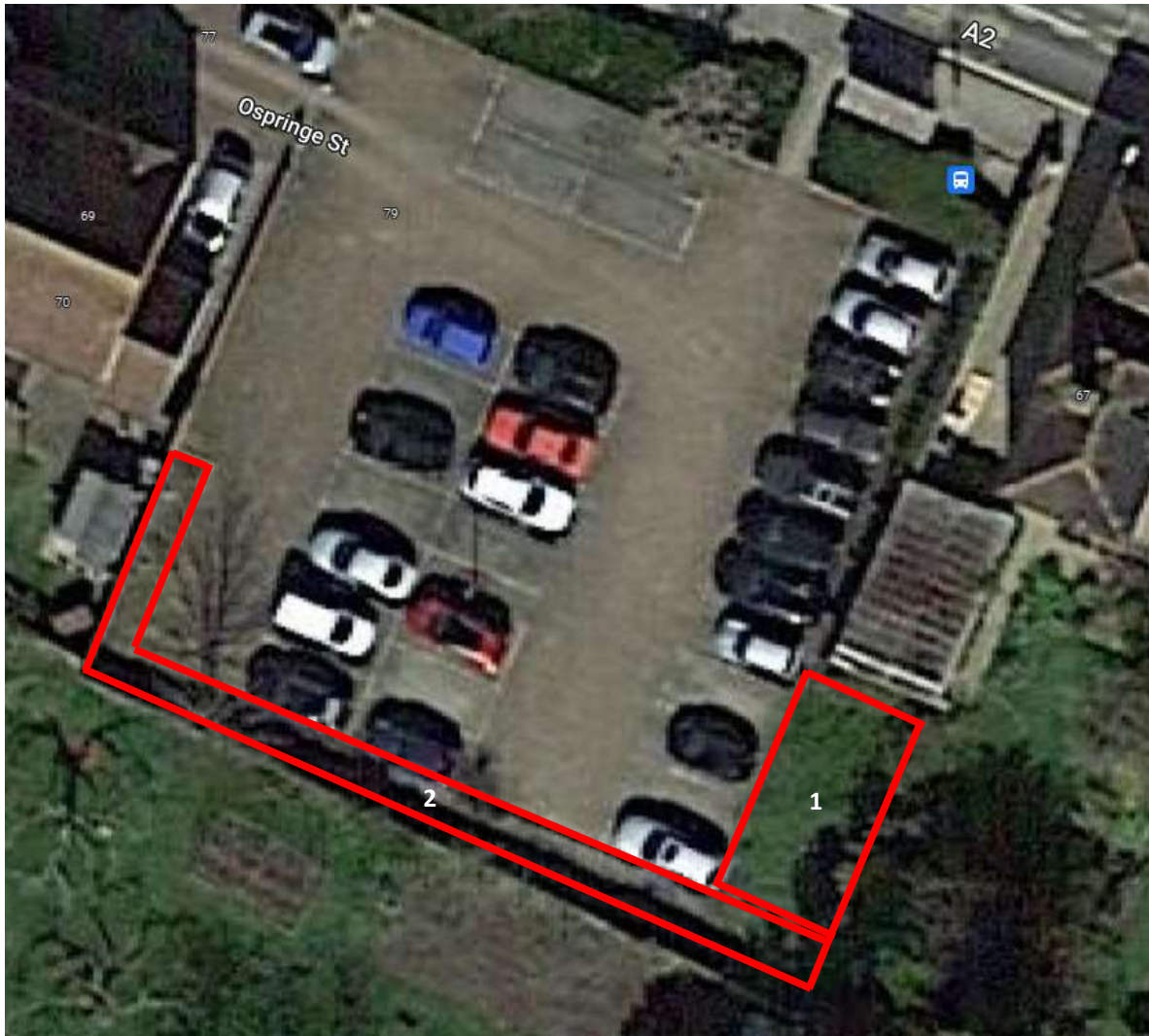


Improving air quality and biodiversity in Ospringe

Identified as an important focus for the Environment committee, Ospringe Street has significant air quality problems (being an AQMA) and lacks sufficient greenery which will in turn improve biodiversity in this area. There are 2 main areas of focus.

