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To: The Mayor and Members of Maghull Town Council, Maghull Town Hall, Hall Lane, Maghull.

You are hereby summoned to attend the Ordinary Meeting of the Council which will be held in the Council Chamber, Maghull Town Hall on Wednesday 31st July 2024 at 6:30 PM to transact the business detailed below.

Note: *DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – If a Member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote, he/she is advised to contact the Town Clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.*

1 Apologies For Absence

2 Declarations of Interest

3 Public Participation.

4 To Confirm the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Members are asked to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2024 (Pages 1 -4)

5 LA Boundary Review

Members are asked to consider the final recommendations from the Boundary Review. (Pages 5 - 7)

6 Planning Applications.

Members are to receive updates on the following applications:

DC/2023/00065 (Pages 8-10)

Land Bounded By Poverty Lane To The South, A Railway Line To The West. Whinny Brook To The North And The M58 Motorway To The East, Maghull

DC/2023/02111

Land To The North East Of Poverty Lane North West Off Harrier Close, Poverty Lane, Maghull

Members will also consider the following applications:

DC/2024/01129

Creation of a 3G Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) with perimeter fencing, hardstanding areas, storage container, floodlights, an access footpath and associated bund Maghull High School Ormonde Drive Maghull L31 7AW

PTO

Members will also consider any applications submitted prior to the Full Council meeting.

7 Update on Leases

Members to receive a verbal update on the lease with Maghull Football Club.

8 MaghullFest

Members to receive a report on MaghullFest (Pages 11 - 15)

9 PSPO

Members are asked to consider the report relating to the continuing Public Space Protection Order relating to the Council's Parks and Public Open Spaces. (Pages 16 -29)

10 Heritage

Members to receive an update on WW1 Panels from Cllr Ferguson

11 Youth Activities

Members to receive an update on potential youth activities from Cllr Leatherbarrow

12 Report on Sefton Borough Council Matters

For noting only

13 Chair's Closing Comments

For noting only.



Miss A. McIntyre FSLCC
Town Clerk

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting Held Wednesday 19th June 2024 at 6:30 PM

Those present :

Mayor : Cllr K Hughes

Councillors : Cllr L Birchall, Cllr G Birchall, Cllr P Brougham, Cllr P Darlington, Cllr J Desmond, Cllr R Ferguson, Cllr T Hughes, Cllr D Leatherbarrow, Cllr R Mason, Cllr C Parker

In attendance : Mr E Landor, Ms P Landor

Officers : P Dillon, A Mc Intyre, K Spofforth

1 Apologies For Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr B McCormack, Cllr P McCormack and Cllr Sayers

2 Declarations of Interest

None

3 Public Participation.

None received.

4 To Confirm the Minutes of the Last Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 15th May 2024 be approved as a correct record

5 Council Vacancy

Members considered the two applicants for the co-option vacancy. Members also discussed the procedure to be followed, should another co-option vacancy be received, in the next 6 month period. It had taken some time for the vacancy to be filled and this was something that should be avoided in the future.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. Clare Carragher be co-opted to join Maghull Town Council;**
- 2. Should any co-option vacancy arise during the following 6 month period Mrs J McCall would be offered the position.**

6 AGAR - Annual Return to External Auditor

Members considered the Annual Return as part of the External Audit requirements. The Town Clerk read out the following questions to Elected Members of the Council as detailed in Section 1 of the Annual Return:-

1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Council has answered 'yes' to this question and asked if elected members agreed. **Members confirmed their agreement.**

2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Council has answered 'yes' to this question and asked if elected members agreed. **Members confirmed their agreement.**

3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Council has answered 'yes' to this question and asked if elected members agreed. **Members confirmed their agreement.**

4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Council has answered 'yes' to this question and asked if elected members agreed. **Members confirmed their agreement.**

5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Council has answered 'yes' to this question and asked if elected members agreed. **Members confirmed their agreement.**

6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Council has answered 'yes' to this question and asked if elected members agreed. **Members confirmed their agreement.**

7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Council has answered 'yes' to this question and asked if elected members agreed. **Members confirmed their agreement.**

8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Council has answered 'yes' to this question and asked if elected members agreed. **Members confirmed their agreement.**

9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Council has answered 'not applicable' to this question as the Council do not have any Trust Funds, and asked if elected members agreed. **Members confirmed agreement.**

RESOLVED that:

- 1. Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement 2023/24 be approved and signed by the Town Clerk and Mayor;**
- 2. Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2023/24 be approved and signed by the Finance Officer and Mayor;**
- 3. The publication dates of the accounts be noted;**
- 4. The Annual Governance Statement be submitted to PKF Littlejohn, the External Auditor;**
- 5. The report be noted.**

7 Planning Applications.

RESOLVED that:

In relation to Planning Application DC/2021/0015, land south of Deyes Lane, Maghull, L31 6DJ, the letter provided by E Landoor can be submitted on behalf of the Council.

8 Councillor Email Addresses

Members discussed the issues arising from the use of the Council provided email addresses by Councillors. These issues included:

- difficulties accessing the system
- phishing emails
- emails not being received
- emails not being sent

The Council currently had a contract with Datacenta to provide the email addresses (maghull-tc.org) whilst officer email addresses were provided by Knowsley MBC (maghull-tc.gov.uk). Costs were given for the change to Knowsley MBC which were considerable in comparison with Datacenta. Members were also informed of the dangers of using personal email addresses for Council business.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. Examples of actual problems being faced by councillors be provided to the Clerk prior to Datacenta being contacted so that the contract;**
- 2. The Clerk to contact Knowsley MBC to see if there was a way forward with maghull-tc.gov.uk email addresses;**
- 3. The update be noted.**

9 Clerk's Update

Members were informed that a grant application had been submitted for a fuel poverty project of £2,500. National Energy Action will be coming along to the M.A.C. every other Tuesday to offer fuel poverty advice.

A volunteer meeting with The Citizen's Advice Bureau had been organised for 17th June 2024, training is being offered to all volunteers. Professional Indemnity Insurance has now also been taken out. The C.A.B. would be offering sessions on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at M.A.C. each week from July onwards.

Maghull Football Club lease had been sent to the club from Mark Brady and the club had contacted Council to ask if they can reconsider the previous decision on naming rights of the playing field.

RESOLVED that the Clerk's update be noted.

10 Report on Sefton Borough Council Matters

Members noted that Cllr. Parker will be attending numerous training sessions with Sefton Council.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

11 Chairman's Closing Comments

The Chair stated that MaghullFest had been a great success and thanked Phil Dillon and the team for all their hard work making sure the event ran well.

