

Report No. TC02420 Appendix: F Agenda Item: 13	Council 12th August 2020
OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL	
Report Author: Cllr David Romney	Title: Chairman
Title: Car parking in Princess Ave	
Applicable Strategy: Strategic Aims. 1 Ensure that Oakham remains a viable and pleasant environment in which to live, work and play. 2 Improve and increase facilities within the town. 3 Maintain and improve OTC land and buildings for the benefit of the community. 4 Promote the town as an attractive place to visit and stay.	

Background:

Concerns have been raised by local residents, concerning the parking and collection of attendees/visitors using the premises located in Princess Avenue.

This building with an adjoining carpark is owned by the Town Council but is leased to Emily Redding Dance Academy. Council also own the strip of land in front of the garages.

A meeting was arranged which included Ward members and residents to discuss the situation.

The issue would appear to be, parents etc, when dropping or picking up their children from the Studio are parking / blocking residents' driveways. Making access to the drives and the road impossible to the residents drives and homes.

During the summer month's this situation is often made worse, due to those using Royce's Ground Park and parking inappropriately and at times causing a hazard to other motorists and pedestrians.

- It is worth noting that the residents have no other issue with the Studio and welcome its usage.

Ideas have been discussed to ease the issue:

- Signage to be used on the car park – STUDIO USE ONLY.
- Using the land just in front on the garages as extra parking, with appropriate signage
- Extending the car park with extra land from the park
- Residents only parking along Princess Ave.

Decision:

- Council approve the installation of signage and the expenditure of up to £50 per sign
- Council to explore the possibility of using the land in front of the RCC garages
- Council to ask the Clerk to investigate the legal possibility to extend the carpark (claiming land from the park)