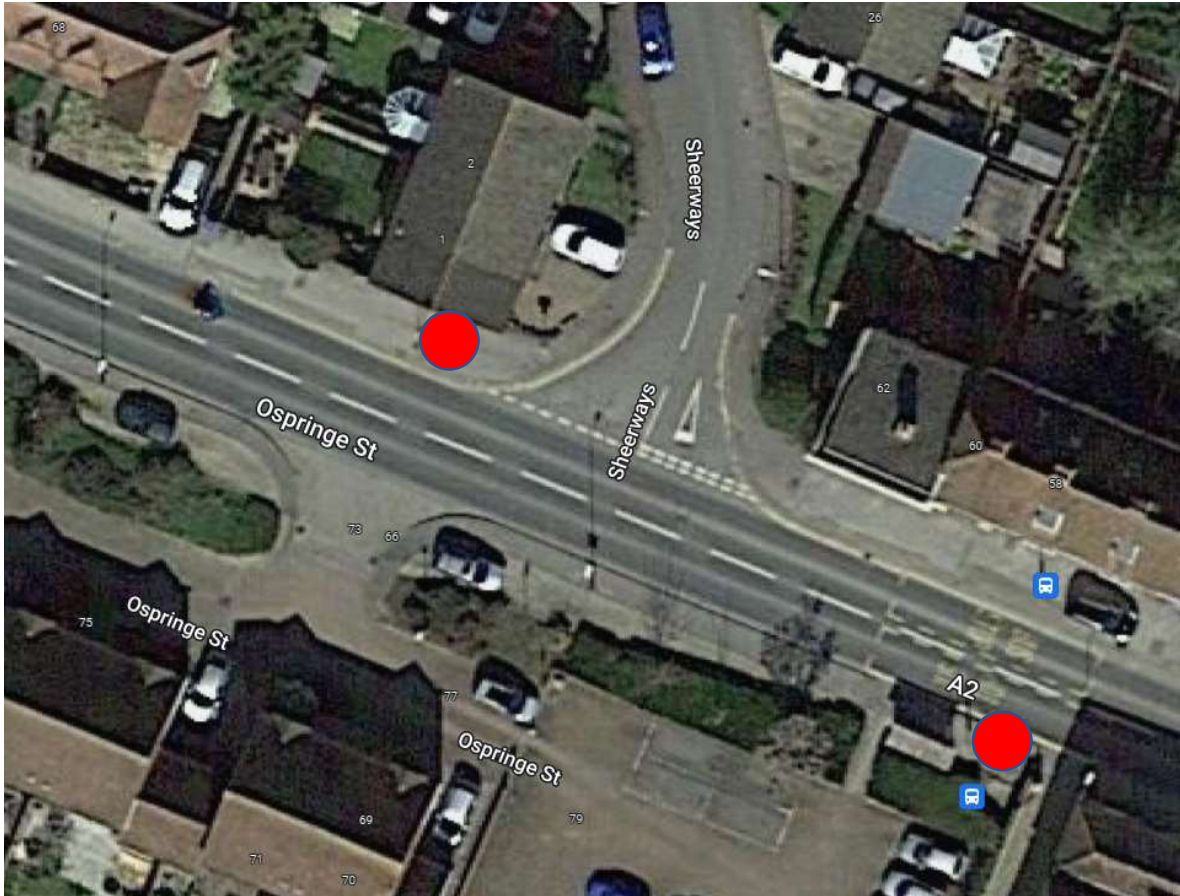
Ospringe Street, car park:



1. Plant 2x trees with suitable protection. Would suggest Malus - Crab Apple and Prunus – Ornamental Cherry. The trees will be semi mature and will have a protective cage round them to avoid damage or vandalism.
2. 42 metres of mixed hedging. Species that are native, good for biodiversity and will help improve air quality. A mulch over the top of soil will help control weeds and

retain moisture. Each plant will be protected with a cane and guard. Planted at 5x plants per metre. 210 plants required.

London Road, A2:



2x planters located at the following positions will help create greenery in places where there currently isn't any, but will aid in improving air quality, increase biodiversity and enhance the gateway into Faversham.

1. Beneath road sign, set back from the road to avoid restricting views.



2. Located on concrete platform, where previous utilities were housed.



These planters will be the same style as previously used (please see addition document) and have a reservoir in them, to cut down on the amount of water required and cost.

The proposal is to allocate £2500 to this project subject to permission from Swale Borough Council, Kent County Council and detailed quotes to be presented at the next meeting of 9th November to agree purchases.