The Chair also noted that that the subway had been renamed after Cllr Matthew Lock and the ceremony had gone well.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

CHAIR

Report to: Full Council
Date of Meeting: 31st July 2024
Agenda Item Number 5
Subject: Local Government Boundary Review of Sefton
Report of: Town Clerk
Exempt / Confidential No
Report:

Summary

A Local Government Boundary Review has taken place in Sefton and the final recommendations have been published

Maghull Town Council Priority	Yes/No
1. A Sustainable and Greener Maghull	No
2. High Quality, Accessible, Biodiverse Green Spaces and Parks	No
3. An Excellent Offer for the Youth of Maghull	No
4. A Great Place to Live, Work and Visit	Yes
5. Statutory Requirement	Yes

Recommendation(s)

- 1. Members note the final recommendations of the Boundary Review;**
- 2. Members note the timetable for implementation of the Review;**
- 3. That the report be noted.**

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

The Town Council commented on the Boundary Review and should note the final recommendations.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue

None

(B) Capital

None

Implications of Recommendations:

Financial Implications	None
Resource Implications	Met within the appropriate budget
Legal Implications	LGA 1972, Representation of the People Act 1985

Equality & Diversity Implications	None
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Implementation Date for Decision

The report is for noting.

Appendices

None

Background Papers

None

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1. Background

A public consultation on the future of Sefton's local government boundaries is running from 25th July 2023 to 2nd October 2023.

This is known as an Electoral Review.

What is an Electoral Review?

An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for the whole local authority. These are:

- The total number of councillors to be elected to the council: council size.
- The names, number and boundaries of wards.
- The number of councillors to be elected from each ward.

Ward Patterns

The Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBCE) carry out two phases of public consultation when they will invite proposals for new ward boundaries. At the first round of consultation, they will ask for proposals on new ward boundaries. Any responses to that consultation will be used to draw up draft recommendations for new boundaries across the area.

The LGBCE will then hold a second round of consultation on those proposals during which time you will be able to comment on them and propose alternatives.

The Commission will draw up new electoral arrangements that provide the best balance based on the statutory criteria. The criteria include three main elements:

- Delivering electoral equality for local electors. This means ensuring that each councillor represents roughly the same number of electors so that the value of your vote is broadly the same regardless of where you live in the local authority area.

- Interests and identities of local communities. This means establishing electoral arrangements which, as far as possible, avoid splitting local ties and where boundaries are easily identifiable.
- Effective and convenient local government. This means ensuring that the wards can be represented effectively by their elected representative(s) and that the new electoral arrangements, including both the council size decision and warding arrangements, allow the local authority to conduct its business effectively.

What is happening in Sefton?

A public consultation on the future of Sefton's local government boundaries ran from 25th July 2023 to 2nd October 2023.

In drawing up a pattern of electoral wards, the LGBCE sought to:

- Make sure that, within an authority, each councillor represents a similar number of electors.
- Reflect the electoral cycle so that each ward is represented by three councillors.
- Create boundaries that are appropriate and reflect community ties and identities.
- Deliver reviews informed by local needs, views and circumstances.

What has the Town Council done?

The Town Council submitted views on the boundary of Sefton Wards within its area and on the Parish boundaries within that as well as the make up of the parish wards.

The final recommendations can be found here [Sefton | LGBCE](#)

Recommendation(s):-

- 1. Members note the final recommendations of the Boundary Review;**
- 2. Members note the timetable for the implementation of the Review;**
- 3. That the report be noted.**

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12 July 2024

Dear Ms Humphreys

Your Reference: DC/2023/00065

Site Address: Land bounded by Poverty Lane To The South, A Railway Line to the West, Whinny Brook to the North and The M58 Motorway To The East, Maghull

Variation of Condition 2 pursuant to planning permission DC/2017/01532 allowed on appeal ref APP/M4320/W/20/3257252 date 22/02/2021- to be changed to: No more than 498 dwellings shall be occupied until the distributor road between Poverty Lane and School Lane, as shown on drawing A083347 91-18-C001- rev E (or a subsequently approved version thereof) in constructed and available for use by the public

We act on behalf of Maghull Town Council (MTC) and have previously written regarding the above application on 26 January, 17 February and 8 September 2023 and 8 February 2024. All of our letters have urged Sefton Council to refuse planning permission on the basis that the proposal is contrary to Sefton Local Plan Policy MN3 Part 6c which states that:

No more than 250 dwellings will be served from Poverty Lane and no more than 250 dwellings will be served from School Lane prior to the completion of the internal bus route/distributor road.

The latest round of public consultation arises as the Applicant (Countryside Partnerships and Persimmon Homes) has submitted further information including a new Transport Assessment and Revised Phasing Plan. The Transport Assessment confirms that the A59 Northway/Hall Lane junction will be pushed further over its operational design capacity by the proposal.

The Revised Phasing Plan (Drawing No. SK438-CPP-01) is a departure from the approved Phasing (Drawing No. 2016.006.027) as well as Phasing Plan for the Site in the Masterplan which was adopted by the Council in 2019. In addition, the Revised Phasing does not provide a congruent housing area as there is a section of Persimmon Phase 2 which sits as an island, disconnected from other houses. This is not the “comprehensive, high quality well-designed sustainable urban extension containing

distinctive, safe and secure residential neighbourhoods, a Business Park and improvements to local infrastructure” envisaged in Sefton Local Plan Policy MN3.

Notwithstanding these issues, there is also a concerning shift in the Applicant’s position as regards the completion of the distributor road/bus route. Previously there was a commitment to the delivery of the road within the application boundary by March 2024. This self-imposed deadline has not been met and has indeed lapsed. At present the commitment to complete the road appears to have vanished. Unless Sefton Council approves the application, it is stated that the Applicant intends to quit the site with the road incomplete and to leave a 50-metre area of no-mans-land between the unfinished road and the bridge over Whinny Brook. Noting that the delivery of the ‘spine road is a key priority for Sefton Council’, this threat is made by the Applicant using the word ‘ransom’ effectively placing the Council as decision-maker under duress.

Our previous letters have set out that this application, made under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act (TCPA) effectively demonstrates that the Applicant seeks to carry out the development authorised by the Planning Permission without complying with Condition 2 of the Planning Permission. The local planning authority can grant such permission unconditionally, or subject to different conditions, or they can refuse the application if they decided that the original condition should continue.

MTC’s view is that Condition 2 cannot be dispensed with. In imposing Condition 2, the Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State was reflecting the requirements of the Sefton Local Plan Policy MN3 , The Maghull Neighbourhood Plan Policy MAG6, Sefton Council’s adopted Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), Land East of Maghull and the Masterplan for the Site, prepared by the Applicant and subsequently adopted by the Council.

To set aside such significant strength and breadth of planning policy would require demonstrable material considerations in accordance with Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and section 70(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The Applicant’s has alluded to matters such as costs, risk and viability but does not appear to have provided any evidence to support a financial case in favour of the proposal.

In addition, the Applicant seeks to argue that the highway network can accommodate the additional traffic arising from the extra 248 houses. This approach disregards the purpose of Condition 2 and indeed the purpose of the distributor road itself which is intended to provide a bus route through the site. In any event, the Applicant’s own Highways Evidence confirms that the A59 Northway/Hall Lane junction is deficient, and its safe operation would further deteriorate in the event approval is granted for the proposal.

Notwithstanding planning policy and highway safety, it may be the case that Sefton Council is sufficiently intimidated by the Applicant’s threat to quit the site imminently leaving an incomplete road on land within the Applicant’s control. In this event, MTC suggests the imposition of a condition to ensure that the distributor road within the Application Site is completed prior to the occupation of the 251st dwelling.

