

DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND CORPORATE ASSETS

DOVER JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD – 14 APRIL 2016

PROPOSED RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME

Recommendation

The Board is asked to agree that the Residents' Parking Scheme detailed in this report be formally advertised and in the event that no objections are received, that the scheme is recommended to be sealed by Kent County Council. Any objections received to the formal advertisement will be referred back to a future meeting of the Board for further consideration prior to making any final recommendations.

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Reasons why a decision is required

1. Parking Services at Dover District Council is responsible for the processing of waiting restrictions having regard to the Kent/District – Transport Operations – Protocol No 3, 'Parking Delivery.' It is necessary for the Board to consider whether the proposals outlined in this report should progress and be formally advertised.

Evaluation of options available to the Council

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 - i) To agree to the recommendation that the proposed scheme be formally advertised; or
 - ii) To amend the proposed scheme and consult a second time with the residents before bringing the matter back before this Board for approval for the amended scheme to be formally advertised; or
 - iii) To withdraw the proposed scheme.

Information to be considered in taking the decision

3. In January 2016, following consideration of a petition submitted by residents of Beechwood Avenue on parking in that road, the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee resolved "That the Director of Environment and Corporate Assets be requested to prepare a report for the 22 March 2016 meeting of the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee to identify options for a permit parking scheme that helps residents by improving the availability of parking for residents, reduces illegal and dangerous parking, is safe and preserves residents' access to their drive ways and access to Beechwood and Wellington Court."
4. Beechwood Avenue, Deal is a one-way residential road, running north-west to south-east. On the north side is an access road to Wellington Court and on the south is an access road to Beechwood Court. Parking is unrestricted on the south side although

there are a number of “dog bone” markings indicating entrances to residents’ driveways. Parking on the north side is restricted, with no parking allowed between 8.30am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday. This is indicated by a single yellow line and two notices at either end of the road. If a vehicle parked on the north side of the road outside of the above restrictions, Parking Services would not be able to carry out any enforcement action. However, if the vehicle caused an obstruction the police have the powers to deal with this offence.

5. It is recognised that this is not a satisfactory situation for the local residents and therefore it is proposed that a Residents Parking Scheme be introduced which will address the problems.
6. The scheme would cover Beechwood Avenue, Parkside and parts of Mill Road and London Road. Parking restrictions would apply Monday to Saturday from 8.30am to 5.30pm, and would allow those in possession of a relevant permit to park in the area without restriction. Otherwise there would be a limited waiting period of two hours with no return within four hours. In addition, double yellow lines would be introduced along the north side, preventing parking at any time. The south side would remain as it currently is.
7. The above proposal was reported to the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee on 22 March 2016 who resolved that it be recommended to the Dover Joint Transportation Board:
 - a) That a Residents Parking Scheme be introduced covering Beechwood Avenue, Parkside, and parts of Mill Road and London Road with parking restrictions in force from Monday to Saturday (8.30am to 5.30pm) except for those in possession of relevant permit who would be allowed to park in the area without restriction.
 - b) That the petition received by the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee at its meeting held on 19 January 2016 be considered as the informal consultation with residents.
 - c) That with the agreement of the Chairman of the Dover Joint Transportation Board, Councillor S C Manion, this matter be considered at the meeting of the Board to be held on 14 April 2016.
8. In light of the recommendation of the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee on 22 March 2016, the Board is requested to permit the scheme to be formally advertised and in the event that no objections are received that the scheme be recommended to be sealed by Kent County Council. Any objections received to the formal advertisement will be referred back to a future meeting of the Board for further consideration prior to making any final recommendations.

Consultation Statement

The Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing has been consulted on the proposal outlined in this report. As part of the statutory process a formal advertisement will be undertaken for the proposal through which objections can be made.

Impact on Corporate Objectives

The proposed changes to the waiting restrictions outlined in this report will foster improved opportunity and access.

Attachments

Appendix A Plan showing the extent of the proposed Zone R residents parking scheme.

Appendix B Report dated 22 March 2016 submitted to the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee

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