

Proposed GWPC positioning statement in relation to parking issues along Cherry Garden Road

Great Waltham Parish Council has consulted residents in and adjacent to Cherry Garden Road, Great Waltham in relation to local on-street parking issues and the current use of the green open spaces along the Road to facilitate parking.

Taking account of responses from the consultation, as its preferred approach, the Council supports future sympathetic developments of parts of the green spaces to accommodate the provision of extra motor vehicle parking facilities for communal or public use. It believes such developments should be publicly funded.

However, in this context, it is essential that changes do not detrimentally impact the overall character of the existing street scene. Ideally, while green initiatives such as the introduction of public electric vehicle charging points should be included, the complementary use of 'soft' landscaping techniques such as permeable surfaces and border hedging around parking spaces should also be used.

While the Council's prefers that developments of this type take precedence, in absence of a desire and/or wherewithal to fund and deliver community-focussed schemes, it acknowledges that instead there may be planning applications from residents which propose adaptations of the green areas which will only deliver parking solutions for individual properties.