Such a condition would eliminate the possibility that the road remains in its current severed and incomplete state for any longer than necessary. Bearing in mind that the Applicant has a commercial reputation to consider and houses to sell on the site, it would also reflect the Applicant's promise made in the covering letter dated 7 August 2023 that:

This will effectively render the housing land to the North fully serviced from the south and ready for development, removing any uncertainty of connectivity with Poverty Lane. This will also provide pedestrian and cycling connections directly to Summer Hill Primary School in advance of development commencing north of Whinny Brook.

We thank you for consideration of these representations. MTC request to be kept informed regarding any decision, or consideration of this application by Sefton Council's Planning Committee.

Finally, we request that copies of all representations made by MTC on this application are uploaded onto the planning register in the interests of transparency.

Yours sincerely,

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Report to: Full Council
Date of Meeting: 31st July 2024
Agenda Item Number 8
Subject: MaghullFest Review
Report of: Community Services Manager
Exempt / Confidential No
Report:

Summary

MTC holds an annual family community event. As agreed by Council MaghullFest was held earlier in the year, in June and located predominantly within the Town Hall to weatherproof it as much as possible.

Maghull Town Council Priority	Yes/No
1. A Sustainable and Greener Maghull	No
2. High Quality, Accessible, Biodiverse Green Spaces and Parks	No
3. An Excellent Offer for the Youth of Maghull	No
4. A Great Place to Live, Work and Visit	Yes
5. Statutory Requirement	No

Recommendation(s)

- Note the report for reference when planning future events**

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

Future events need to take into consideration how best to locate and attract residents to attend, working in co-operation with local partner organisations.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Decided to move from an August outdoor event to a June indoor event due to previous weather related issues which caused the event's late cancellation.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue

Estimated £1100 which forms part of the Community Services budget

(B) Capital

N/A

Implications of Recommendations:

Financial Implications	Cost from the allocated Community Services budget
Resource Implications	Staff time
Legal Implications	None
Equality & Diversity Implications	The event was open and accessible to all members of the community

Implementation Date for Decision

Immediately following Council

Appendices

N/A

Background Papers

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1. Background

MaghullFest was held on Saturday 15th June at Maghull Town Hall utilising the top car park nearest the tennis courts for a small number of fairground rides, supplementing the activities within the Town Hall. The Town Hall hosted stalls for community groups in the activity room (see Appendix 1 for details) and provided entertainment in the Venue throughout the course of the event.

Costs:	£s
Banner for MaghullFest	180.00
Yellow/Blue Balloons Maghullfest24	14.13
Blue Bunting Maghullfest24 (re-usable)	6.96
Yellow Bunting Maghullfest24 (re-usable)	13.72
Sweets for Maghullfest24	10.82
Face painting at MaghullFest24	250.00
Family entertainment for MaghullFest24	385.00
Total	860.63

Awaiting invoices from G4S (Security) and SJA (First Aid cover)

Previous year's net cost £4973.

Publicity for the event included a new banner displayed from railings at the Hall Lane A59 junction for 8 weeks, posters in MTC noticeboards in the month prior to the event, a countdown to the event on MTC's Facebook, social media messaging and e-mails to local organisations encouraging them to promote MaghullFest.

Staff resources on the day included MTC's Amenities Manager, Community Services Manager, Finance Officer, Community Services officer and 2 members of Grounds Maintenance Team. The latter were on site from 9am to help set up and manage car parking and support stall holders/entertainers as they arrived on site.

During the course of the event 437 people attended with the peak times being

12-1pm (127) and 2-3pm (120). The Activity Room which hosted the community stalls, proved to be the busiest room for the duration of the event. The Venue saw numbers climb and dip, varying with who was providing the entertainment at any given time:-

- Ian Porter (background music throughout)
- Hamilton Dance Group
- Tommy Tinker (children's entertainer replacement for Mr Stix)
- Andrew Alty (singer).
- Madukes

Officers were required to alter the performance line up due to late dropouts and particular thanks have been expressed to Andrew Alty and Madukes who appeared at short notice to fill the vacant time slots.

Summary of the day

The decision to hold the event largely indoors proved to be prescient as there was very heavy rain during the morning just prior to the event starting. This would almost certainly have led to its cancellation had all the activities been outside. As it stood groups were able to set up inside the Town Hall unhindered and were ready to go for the 12 noon start.

Catering arrangements were changed on the day as the Venue licensee's plan to serve hot food from a trailer outside had proved problematic with the incompatibility of the electrical connection. Again, outside serving would also have been an issue with the weather early on. Food was therefore served from the kitchen of the Venue throughout the day.

Parking was expected to be an issue as the car park in front of the Town Hall was reserved for stall holders and entertainers and the top car park was for the fairground rides. Signs placed on the drive up to the car park did not put many off from driving up to the barrier staffed by MTC. Most people were trying to park before using the leisure centre, which had been notified of arrangements in advance. Whilst most people understood the reason why the car parks were not accessible there were several verbal complaints to officers. If another event of this kind was to be held officers would recommend reviewing the car parking arrangements to seek an alternative way of operating on the day.

The junior fairground rides that attend most MaghullFests did not have a good day in terms of takings. Apart from the poor weather the ride owners were not happy about the location as they were out of site of the public and therefore unable to attract almost any passing trade. They would not be keen to repeat the arrangement and made strong requests to be able to locate back on to KGV Playing Fields even if a future event was to be held inside the Town Hall.

Feedback from attendees

- Good opportunity to network/catch up for local community groups
- Really worthwhile day to get talking to residents and make people aware of activities and organisations in Maghull

- Good idea that it was inside to take away any doubt about the weather.
- Pray to the weather gods so it can be held outside!
- Activity Room was a bit crowded with the number of stalls and visitors; it became quite congested. However, being inside meant that people had to pass stalls. When it was outside, stalls got lost at the back of field and didn't get much footfall.
- A large marquee outside would be better for activity-based stalls or organisations to showcase what they can do as there was limited space in activity room e.g. St Johns trying to show CPR and first aid in the walkway
- Parking: Very limited space to park, for volunteers and visitors, as fairground rides closed top car park
- Advertising: Lack of publicity for the event. Noted that there was a banner outside the town hall and advertised Face Book (MTC and Maghull Community Page). Put posters in notice boards in Parks, shop windows and ask other organisations/businesses to display. Miss the Maghull Champion for providing a weekly forum for publicising anything. The YourMaghull magazine is published infrequently and was received by most residents after the event.
- Food offer: unclear where food was available from; slightly overpriced for what was served; include vegetarian options, invite a local cake stall (cupcakes, brownies etc)
- Try to target all ages ranges. Age range was below 6 and above 30.

Conclusion

Officers were able to deliver a community event within the parameters agreed by Council at a much reduced cost. Whilst the total attendance was poorer than previous years that was largely due to the heavy rain fall in the morning. Publicity could be improved to synchronise better with the publishing of the community magazine and greater use of posters in local shops is an option that needs to be considered. Those who attended the event were generally very satisfied and commented that the Council had done well to have the event whilst other local events had been cancelled due to the predicted bad weather.

