

## IDENTIFICATION OF VILLAGE CAR PARK SITES.Policy D-3

Car parking is a problem in the village most especially with the Pig and Truffle restaurant which has no parking. Residential parking on The Street is either off road or on The Street in front of a number of the houses, this becomes a problem when the restaurant is busy and also because of the noise generated by guests leaving the restaurant at night and driving their cars away.

There are five possibilities:-

1. Extending the existing small strip of off road parking on the dirt area opposite the restaurant to the side. This would depend on how much of this land is owned by Essex Highways, non owned, and owned by the existing owner. This would require a land search, and negotiation with the parties involved, providing some form of surface in what is currently a muddy brambly field and dropping the kerb, this may provide a few more spaces. The area is the only means of access onto the field behind.
2. Extending onto the land at the back of this current small car park. This latter has been tried in the past but the owner of the land has fenced it off and wishes to charge the restaurant exorbitant rates for using it. This would require negotiation and may well result in development of the field which would need to be carefully managed because of its proximity to the Conservation area, would increase the noise and traffic on The Street and would increase the already sizeable amount of traffic on Station Road.



*Car Park showing green verge for possible parking*



*Car park showing fence blocking parking on field beyond on The Street opposite the Pig and Truffle.*

3. Using parking on the village recreation ground. This is a reasonable area. This has been used if there are any events in the village, for example weddings at the church. It requires the gate to be opened and closed. There is a gate to prevent unwanted long term vehicle stays. This area is out of the village and there is no surveillance. We suffer from vandalism to the recreation ground and its assets. These drawbacks would need to be overcome in order to use this area.



*Village Recreation Ground Car Park on Brook Street*

4. Approaching a local landowner about the strip of land currently used for growing crops between Ivy Cottage and the Moors development, (see picture below) and negotiating about housing and a car park. This is opposite and next to the conservation area. The car park would be on The Street and so there would be street lighting, but it is at the opposite end from the Restaurant and the houses which need off road parking. This part of The Street (on road parking) has not been popular for walking to at night by the restaurant staff.



*Field used for crops between grade 2 listed Ivy House and in front of Grade 2 listed Kingsbarn and Barley Barn on the Street*

5. Area in front of the Moors. There is a turning circle/parking for a couple of cars. This is further up The Street from the above proposed area and so the same caveats apply. It belongs to Highways and so we would have to get permission to turn this into a car park, and it would be costly.



*Car park possibility in front of Moors on the Street*

Conclusion:-

Currently the best option would be to explore extending the small current car park along the verge