

13. Cattle Market Events Space a) to consider a proposal whereby the Cattle Market events space would revert to Cornwall Council car parking for enforcement purposes, but the Town Council would continue to take the lead on liaison around events in the space. b) To agree to confirm with Cormac the immediate installation of the bollard at Market Approach
Attachment: 13b. Liskeard Cattle Market site notice

a) to consider a proposal whereby the Cattle Market events space would revert to Cornwall Council car parking for enforcement purposes, but the Town Council would continue to take the lead on liaison around events in the space

In September 2020 the Town Council entered into a lease on the Cattle Market events area for three years. Since then, several successful events have been held in the space, including markets and a Royal British Legion event, these have grown in popularity, and been successfully coordinated with the contractors on site.

Although the parking lines have been removed, and the area marked out with large planters, it has been abused for free parking, causing prevented access, obstruction and inconvenience to the traders to the area, and impacting on their businesses. Several initiatives have been tried (posters, letters and leafleting windscreens) to prevent this, but worked for a limited period. Without parking enforcement powers, and bollards at the Market Approach end to prevent access to unauthorised vehicles this has not been possible to manage and has generated continued complaints from people in the area affected.

Part of the Town Council's application to the Welcome Back Fund includes purchasing benches, and planters to mark out the area more clearly.

The current temporary forward position of the hoarding has reduced the space available to run an event, without overspill into the neighbouring parking area, which was successfully agreed for the Liskeard Unlocked Food Market. Safety barriers were hired to help manage this event, and the Town Council will proceed with its September 2020 resolution to purchase equipment now that suitable storage has been found.

It has been suggested that a solution to the problem is for the area to revert to Cornwall Council for parking enforcement, but for the area to remain available for booking via the Town Council, with no cost for use of the parking spaces, and Cornwall Council Car Parking and legal team have been approached about a change to the lease and enforcement.

The Break Provisions within the current lease are:

The Landlord may give to the Tenant not less than 3 months' written notice to end the Term at any time.

The Tenant may give to the Landlord not less than 3 months' written notice to end the Term on the second anniversary of the commencement of the Term but not otherwise.

Recommendation: To agree to pursue a possible option to return the lease to Cornwall Council for parking enforcement, while allowing the continuation of events management by the Town Council

b) To agree to confirm with Cormac the immediate installation of the bollards at Market Approach

In early 2020, prior to the pandemic, Cormac carried out public consultation (see attached – this shows the suggested closure with the exact location of the bollard(s) to be confirmed with Highways) on the installation of bollards at Market Approach, together with several other Traffic Regulation Order requests made by the Town Council in its 2019 application via the Community Network Panel Highways Fund.

Until the bollards are installed all events proposed in the events area require a road closure order application, with 12 weeks' notice and payment of the appropriate fee.

The bollards will also prevent unauthorised parking on Market Approach and improve pedestrian safety, particularly with the area at the top narrowed due to the hoarding position, which may not be expected by traffic using this access as a throughway.

Will Glassup the Highways and Environment Manager at Cormac has confirmed that the bollards can be installed without further consultation, but they need an instruction fairly soon in order to programme the work.

Concerns had been raised about the needs of the contractors on site, and any impact on a rear access for the GP surgery which have been addressed in the following email from Arron Jones at CC on 20 September 2021:

Good Morning All,

With regards to the points we discussed on site,

- *I can confirm after double checking with Brady that they have no requirement to use market approach for deliveries, all deliveries will be using the main entrance and drive directly into their compound.*
- *In terms of discussions with the GPs, during our initial interaction we offered a blank canvas for the expansion and a potential entrance off the cattle market site. The practice manager and the then project lead were quite sceptical of this due to the number of break ins they had experienced. They felt that it may provide additional access to would be thieves. There preference is to create another entrance and disabled parking on the ATS site. I must point out that all of these discussions were very high level and we wont know their preferred approach until the architects and business case are at a more advanced stage.*

I hope that helps.

Regards,

Arron.

Recommendation: To agree to instruct Cormac to install the bollards as soon as possible.