Recommendations

1. **Council to note the report for reference when planning future events**

Appendix 1

Community Organisations involved in MaghullFest 2024

- 12th Maghull Scouts
- 2348 (Maghull) Squadron, Air Cadets
- Cosy Club Volunteers
- Friends of Maghull & District
- KGV Ladies Bowls
- Maghull & Lydiate U3A
- Maghull & District Lions
- Maghull Homewatch
- Maghull in Bloom
- Maghull Library (information only)
- Maghull Lifesavers Club
- Maghull Photography Club
- Maghull Tennis Club (information only)
- Maghull Town Council Councillors
- Maghull WI
- Merseyside Police including Rural Crime Unit
- Sefton Autism Hub
- Sefton Community Learning (information only)
- Sefton Older Persons Forum
- St John Ambulance

Community Groups/ Organisations invited but not able to attend:

- Frank Hornby Charitable Trust
 - Home from Home
 - Maghull Churches
 - Maghull FC
 - Maghull Cricket Club
 - Maghull Ramblers
 - Merseyside Fire & Rescue
 - OTE Performing Arts Academy
 - WLM Taekwondo
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Report to: Amenities Committee
Date of Meeting: 31st July 2024
Agenda Item Number 9
Subject: The PSPO for Dog Control
Report of: Amenities Manager
Exempt/Confidential Report: No

Summary

Public Space Protection Orders are powers that are available to local authorities to deal with anti-social behaviour and to ensure that communities are great places for everybody to live or visit.

The PSPO for Dog Control aims to help dog owners behave responsibly in areas that are enjoyed by many other user groups. It outlines requirements and restrictions to encourage responsible dog ownership and to ensure that shared spaces are usable and accessible for all of Sefton's residents.

Maghull Town Council Priority	Yes/No
Development and Protect the Community	Yes
Develop Parks and Green Spaces	Yes
Value for Money and Enterprising Council	Yes
Develop Leisure and Activity for All	Yes
Develop/support Community Services and Groups	Yes
Support Culture and Heritage	Yes
Health and Wellbeing Programme	Yes
Statutory Requirement	No

Recommendation(s)

Amenities Committee is requested to: -

1. Council members to provide approval for officers to set-up a consultation process with the public via the Town Council website.
2. Review and approve the signage that will be implemented at each park for raising awareness to dog owners on their responsibilities when walking dogs in MTC Parks.
3. Note the contents of this report.

Reasons for Recommendation and plan of action(s)

As discussed by members on the 20th of September and the 15th of November 2023, MTC have received many complaints over the last twelve months regarding irresponsible dog owners visiting our parks. Complaints received include dog fouling, dogs off leash and dogs in children's play areas. This is an issue that has been brought to several Cllrs attention and at times escalate via social media.

Therefore, to alleviate this issue, the following action plan will commence over the coming weeks: -

Plan of Action: -

- Council members to provide approval for officers to set-up a consultation process with the public via the Town Council website.
- Pending the results of the consultation process, additional signage will be installed that prohibit dogs from entering enclosed playgrounds, multi-use game courts and bowling greens. **Council members need to review and approve this signage.**
- "Keep Dogs on Lead" signage will also be sprayed on pathways in parks that have enclosed playgrounds.
- Sefton's PSPO policy to be displayed on the MTC website and via noticeboards.

The PSPO dog control order states the following:

- Failure to remove your dog's fouling forthwith.
- Restrict the number of dogs that can be walked by one person to a maximum of 6 dogs on or off the lead.
- Prohibit dogs from entering enclosed playgrounds and fenced sports pitches, including multi use game sport facilities.
- Prohibit dogs from entering marked sports pitches during specified times.
- Dogs to be kept on a lead within defined picnic sites and family areas in parks.
- Dogs to be kept on a lead within all designated carriageways (A and B classified Road) and footways.
- Dogs to be kept on a lead within all cemeteries and crematoria.

- Dogs to be placed on a lead when directed by an authorised officer to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to members of the public.
- Dog leads must be no greater than 2 metres in length when used in the locations specified above.
- A £75 fixed penalty notice (£50 if paid within 10 days) will be issued if you fail to comply with the requirement / restrictions within the Order.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

NA

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

All costs associated with this project currently come from the Amenities core budget.

Cost £800

Implications of Recommendations:

Financial Implications	£800
Resource Implications	Officers time
Legal Implications	None
Equality & Diversity Implications	None

Implementation Date for Decision

Immediately following the conclusion of Amenities Committee.

Appendices

See attached – signage maps and an example of a consultation questionnaire.

Background Papers NA

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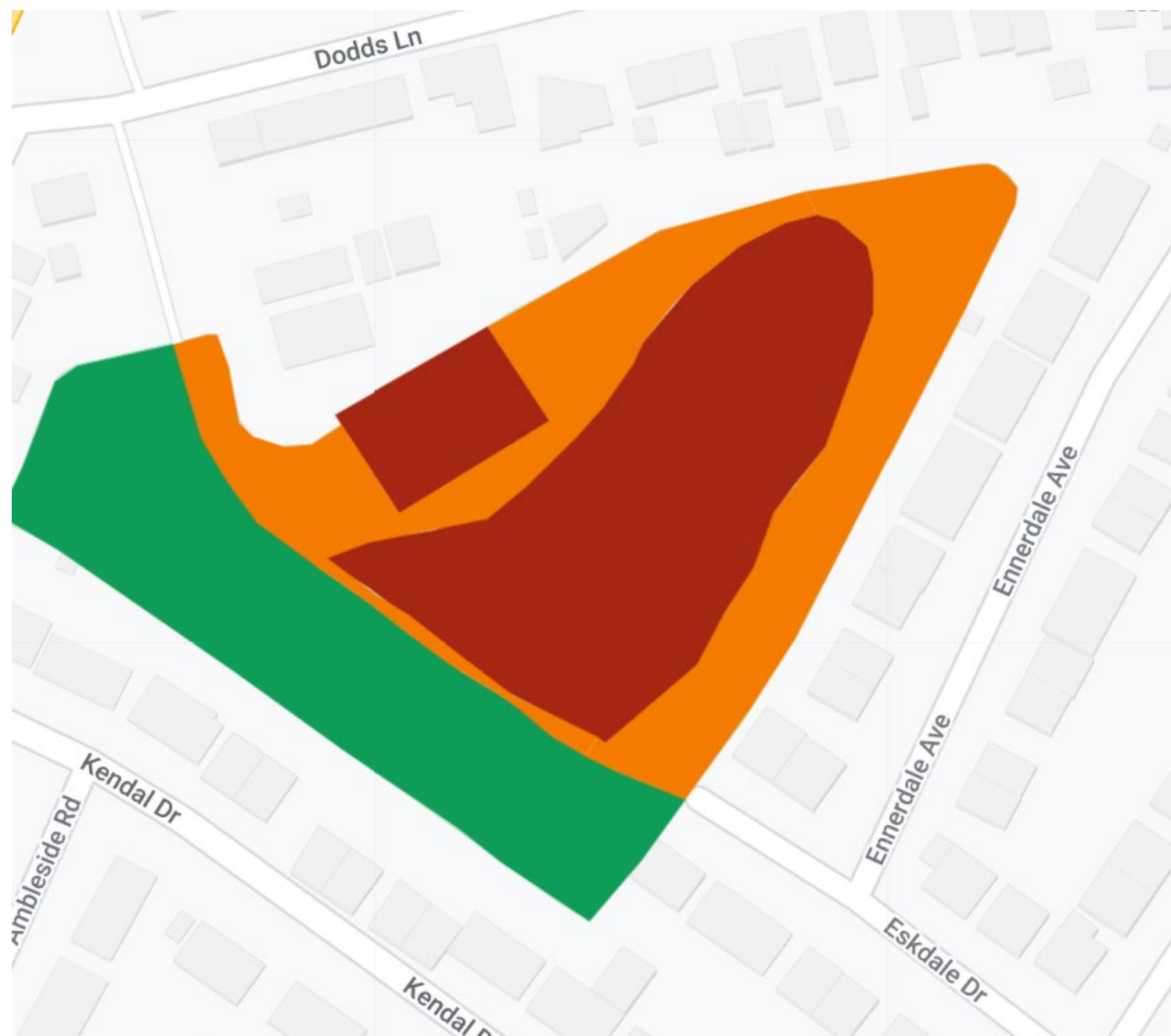


