

DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND CORPORATE ASSETS

DOVER JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD – 4 JUNE 2015

PROPOSED RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME FOR ATHOL TERRACE, DOVER

Recommendation

The Board is recommended to withdraw the parking proposals for Athol Terrace and to leave the restrictions covering East Cliff and Marine Parade as they currently exist.

Contact Officers: Christopher Allen Ext 2054
 Gordon Measey Ext 2422

Reasons why a decision is required

1. The Parking Services Unit at Dover District Council is responsible for the operation and enforcement of on-street parking regulations on behalf of Kent County Council. It is necessary for the Board to consider whether the recommendation made in this report should be progressed.

Evaluation of options available to the Council

2. (i) To withdraw the proposals and to leave the parking arrangements in Athol Terrace, East Cliff and Marine Parade as they are: or
(ii) To formally advertise (or further consult on) alternative parking restrictions for Athol Terrace, Marine Parade and East Cliff, or any of them.

Information to be considered in taking the decision

3. Members will recall that at previous Board meetings on 11 September 2014 and again on 26 February 2015 various proposals were discussed to introduce residents' parking in Athol Terrace in Dover.
4. At the last meeting on 26 February 2015, the Board resolved:
 - To unanimously state its firm opposition to a residents' parking scheme exclusively for Athol Terrace; and that
 - Further informal consultation be undertaken with residents on alternative schemes not listed in the report, in consultation with Councillor G Cowan, Acting Chairman of the Joint Transportation Board.
5. With the agreement of the Acting Chairman, a further consultation was undertaken in Athol Terrace, East Cliff and Marine Parade. A copy of the letter and the questionnaire detailing the 4 proposals are attached as **Appendix A** and **Appendix B** to this report.
6. The results of that consultation are detailed in **Appendix C** to this report.
7. The two main findings of the consultation were that:

- All the respondents from Athol Terrace objected to all 4 proposals.
 - All of the respondents from East Cliff and Marine Parade stated preferences, with the majority preferring Option 4, proposing to extend the current restrictions along East Cliff and Marine Parade into Athol Terrace.
8. Given that the majority of respondents in East Cliff and Marine Parade showed a preference for the existing restrictions, it would seem sensible to leave the restrictions along these two roads as they are.
 9. Acknowledging that the Athol Terrace residents have objected to all proposals on offer and that the Board has resolved (with officer support) not to introduce a residents' parking scheme exclusively for Athol Terrace, there seems little choice but to withdraw the proposals covering Athol Terrace and to leave the parking arrangement in this road as it currently is.
 10. In light of paragraphs 8 and 9 above, the Board is recommended to withdraw the parking proposals for Athol Terrace and to leave the restrictions covering East Cliff and Marine Parade as they currently exist. In making its decision the Board is asked to consider allowing Athol Terrace to join the residents' parking scheme covering the neighbouring roads should the majority of its residents later request to do so.

Consultation Statement

The Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing has been consulted on the proposal outlined in this report.

Impact on Corporate Objectives

The proposal outlined in this report will foster improved opportunity and access.

Attachments

Appendix A - Consultation Letter

Appendix B - Questionnaire to Residents

Appendix C - Consultation Responses (Summary sheet)

All the returned questionnaires will be available to Members at the Board meeting on 4th June 2015 and can be viewed in advance by prior arrangement with the Highways and Parking Team Leader, Gordon Measey (Ext 2422).

Background Papers

Parking Services Files.

ROGER WALTON

Director of Environment and Corporate Assets

The officer to whom reference should be made concerning inspection of the background papers is the Head of Community Safety, CCTV and Parking, Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent CT16 3PJ. Telephone: (01304) 821199, Extension 2054

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Our Ref:
Your Ref:
Date: 10th April 2015

Dear Resident,

PARKING IN ATHOL TERRACE, EAST CLIFF AND MARINE PARADE, DOVER.

