



GREAT GREEN POLICY

Pirton Parish Council

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1. Land Ownership and Responsibility

- a) The area designated as Great Green (a Registered Village Green) is defined in Land Registry entry HD518485 and includes not only the grassed area of Great Green, but also the unmetalled track alongside the grass. Pirton Parish Council are the designated legal owners of the land.
- b) The Parish Council has a duty of care to local residents to ensure that service and delivery vehicles – and especially emergency vehicles – should not encounter any obstruction when trying to access households fronting the track.
- c) The Parish Council must, by law, protect Great Green as required by Acts of Parliament and legislation covering Village Greens.
- d) All decisions regarding access across Great Green are solely at the discretion of the Parish Council, as landowner.
- e) All decisions regarding motor vehicles – or the placing of any item whatsoever - on any part of Great Green (including the track) are solely at the discretion of Pirton Parish Council, as owners of the land.

2. The Policy

a Access

- i. As a general rule, access shall not be allowed across Great Green (including the track) at any time.
- ii. The Parish Council may allow restricted access as a 'gift' to householders if it is considered safe and reasonable to do so.
- iii. The households listed in Schedule A may be issued with an Access Permit by the Parish Council. This permit allows householders to cross the track in a motor vehicle to gain access to their property provided that the vehicle is then parked wholly on the householder's land. It does NOT allow the householder to park on any part of Great Green.
- iv. An Access Permit will remain in force until the householder moves or it is revoked by the Parish Council. There is no fee and the Access Permit does not need to be renewed annually. Decisions made by the Parish Council are not open to appeal and are final and binding.

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b Motor Vehicles and Obstacles

- i. As a general rule, motor vehicles shall not be allowed anywhere on Great Green (including the track) at any time.
- ii. No obstacles may be placed on the Green at any time without the consent of the Parish Council. Such obstacles to include (but not restricted to) benches, shrubs, pots, plants and solid structures.
- iii. The Parish Council may offer restricted parking by permit if it is considered safe and reasonable to do so.
- iv. Households in Schedule B may apply to the Parish Council for permission to park a vehicle on the track itself. The resident should send a completed Parking Permit Application Form (doc021) to the Parish Clerk, stating the reasons why they should be allowed to park a vehicle on the track. Applications are limited to one Parking Permit per household.
- v. An annual fee of £10 is payable for a Parking Permit. The £10 fee, in the form of a cheque payable to 'Pirton Parish Council', should be attached to the application form. If the resident's application is unsuccessful, the fee will be returned. The Parish Council will issue a reminder shortly before the anniversary of the fee. If the annual fee is not paid within one calendar month of the renewal date, the Parking Permit will lapse.
- vi. The decision whether or not to grant such parking permission is in the gift of the Parish Council alone, as landowners. Decisions made by the Parish Council are not open to appeal and are final and binding.
- vii. If permission is granted the resident will be issued a Parking Permit allowing them to park in a designated spot on the track. The Parking Permit will be for the household to use for any one vehicle. Such Parking Permit shall be valid for the designated parking spot only and should be displayed in a vehicle when it is parked in that spot.
- viii. The Parking Permit will be reviewed annually and may be removed at any time by the Parish Council if permission is being abused or if the parking is causing obstructions to the track.
- ix. If permission is refused, the householder may not submit a further application within twelve months of the original application. The Parish Council is under no obligation to give a reason for its refusal of any application.
- x. If a resident of Great Green is having work done by a tradesman which will necessitate a tradesman's vehicle being parked on the track for an extended period, the householder should inform the Parish Council. If the work is likely to continue for more than seven days, the householder should apply for a temporary parking permit for the tradesman. Any

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tradesman's vehicle parked on the track must not obstruct the track; it is the householder's responsibility to ensure that the track is not obstructed at any time.

- xi. The awarding of a Parking Permit in no way affects the right of Pirton Parish Council to restrict parking at any time in the future.
- xii. Any vehicles parked on a householder's property must be parked wholly on that property and must not protrude onto any part of the track. Vehicles which protrude onto the track will be treated in the same way as those parked on the track without a Parking Permit.
- xiii. Use of the Great Green track by motor vehicles is therefore limited to Permit holders (Access and/or Parking) and to tradesmen's, service, delivery or emergency vehicles in the course of their duties.

3. Enforcement and Policing

- a) The Council will erect signposts at the entrances to the Great Green track informing drivers that vehicles are only allowed on the Green to holders of a valid Permit (either Access or Parking).
- b) If a vehicle is parked on the track without an appropriate Parking Permit, a warning notice shall be attached to its windscreen informing the driver that they are parked illegally on private land. Should the vehicle return and park on more than one occasion, the Parish Council will consider prosecuting the driver for trespass (under Section 222 of the Local Government Act 1972).

4. Policy Review

- a) This Policy will be reviewed annually.
- b) Changes to the policy may be made at any time as necessitated by law or by decision of the Parish Council.
- c) Households affected by any changes to this policy will be notified in writing.

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5. Schedule A

- 5a Great Green ('Rafters')
- 6 Great Green
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- 9 Great Green
- 10 Great Green
- 11 Great Green
- 12 Great Green
- 13-15 Great Green
- 16 Great Green
- 2 Priors Hill - to driveway of 5a Great Green
- 4 Priors Hill - to driveway of 5a Great Green

6. Schedule B

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