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Maghull Town Council
Dodds Park
Dog Control Zones
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0151 526 3705



No Dogs Allowed
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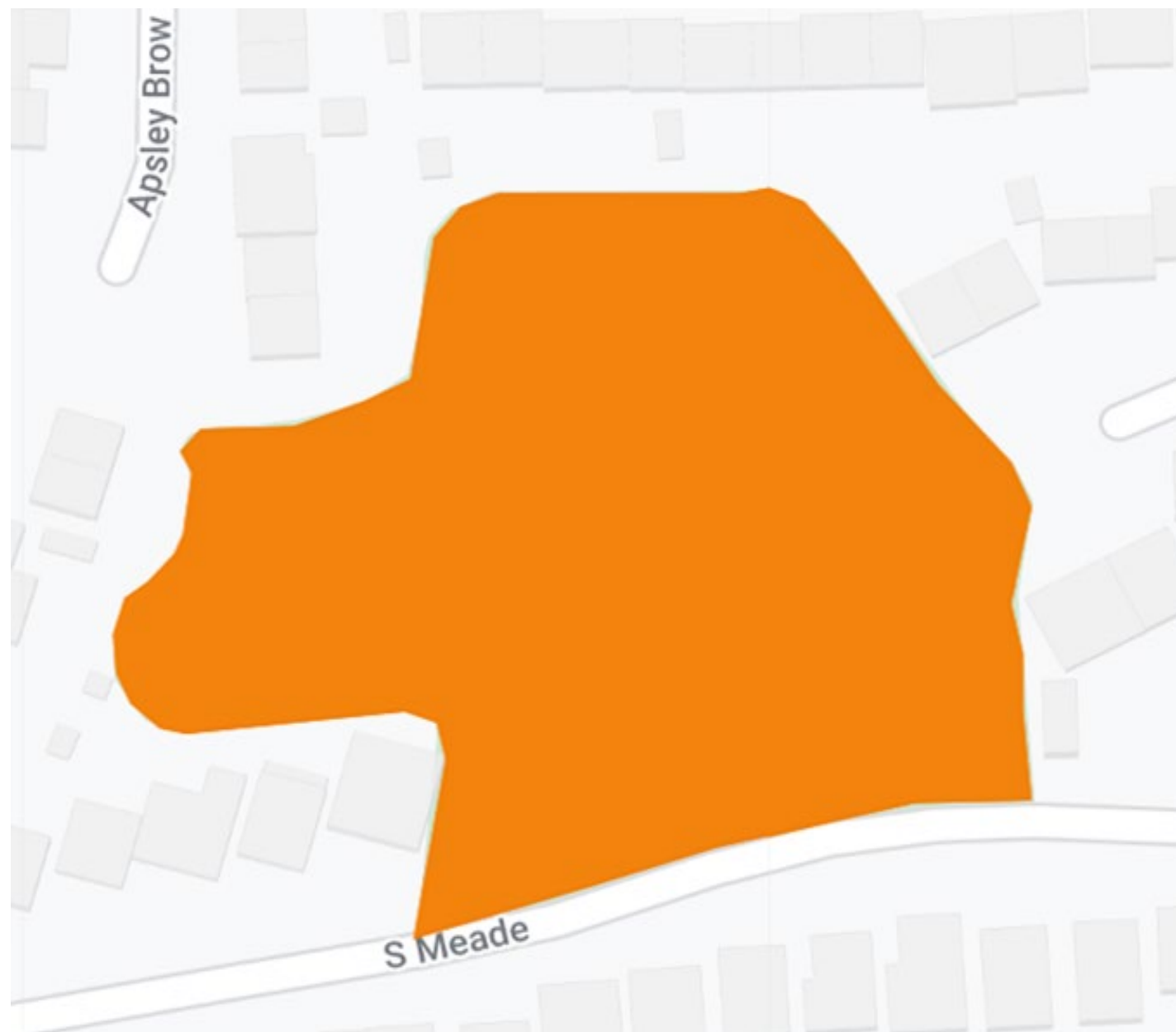


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South Meade Park
Dog Control Zones
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0151 526 3705



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King George V Playing Fields
Dog Control Zones
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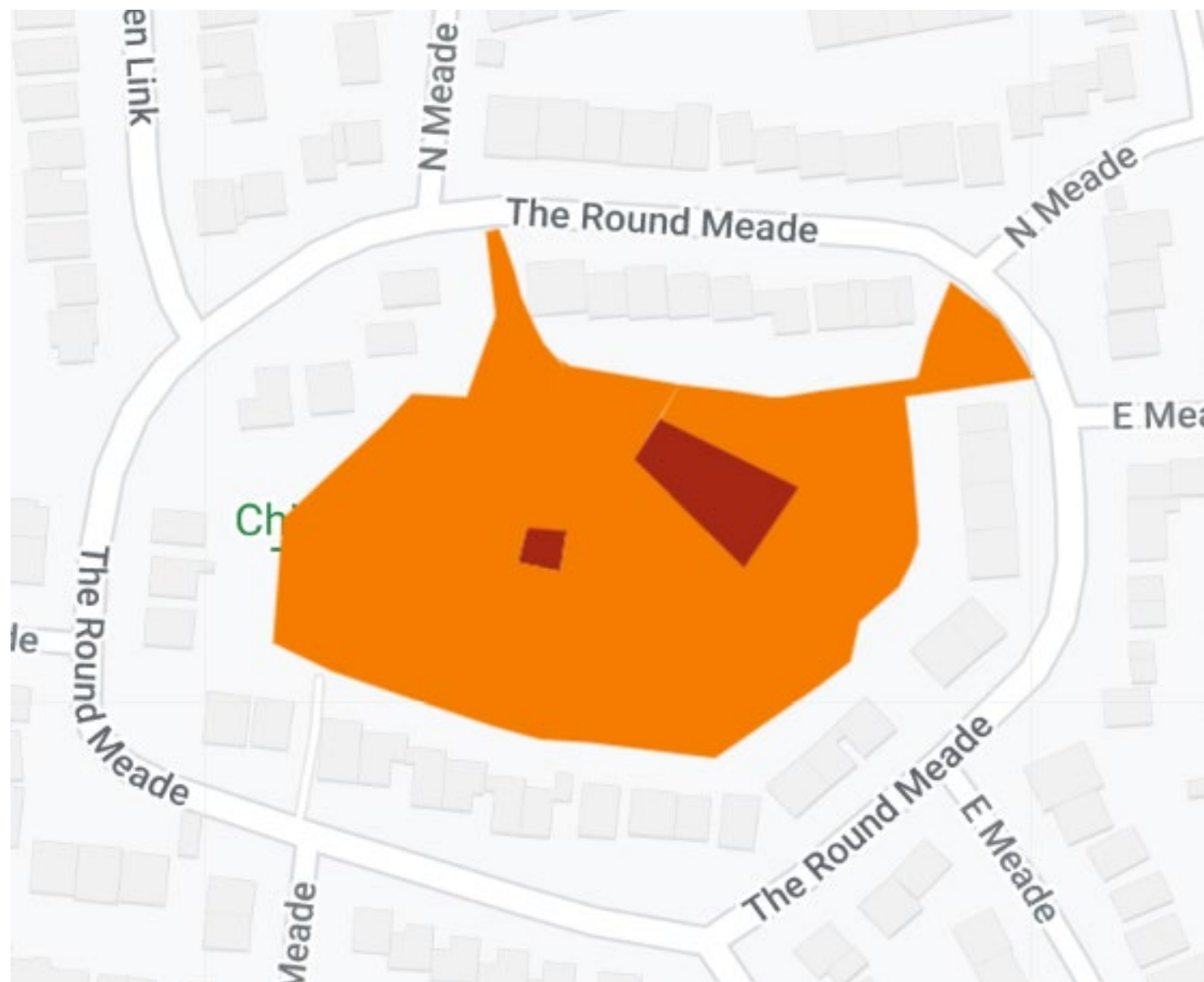


