Report No. TC02621

Appendix: G Agenda Item: 13 Council

Date of Meeting: 9th June 2021

OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Report Author: Cllr D Romney

Title: Councillor

Subject: Princess Avenue Parking

Applicable Strategy:

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:

Council own the property on Princess Avenue, with an adjoining carpark and is leased to Emily Redding Dance Academy. Council also own the strip of land in front of the garages.

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

The issues at the time appeared 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.

Contributing factors, residents are parking in the Studio designated spaces.

At a meeting of the full Council held on 12th August 2020, Council resolved to purchase signage with STUDIO USE ONLY. Unfortunately, it appears these signs are being ignored.

The office has spoken to Parking Management at RCC, but they are unable to enforce fines as the land is privately owned and not on the public Highway.

The tenant has suggested an Authorised Vehicle Only scheme during the studio opening times:

Opening Hours:
Mondays 4.30-8.30pm
Tuesdays- 4.30-9pm
Wednesdays - 4-6pm and 7-8pm
Thursdays 4.30-8.30pm
Fridays- 9-4.30pm
Saturday - 9-12 noon
Sunday - not in use

Decisions:

- Council send/leave on the windscreen polite letters to the residents advising no parking outside the garages
- Council to ask the Clerk to investigate an Authorised Vehicle Only scheme
- A working group is set up to liaise with RCC regarding the garages and possible solution





