



# Verge Hardening Project

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# Why is parking a problem throughout Dacorum?

- **It could be children are living at the family home for longer**
- **It could be garages are too small for today's cars**
- **Or, are people are travelling further afield for work**

# People will park their vehicles anywhere they can.....





Leaving them looking like this.....



# Why a Verge Hardening project?

- **The lack of parking is a priority for residents**
- **Parking prevention was an option**

# What happened next?

- **Members, Council services and other organisations were asked to identify problem areas**
- **105 streets/roads identified**
- **These went through a sieve process to give us our priority list**

## Our top 20 sites

Street/Road	Status
Marlins Turn	Complete
Ritcroft Street	Complete
Spring Lane	Consultation result – no to additional parking
Fennycroft Road	Complete
Cowper Road, Markyate	Consultation result – no to additional parking
Burns Drive	Complete
Ritcroft Close	Complete
Butts End	Complete
Brickmakers Lane	Complete
Plantation Walk (Raybarn)	Complete
Plantation Walk (Middleknights)	Complete
Roydon Court	Complete
The Thistles	Complete
Hilldown Road	Complete
Candlefield Road	Complete
Candlefield Walk	Complete
Chapel Close	Complete
Allandale	Awaiting a start date
Fletcher Way (odds)	Awaiting a start date
Fletcher Way (evens)	Awaiting a start date

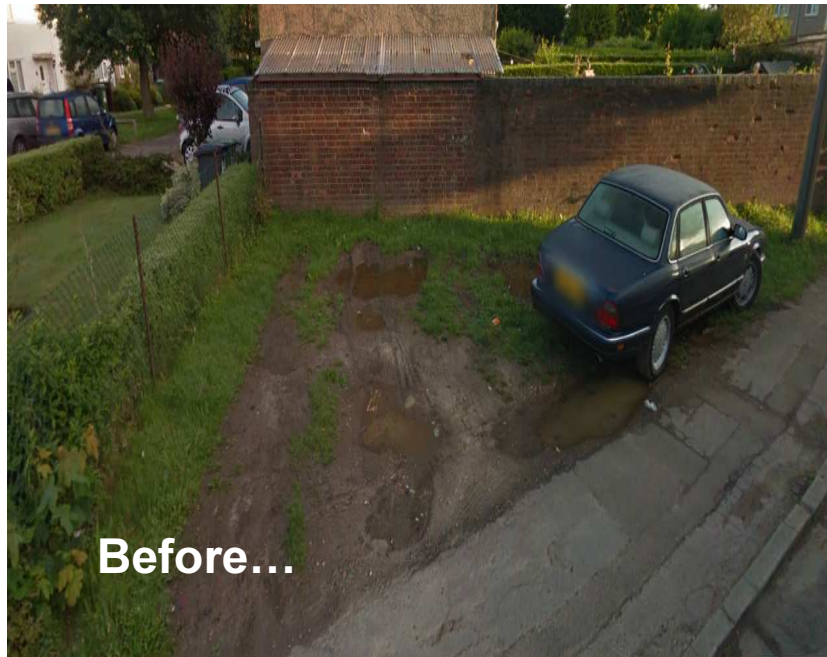


# Examples of three different type of parking scheme

# Marlins Turn



# Ritcroft Street



**Where possible, we have enabled residents to facilitate their own parking pad in their front garden**



## How have we achieved all of this?

- **We sought advice from the planning department**
- **Consulted with over 1000 residents in 20 areas and accommodated their requests where possible**
- **Met with the contractor on site and completed all safety audits required**
- **Started work at the end of June 2013 on a rolling programme**

# Summary

- **By the end of this financial year we will have installed 180 new parking bays**
- **The average cost of each bay is just over £2,000**
- **We have had lots of positive feedback from residents...**

*'Thank you for your prompt circulation of the results following the stage 2 consultation in Marlins Turn yesterday. You have rather pre-empted my e-mail as I want to thank you and your colleague so much for the interesting, informative and clear manner in which you dealt with the project. Not an easy job, particularly under the dreadful weather conditions, but I want to hand you both a 'virtual bouquet'. I hadn't thought the meeting would be of interest to me initially but in the event couldn't resist coming along and I was really grateful to have had the situation explained so concisely. The results are not entirely to my liking but I am extremely happy with the way in which they were obtained and for your first class presentation; I now feel less anxious about the way forward, many thanks'*

*'A big thank you for sorting out the parking bays in Fennycroft Road – they have been marked up now so all done in the timescale as well'*

*'It should make a tremendous difference to the present overcrowding. We appreciate all your help'*

# What happens next...

- **The project has a two year extension**
- **Prioritising the numerous requests for other sites to be considered under the Verge Hardening Project.**



The End

Any questions?