EXTRA PARKING IN BEACONSFIELD OLD TOWN

Much work has been done to determine the way forward in terms of a solution to the issues of parking in Beaconsfield Old Town; but there has been no clear solution to this problem. The only agreement is that more car parking facilities are required and the inconsiderate parking of cars on pedestrian footpaths should be stopped. The problems would not be solved if the issue of common land were overcome and civil parking enforcement introduced. Why? The parking would be regularised causing fewer parking spaces to be available and hence more frustration for people visiting the Old Town. To ease the present situation two main courses of action could be taken:-

Extra parking could be realised on the south side of the A40 at Wycombe End (see shaded hatched area on Diagram 1). This area could be used to park about 20 cars or more depending on the layout etc., together with an adequate footpath for pedestrians. There is already parking on the north side of the A40. Transport for Buckinghamshire, Sean Rooney (Compliance Manager) has no objection to this proposal.

Bollards could be placed at strategic points to stop cars parking on the pedestrian footpaths and hence providing safer areas to walk.

It is recommended Could this proposal should be discussed at the next Community Safety Committee Meeting with a view to go out for further consultation and be included for consideration at the next Beaconsfield Forum meeting to determine viability and costs.

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Diagram 1 – Proposed Parking area, shown hatched, on the south side of the A40