

Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Full Council 11/01/2024

St Mary's Parking

Agenda item 23/110 1: To receive an update on the plans and resolve any further actions.

Background

Information supplied on 31/12/2023 by R. Bourne, Vice Chair of Governors, The Mortimer Federation of St. John's and St. Mary's.

The Federation of Mortimer St. John's and Mortimer St. Mary's are looking at ways to solve the parking problem at Mortimer St. Mary's school. The school have received numerous complaints over the last few years with regards to the parking issues at drop off, pick up and during school events with a problem that seems to be getting worse as more cars park on the road for the station and more parents are driving their children to school. As a school we are working with parents to look at ways to reduce this but believe this will only scratch the surface of the issue.

We engaged with Bluestone planning and have come up with some initial ideas; these have since been discussed with land owner, Englefield Estates to identify a suitable location for a car park. We realise that all potential solutions to the parking problem will lead to some level of local opposition, but we regard the current parking situation as untenable, and so seek a solution that will be for the "greater good".

We are now looking to progress the initial ideas to the planning stages and then hopefully design and build and are hoping the Parish Council are able to assist. In conversations with members of the Parish Council, it was mentioned that they may have a project (Allotments) that would also utilise some parking spaces and was also suggested this could alleviate some of the problems with station parking. The school would not be keen to take on the wider project so we are looking to see if this is something the Parish Council would take on, so benefitting the wider community as well as the school.

If this is not seen as something the Parish Council wishes to get involved in then we would also like to understand if they would be able to support the proposal for just the school car park both financially and help navigating the various processes and governance routes we would need to go through.