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Maghull Town Council
Round Meade Park
Dog Control Zones
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0151 526 3705



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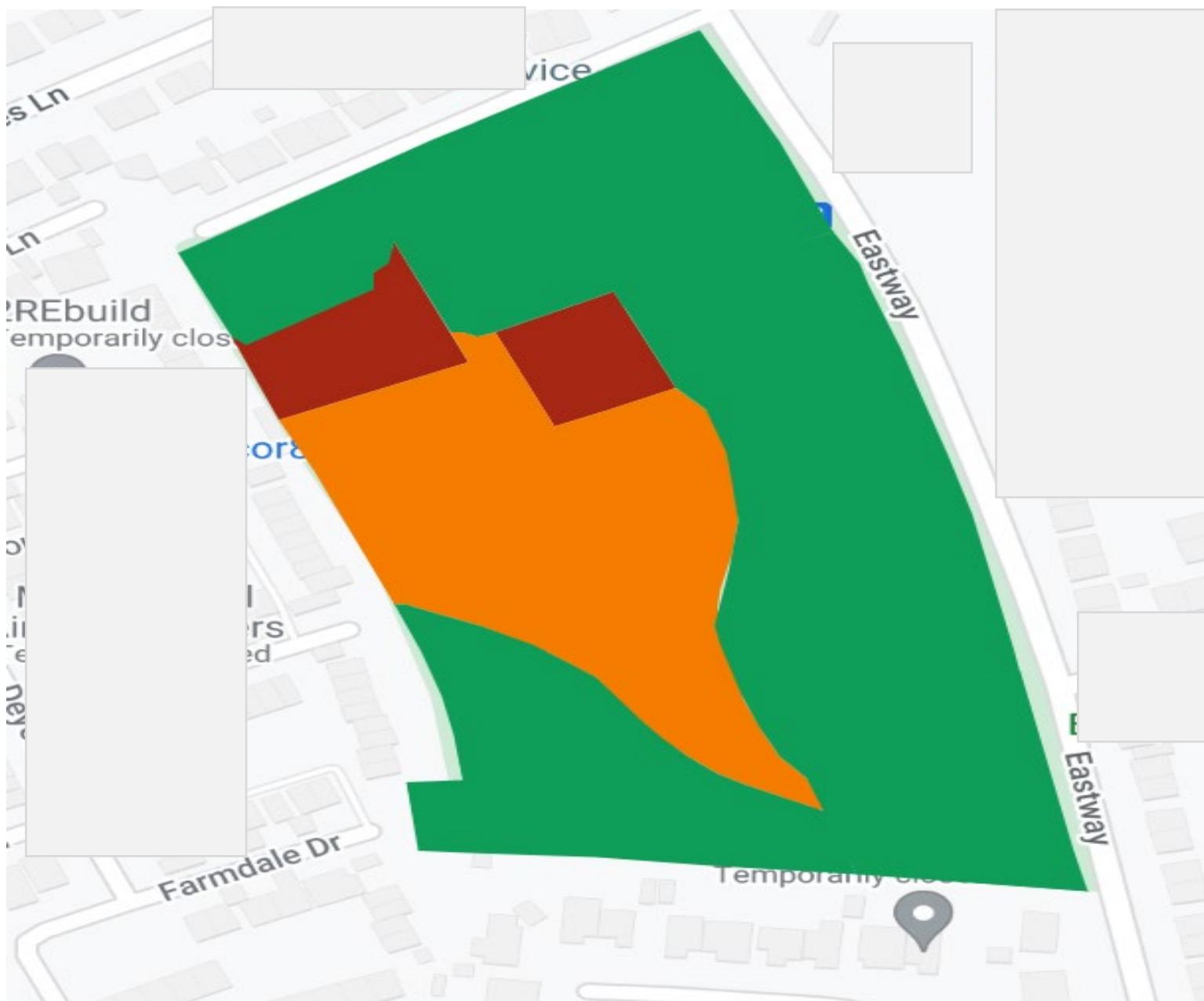


