

DEMONSTRATION THAT THERE IS NO COMMON LAND AT THE CROSS, BLISWORTH



Above: a Google-Earth shot of the Royal oak car-park. The dark rectangle near the centre of the shot is the bus shelter and its shadow.



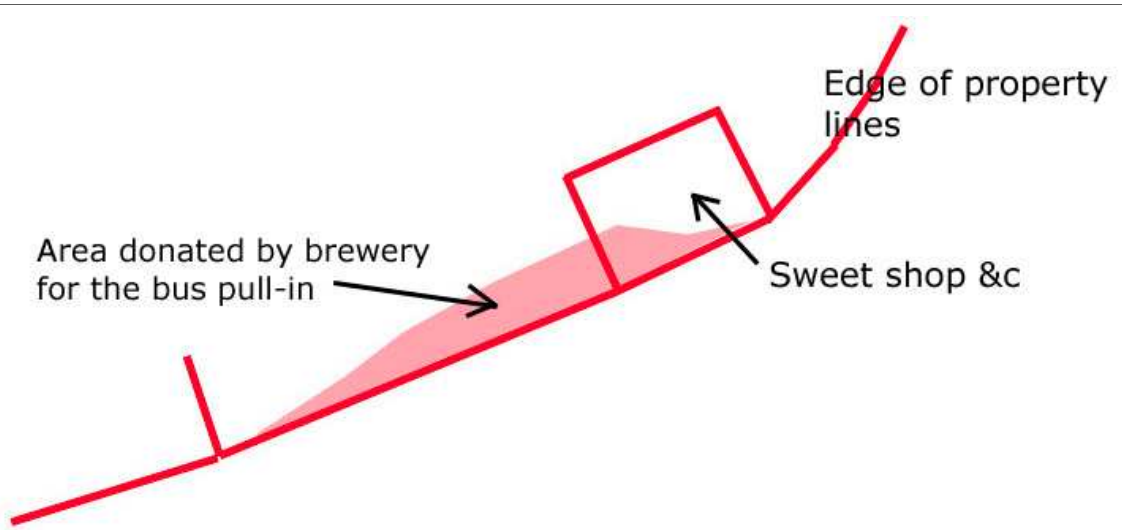
Above: this is a compilation diagram obtained from the maps in Grafton's 1919 sale catalogue. Plot 55 comprised the two house units towards the right (Huggett's sweet shop &c.) and plot 54 was the row of cottages, incl. a farrier's forge at the left-hand end (depicted in orange colour). The dotted line represents the edge of the road and pavement. The Grafton sale, by indication of the orange area, was of cottages and *all the fronting land right up to the pavement*. This is the key point proving there was no common land (that is as long as the Duke's orange ink was placed correctly and that he was not selling village common land). Eventually the owner of the pub, a brewery, also purchased the cottages and the Huggett's shop units and we assume they also bought all land associated with those houses. In about 1969 the parish council looked at this purchase in discussions with the brewery and with the advice of a solicitor and decided there was nothing there to fight for. We can assume, I think that the land was indeed purchased with the houses.



Above: this overlay just shows how the 1919 map information matches the present day ground. The obvious point is that the border of the orange area relates to the alignment of the road (before the bus pull-in) as it should of course.



Above: This is to emphasise the areas with some red lines. Note how the design of the old bus shelter (at the pub gable end) was skewed in order to not encroach over the edge of the highway pavement area.



Above: Note that the brewery must have donated an area of land to make room for the bus pull-in. That area is shown in pink. The PC minutes records the fact that the donation was made.

A note for the cynical: absolutely no 'frigging' was done with any of these images - Tony Marsh.