

Babcary Parish Council  
c/o Simon Hoar, Chairman

Date : 15 April 2026  
Your Ref :  
Our Ref : ELP/HJS/ACV96S  
Email : [ACV@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:ACV@somerset.gov.uk)

**By email only**

Dear Mr Hoar

**Community Right to Bid – Assets of Community Value  
Disposal of part of the car park, Red Lion, Babcary**

As you are aware, we have received notification from the owner of the above property of their intention to dispose of part of the car park of the above asset.

A six-week moratorium period has therefore come into effect from 6 April 2026 and ends on 18 May 2026.

Along with any other relevant community interest groups, you now have the opportunity to express an interest, which must be submitted in writing on headed paper with a hand-written authorised signature, to us at the address above no later than 18 May 2026 stating you 'wish to be treated as a potential bidder for the (named) asset'.

If any written intentions are received, the Council must pass on the request to the owner at which point the full moratorium period of 6 months (from the original receipt of intention to sell) comes into force. If no written intention(s) to bid are received within the six-week moratorium period, the owner is free to sell the asset.

The owner is able to consider any bids received and Somerset Council must pass these on to the owner as soon as possible.

If an expression of interest is received, then the six-month moratorium will operate until 6 October 2026; during this period the owner is unable to sell the property to anyone other than a relevant community interest group.

After 6 months, they can sell the asset on the open market, and no further window can be triggered for a protected period (18 months).

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Emma Plummer  
Senior Parish and Community Development Officer