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Glenn Park
Dog Control Zones
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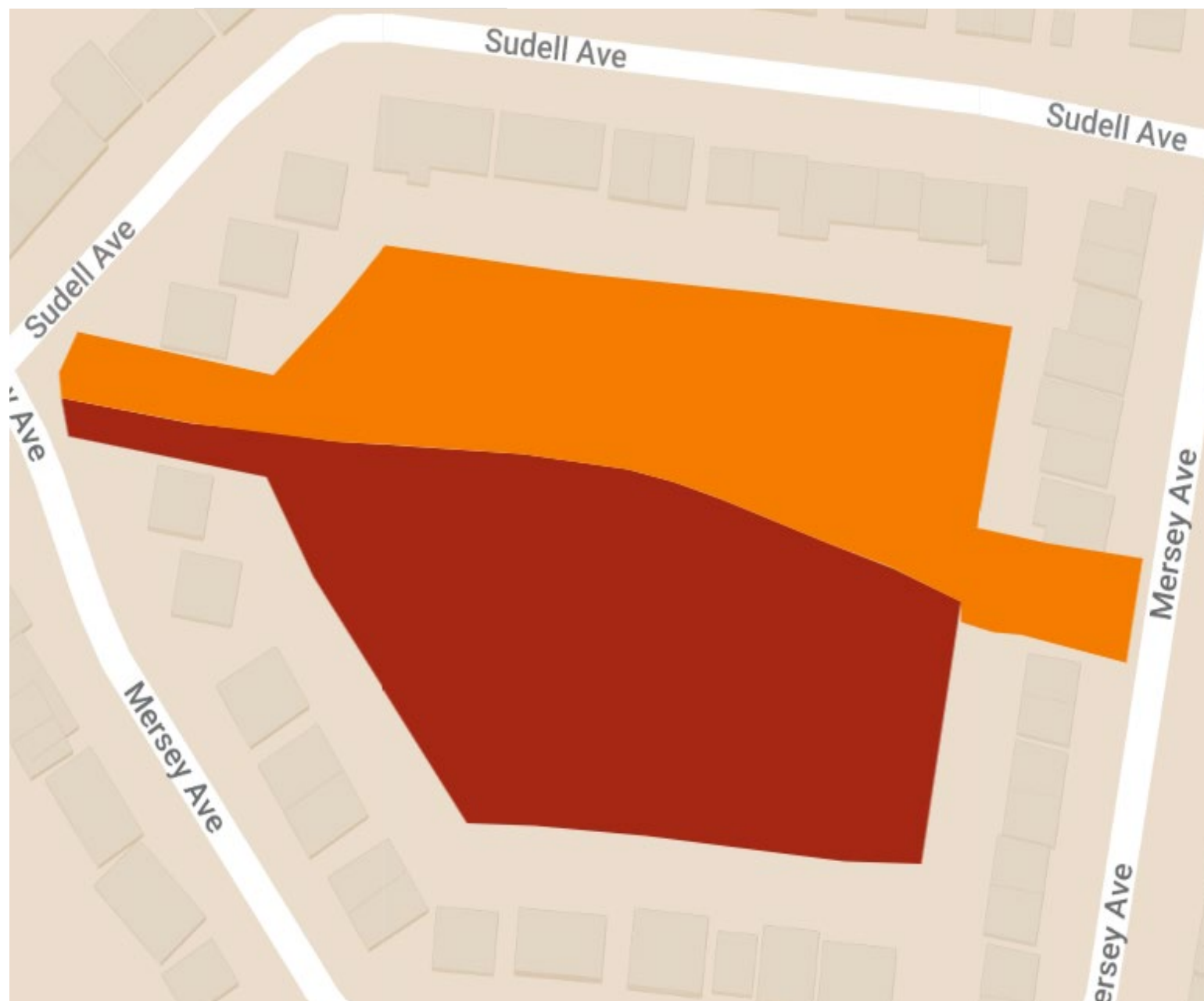


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Maghull Town Council
Mersey Avenue Park
Dog Control Zones
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0151 526 3705



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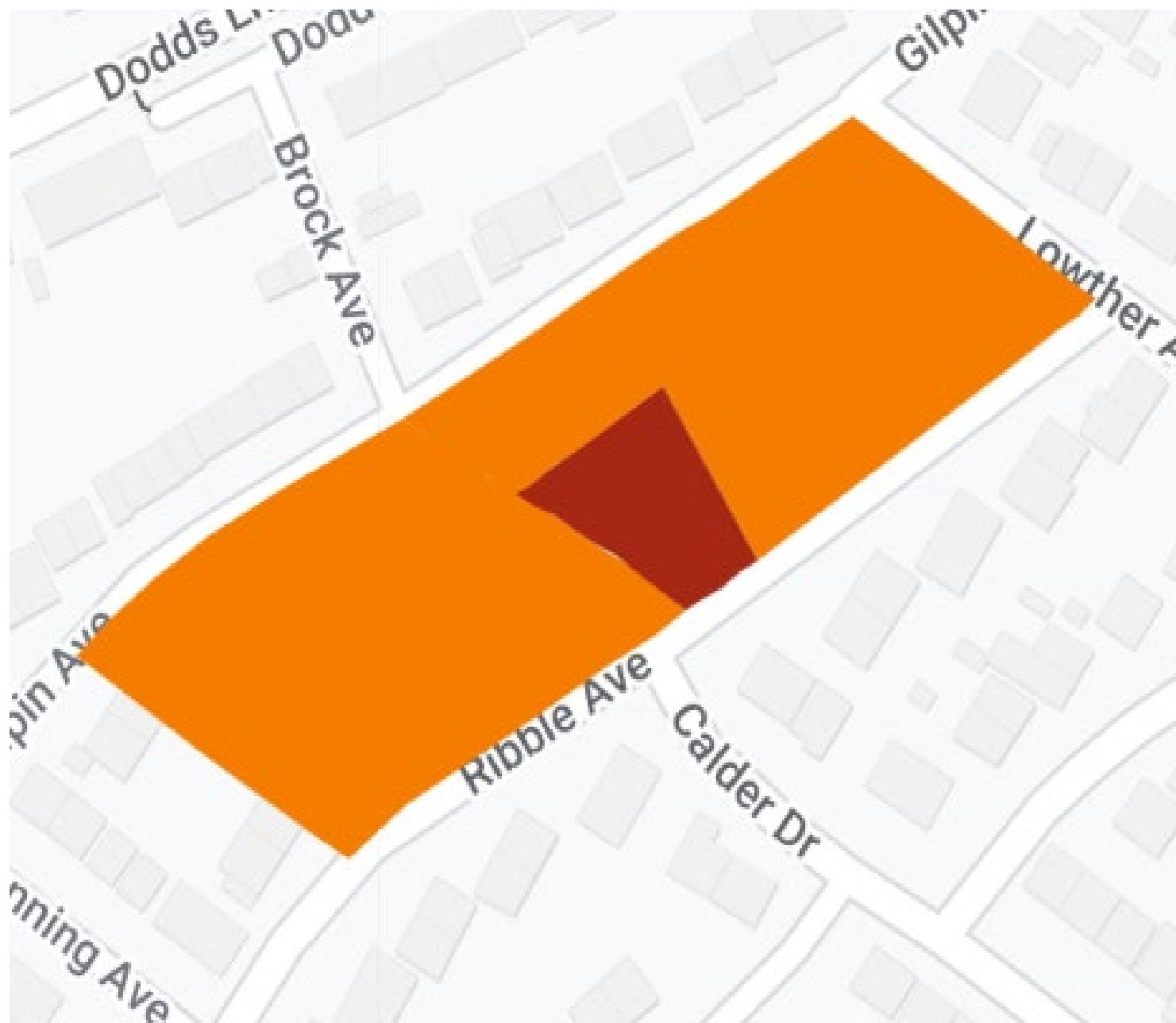


