

THE MARKET CAR PARK, RAYLEIGH

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Members to consider a request for exclusive use of an area within The Market Car Park, Rayleigh for the storage of motor vehicles.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Market Car Park is a subsidiary car park in Rayleigh providing 65 spaces. The car park also hosts the Rayleigh Market which renders it unavailable for parking between 2.30pm on Tuesdays until 5.30pm on Wednesday. There are 639 other fee-paying car parking spaces in Rayleigh Town Centre and The Market Car Park is rarely full to capacity.
- 2.2 The Car Park is shown on the Appendix to this report. The eastern end of the car park (cross hatched on the plan) was gifted to the Council in 1965 for use under the Essex County Council Act 1952. The Council's Land Terrier shows the land classified as a "community asset".
- 2.3 The main body of the car park is held under two lots. The car park is surfaced to a point marked by a broken line to the east. Beyond the line the area is grass and scrubland.
- 2.4 A 20ft right of way exists to serve the businesses which front onto the car park and the scenery store let to the Rayleigh Operatic and Dramatic Society who hold an annual licence on the building.
- 2.5 A licence dated January 1983 also exists with the market operator. This expires in March 2003.
- 2.6 The whole area (excluding the very eastern section – cross-hatched) is the subject of the District of Rochford Off Street Parking Places Order 2001.

3 CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 A request has been received from a local company to create a licence to secure an area of the car park for the storage of motor vehicles. The area concerned is roughly all that land east of the solid line running from the edge of the scenery store to the northern boundary of the car park.
- 3.2 The company provide a taxi and schools transport service within the District and will shortly be losing their existing parking facility. They

feel the car park would provide them with a secure and convenient place to store their vehicles.

4 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

4.1 If Members agree to this request it is proposed that:-

- 1) the licence fee be determined by District Valuer valuation
- 2) the licensee erect a security fence with gated access at their own expense
- 3) the licensee meet all the Council's legal costs.

4.2 There will be a loss of seven car parking bays.

5 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee considers this request.

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Background Papers:

None

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