

REPORT PC25.093 Protection of Public Space

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1. BACKGROUND

A report to councillors following a recent unauthorised encampment in Bishopdown Farm.

2. SUMMARY

From Clerks memory, since 2020 there have been four unauthorised encampments in the parish –

- Whitebridge (1 Week)
- Hartley Way x 2 (2/3 nights each)
- St Peters Road (2/3 nights)

The most recent was 14th May – 16th May 2025 at Hartley Way. On each occasion we have needed to instruct some rubbish clearance/removal of garden waste following vacation of the site.

Cllr Baker has requested we consider the use of small posts (similar to those along Fiander Lane) to prevent access in future.

Hartley Way roadside has been measured at 126m. For posts at 1.5m centres, plus a low level access maintenance gate, we have been quoted £7018.38 plus VAT.

3. CONCLUSION

The staff team have commenced some calculations for the Parish estate. There is in excess of 1500m road frontage at Whitebridge, Boundary Road, St Lukes, St Peters, Hartley Way, Hampton Pavilion Green and Norman Drive. We have not yet measured the Swales at Old Sarum, OSCC Green and Pilgrims Way.

This work has not been budgeted and would be a considerable cost. The Clerk has instructed the staff team not to pursue this at present.

4. RECOMMENDATION

That councillors debate whether the cost can be justified before any further work is done.