

Committee	Full Council
Date	17 April 2023
Agenda Item	7e

To consider installing barriers at Rosemary Lane carpark

The Town Council has recently received complaints from the residents of Riverside court which backs on to Rosemary Lane car park. This is a permit only car park owned by the Town Council. Permits are valid 8.00 – 18.00 on weekdays. The manager of the flats has been in touch and described the nightly experience of young men driving cars into the carpark, creating a lot of noise and leaving rubbish, which has meant that none of the residents have been able to get a decent night's sleep for months. The police have been out and examined the situation, and stated that it is the responsibility of the owners of the carpark to ensure that it is secure.

The Clerk has been in touch with the permit holders, to ask their views on the possible solution described below, and there have been no objections. She has also consulted the groundsmen, who have come up with a suitable, cost-effective solution which is not inconvenient to the permit holders.

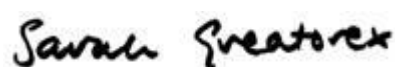
The site is currently very open, allowing easy access for those indulging in antisocial behaviour. The proposal is to erect metal fencing either side of the central entrance, with a barrier in the centre, which can be padlocked in the open or closed position through a combination lock. This would require of the permit holders that the first person to arrive each day opens the barrier, and the last to leave closes it. It would also mean that no members of the public could park overnight, but if that is needed, Butler Road is available. No ball game notices should also be put up.

Quote 1: £1298.30 + VAT

Quote 2: £1797.44 + VAT

Quote 3: £2508.94+ VAT

Recommendation: that HTC installs a barrier at Rosemary Lane car park using Quote 1 at a cost of £1298.30 (excluding VAT) which can be covered out of the unpredicted surplus.



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