

Decision Notice ACVNF73 School Lane Car Park, Herne.

The nomination of School Lane car park, Herne, CT3 4LN, for inclusion in the List of Assets of Community Value was received on 6 May 2025, from Michele Nicholson, Parish Clerk, Herne Parish Council.

The authority for the decision on whether an asset is suitable for inclusion in the list has been formally delegated to me by elected members. I have consulted all relevant colleagues. The task is to establish whether:

- the nomination is from an organisation which is eligible to make the nomination, **and**
- in the council's opinion, the current use of the land furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, **and**
- in the council's opinion, it is realistic to think that there can continue to be non-ancillary use which will further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

The site nominated is registered under title number K283836 – PROPRIETOR: (20.03.1967): CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL of 14 Rose Lane, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2UR.

Nomination - For the purposes of the Act the nomination must be made by a Community Body with a local connection. I am satisfied that Herne Parish Council is eligible to nominate.

Applying the legislative 'test' - The statutory test needs to be applied to the building marked on the enclosed map.

It is the council's opinion that the School Lane car park enables an important part of the test. 'Social well-being and interests' are defined as being land and buildings that are currently, have been or will be used (in particular) for cultural, recreational or sporting interests.

In addition, there should be:

- a) Broad and inclusive use of the land or building(s) across the community, or
- b) Use by a section of the community that would not otherwise be provided for or is under-provided for in the locality e.g. elderly people, children, religious or cultural groups, sporting groups.

As the nomination states, the school lane car park enables the local community to participate in events and other activities:

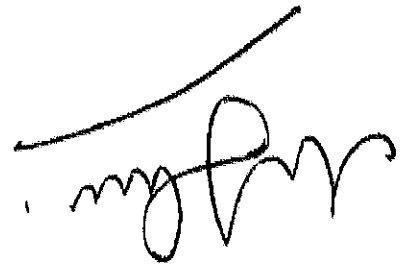
- Parents and grandparents taking or collecting children from school or nursery.
- Residents attending church especially for big family gatherings like weddings, christenings and funerals.
- Locals attending the dentist for appointments.
- Elderly people visiting friends.
- Residents going to the Smugglers PH for a meal or drink socially.
- People buying essentials from the local shop or posting items from the post office.
- Those going to the Butchers Arms.

- At the weekends its used by Herne Bay Harriers parents for attending football matches.
- People who live nearby with no off-street parking, who pay for annual parking permits.
- And lastly its used by our hirers and residents coming here for community events, café and classes.

The nomination also references the importance of this facility to the Herne Community Centre.

It is reasonable to think that the Scholl Lane car park will continue to contribute to the social wellbeing and social interests of the local community in future.

Conclusion - In conclusion, the council's decision is that the School Lane car park, Herne, is registered as an Asset of Community Value and this information will be placed on the List of Community Assets, which is published on the council's website.



Bill Hicks, Director of Place