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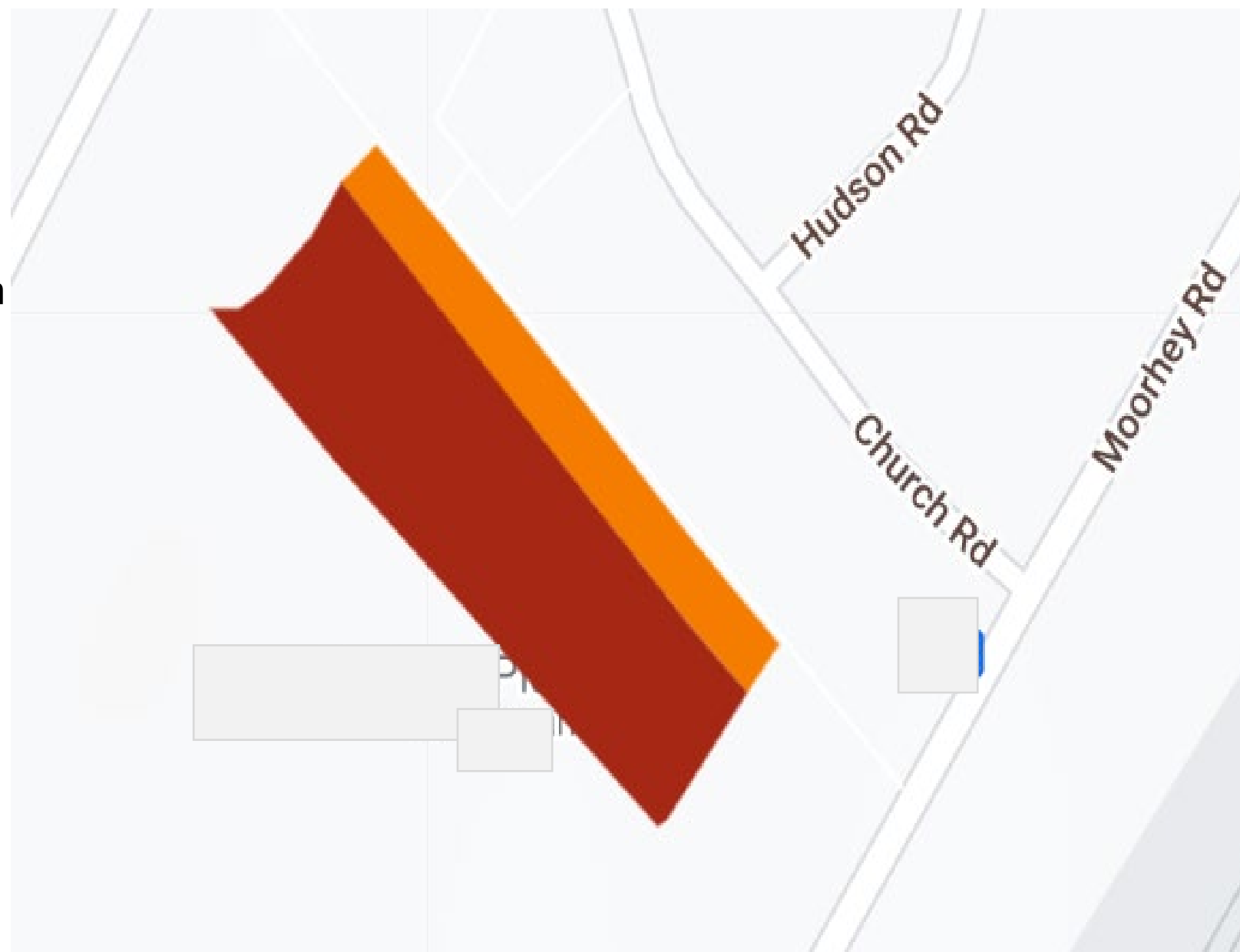
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Moorhey Park
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Maghull Town Council
Old Hall Park
Dog Control Zones
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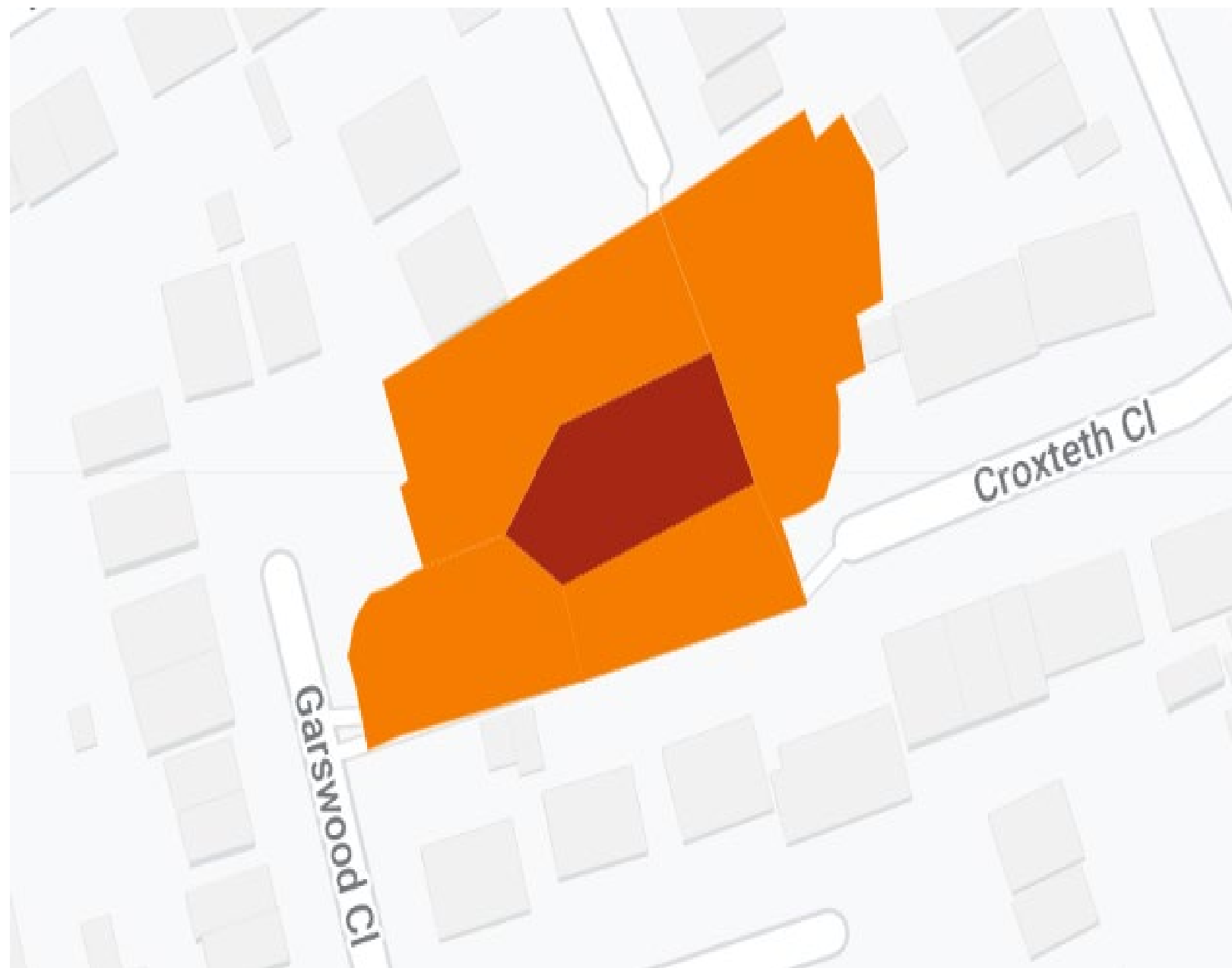


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