

Area Board Project/Councillor Initiative

1. What is the project?

To stop indiscriminate parking in the 7 bays in the road into Glovers Court which at times restrict access into Glovers Court

- Residents have a variety of disabilities and their access around Glovers Court is often made difficult by vehicles parked across dropped kerbs.
- Vehicles parking in Glovers Court belong to residents in West Street and other local streets as well as a vehicle belonging to a local town business. Some vehicles are parked for long periods of time whilst the owners are on holiday.
- Vehicles block the area around the bins and refuse collection access is often blocked resulting in the bins not being emptied.
- There are concerns that emergency vehicles cannot access into Glovers Court because cars parked on the road reduce the width too much.
- An area has been marked in the turning head indicating its use for ambulances however other vehicles park in this area.
- Visiting carers often have a problem finding somewhere to park near to the care home on appointments, this often results in late appointments.

To enable Westlea to be take on the responsibility of the parking bays a stopping up order will first need to be applied for through the Magistrates Court by Wiltshire Council (which is responsible for highway) on the parking bays to remove the highway status, the parking bays can then be transferred to Westlea who will be able to apply parking restrictions on the bays.

2. Where is the project taking place?

24 Glovers Court, Malmesbury

3. When will the project take place?

As soon as possible, following a required consultation.

4. Please outline:

- **Community benefits**
- **Evidence of need**
- **Links to Community Plan**
- **Community Issue**

Community benefits – easy access by caring and emergency services and the residents themselves to their home

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Evidence of need – Glovers Court houses predominately older people and those with either requiring care from outside or needing easy access to their own car or that provided by volunteers and should not be required to walk far, while able bodied residents use the area outside their home as a car park

Links to Community Plan – improve/review car parking in Malmesbury, improve parking enforcement, provide support for carers, and provide support for the elderly and vulnerable people to be cared for in their own homes.

Community Issue - a community issue (1074) was submitted to Malmesbury area board in July 2010 by residents of Glovers Court, accompanied by a petition. Concern was expressed by residents of Glovers Court that the area outside their home was being used for all day parking by trade persons and others working in the area and at night/weekends by people who live in surrounding area. Residents who live at Glovers Court who are largely elderly and/or infirm/disabled were having difficulty in accessing their home and those who were car owners have to park their cars some distance away which is causing difficulties for them.

Furthermore carers (who in some cases were visiting 3 times a day) were not able to easily park to access their clients and local residents were parking in the disabled bay and over dropped kerbs.

St Paul Malmesbury Without and Malmesbury Town Council are being consulted about this proposal

5. What is the desired outcome/s of this project?

Westlea take on ownership of the land outside 24 Glovers Court and become responsible for managing parking on the land. This will help to ensure that residents of Glovers Court do not experience the current problems.

6. Who will Project Manage this project?

The project will be co-ordinated through the area board with support from the council's legal and highways departments and Westlea housing Association

7. Please confirm costs and provide quotes

- Total project costs up to and including £5,000 - 1 quote
- Total project costs over £5,000 - 3 quotes

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Estimated legal/advertising cost £4,000, plus £1,500 for bollards

Westlea have expressed a willingness to contribute £2,000 towards the legal/advertising costs. Once transferred Westlea Housing association would install lockable bollards at their expense and police the parking.

Malmesbury area board to contribute £2,000 towards the legal/advertising costs.

8. Additional information in support of the project

Common sense suggests that the land should have been transferred to Westlea Housing Association when they took over the housing stock of North Wiltshire District Council. This does not appear to have happened and so this should now be done now through a stopping up of the highway and for Westlea to take over the ownership of the land through a legal agreement