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NOTES TO THE NEW CAR PARK

CONSTRUCTION

Block paving bricks will be used to form the basis of the car park (as used in all modern pedestrian pavements and car parks). A layer of gravel with sand on top will be rolled in to form a porous surface for rainwater. This will allow water to run-off in to the ground and not on to the road. Coloured paving bricks will be used to outline the car park spaces and a pedestrian walkway. Black paving bricks will be used for the majority of the car park.

GATES

The entrance and exit gates will be moved slightly so that they open and close flush with the walls and fence. This will provide a maximum entrance and exit facility. A large notice concerning customer shopping times and liability will be provided. We do not believe that all the car spaces will be required at any one time. However, as we do not know the future concerning the Walford road e.g. double yellow line possibility, we would prefer to maximise the space available.

APPEARANCE

We have obtained a petition of 350 + signatures for the new car park. We will preserve all the bushes for the birds to the right of the car park as you exit the stores. Also the walled section between the buttresses is planted with flowers and bushes and these will remain. There are hanging basket brackets around the outside of the stores and these will be used to provide further colour. Also, martins currently nest in the front eaves of the store and these will remain.

Two small trees will be replanted at the side and front gardens. The other tree is diseased and needs to be cut down. The lawn grass will be reused in the rear of the property and the daffodils and wallflowers planted at the side and front of the property.

PEDESTRIANS

Pedestrians will be advised to walk in the opposite direction to oncoming traffic so that all cars entering and leaving will easily be seen and avoided.

CONCLUSION

We do not wish to change the garden but due to safety considerations on the road we believe that the road will be a lot safer with cars being parked off it. Cars will also be able to drive in to the traffic 'front-on', currently if they arrive from the Walford direction they have to re-cross over the road to get back into the traffic.

We intend to keep as much natural greenery as possible and believe that the car park will enhance the area and make future planning of the road easier.

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