issues for parking as sometimes there is no parking or we have to park across the road/even elsewhere! Also there is grass area around the property near the curb, which is currently being maintained by the flats above mentioned, can we propose to remove the grass area and the council to concrete/tarmac this so we can park our vehicles there without issues!'

1.3 Seymour Close is a residential cul de sac located off London Road. A location plan is shown in Appendix A.

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1.5 The determination letter (copy in Appendix B) advised that the area of land where the creation of a parking area was being requested was private and not adopted highway, therefore the petitioners should contact the landowner directly.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

2.1 The recommended proposals in regard to the issues raised have already been approved and are detailed in the determination letter (Appendix B) and item 1.5.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

3.1 No consultation has been undertaken.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

4.1 No further action is proposed as the land referred to is in private ownership.

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Corporate Resources

5.1 Financial implications

None. No action is proposed as the area of land referred to, is not adopted highway or in Council ownership.

5.2 Legal implications

There are no legal implications of the recommended proposal

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to achievement of the Council's key objectives / corporate priorities (corporate plan/scorecard) / organisational blueprint / Local Area Agreement (or Coventry Sustainable Community Strategy)?

N/A.

6.2 How is risk being managed?

None

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

None

6.4 Equalities / EIA

No specific equalities impact assessment has been carried out.

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment

None

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

None

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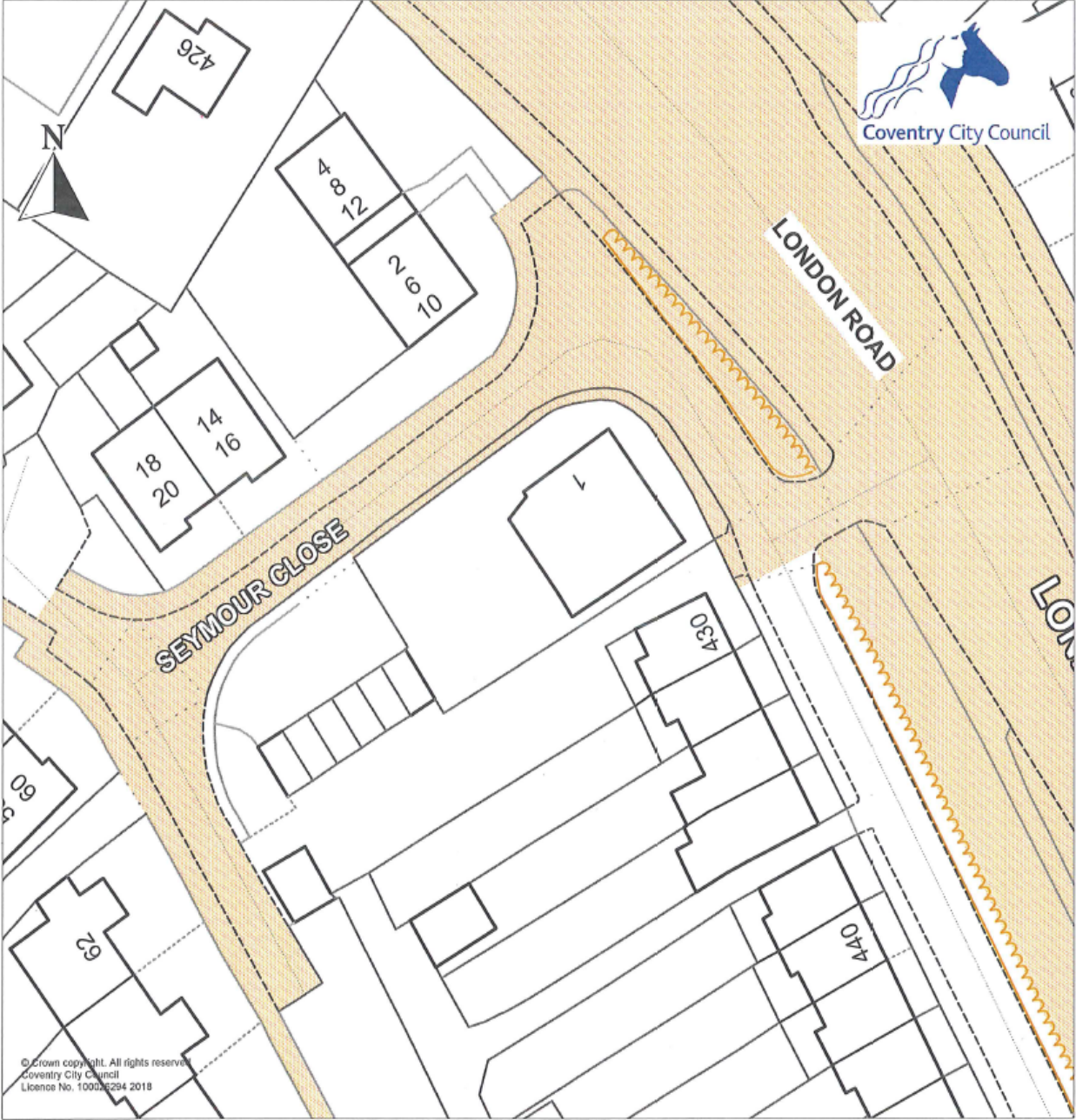
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Appendix A – Location plan



 Adopted highway

Appendix B – Copy of text of determination letter

Re: petition submitted on 17 September 2017

Subject matter: Remove Kerb & Grass, Request for Seymour Close

I am writing with regard to the above petition and your request for the creation of a parking area on the grass verge adjacent to the flats on Seymour Close. Please accept my apologies for the delay in formally responding to your petition.

The matter was discussed with Councillor Innes, Cabinet Member for City Services, who has requested that this be dealt with by way of letter rather than a formal report being submitted to a future meeting.

The grass verge to which you refer is not part of the adopted highway or under City Council ownership. Therefore, your request should be directed to the landowner.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm in writing, either by email or letter, that you agree that the petition be progressed by way of this letter. If you do not agree, a report responding to your petition will be prepared for consideration at a future Cabinet Member meeting. You will be invited to attend this meeting where you have the opportunity to speak on behalf of the petitioners.

Yours sincerely