

1. Important for all parties involved to recognise that the way the Southampton Rd allotments is governed is complex. It means that:
 - The risk to APC/the village is significant.
 - The time burden is also significant.
 - It's no-one's fault.
 - But regardless of any context, some action does need to be taken by APC.

2. Current priority of both APC & SRAA should be the same: i.e. preventing injury. For that reason, we PROPOSE:

1. Email/message (now) from APC to tenants saying;
 - Use caution.
 - Have insurance.
 - Tell SRAA/APC of anything considered dangerous.
2. Buy and install 2x safety signs onsite (asap);
 - 1st at top Southampton Rd gate.
 - 2nd at lower gate into allotments.

3. APC needs to either formally recognise SRAA, or not.
- This presumes the SRAA *wants* to exist (i.e. it isn't just operating because of their APC concerns).
 - If so, there needs to be a new Agreement between APC & SRAA that appropriately defines responsibilities of each, including the area drawn.
 - It's likely this should be a Lease + Management Agreement, but TBC.
 - Plus the SRAA Constitution should be revamped, and APC should formally approve.

4. Car park needs a decision. We think there are five options* (not mutually exclusive)

Option	Leave car park open, add 2x (top & bottom) 'safety' signs	'Shut' car park to vehicles, other than pedestrian access **	Make safer pedestrian access (e.g. with matting)	APC pay to fix car park (e.g. matting + hardcore per existing quotes)	Assist SRAA to find another way to fund car park (e.g. grants)
Likely Impact	Helps prevent injury, but doesn't solve the source of risk	Vehicles on Southampton Rd, harder for allotmenters, lowers injury risk	Not all will be happy, doesn't prevent need to 'shut' car park to vehicles	Most 'expensive' but least risky, and would go a long way to build relationship	Success not guaranteed, long process likely, needs administering
Approx Cost	£100	n/a	£1,000	A few thousand GBP + FL quota	Time

* All options assume the SRAA continues to manage the allotment plots section of the site, thus all five options would require a new, appropriate, bilateral (APC ↔ SRAA) Agreement devised.

** This may still have to be done, regardless of other choices made.