You may be aware that for some time now Dover District Council has been endeavouring to find a solution to the current parking situation with regards to Athol Terrace. The particular traffic offences that are committed in Athol Terrace can only be enforced by the police; Dover District Council's enforcement officers do not have the necessary authority to deal with these types of offences. However, the police have now stated that they are no longer able to enforce parking contraventions in Athol Terrace and they, together with Kent County Council Highways, have asked if Dover District Council would be willing to offer a residents' parking scheme to Athol Terrace. If such a scheme was introduced, then parking enforcement responsibility would move from the police to Dover District Council.

Various consultations have taken place with the residents of Athol Terrace, East Cliff and Martine Parade in an attempt to find a solution that is acceptable to all of the residents.

On 11th September 2014 a report on this matter was taken to the Dover Joint Transportation Board (JTB). A copy of that report can be read at:

<http://moderngov.dover.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=124&MId=1672>

The Board took the decision to progress the proposal to introduce a combined Residents' Parking Scheme covering Athol Terrace, East Cliff and Marine Parade, Dover.

Accordingly, the scheme was formally advertised and the results of that consultation were taken back to the JTB on Thursday 26th February 2015. A copy of that report can be read at <http://moderngov.dover.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=124&MId=1674>

Following debate, the JTB unanimously voted that a residents' parking scheme for Athol Terrace only should not be permitted. They then tasked the Council Officers with consulting further with residents on alternative schemes and I am now doing this through this letter.

Consequently, I am now writing to all occupiers in the East Cliff, Marine Parade and Athol Terrace to seek their views on the options detailed below:

1. Introduce limited waiting for all three streets from 8.30am to 5.30pm, seven days per week, with one hour stay and no return within two hours. Permit holders would be exempt from the time limit. This would extend the current hours which are 10am to 5.30pm.

2. Introduce one hour limited waiting (no return within two hours) from 6am to 10pm, seven days per week, for East Cliff and Athol Terrace, with Marine Parade Service Road becoming one hour limited waiting (no return within two hours) from 8.30am to 5.30pm, seven days per week. Permit holders would be exempt from the time limit. This option would allow permit holders with second and third cars and non-permit holders to be able to park in Marine Parade between 5.30pm and 8.30am.
3. Introduce one hour limited waiting (no return within two hours) from 6am to 10pm, seven days per week, in all three streets. Permit holders would be exempt from the time limit. This would extend the hours of restricted parking but could cause out of hours problems for those with two or more vehicles.
4. Extend the existing 10am to 5.30pm, seven days per week, one hour limited waiting (no return within two hours) into Athol Terrace, so that all three roads operate under the same restriction, but without a need to change anything in East Cliff or Marine Parade Service Road. Permit holders would be exempt from the time limit.

Because the JTB has decided that Athol Terrace will not be considered for an exclusive parking scheme available to those residents alone, this is not an offered option. Should any resident decide to insist that this is considered and submit this view on their form, their survey will be considered as an objection to all options.

I would ask that you please indicate your preference by completing the enclosed questionnaire and returning it using the pre-paid envelope by 12 noon on Friday 24th April 2015. Alternatively, if you prefer you can reply via e-mail, using my e-mail address detailed above, stating your preference. Please ensure that any e-mails are delivered by 12 noon on Friday 24th April 2015 **and that they include your name and postal address.**

Once this further consultation period has ended a further report will be taken to the next available meeting of the JTB for a decision.

Yours sincerely,



Christopher Allen,
Head of Community Safety, CCTV and Parking

A large text version of this letter and accompanying questionnaire can be provided, if required. Please contact:

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Proposed Residents Parking Scheme, Dover – Zone C

East Cliff, Marine Parade and Athol Terrace, Dover.

Please fill in your name and address below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please indicate with a tick (✓) in one box your chosen option below:

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Additional Comments:

Thank you for completing this form. Please return it to: Christopher Allen, Head of Community Safety, Parking Services and CCTV at Dover District Council using the pre-paid envelope, **by 12 noon on Friday 24th April 2015.**

ATHOL TERRACE, EAST CLIFF and MARINE PARDE CONSULTATION RESPONSES

10th – 24th APRIL 2015

ADDRESS	OPTION	COMMENT
Athol Terrace	None	I don't Agree with any of the above suggestions. I want Athol Terrace to continue with Zone I with 24/7 control by traffic warden of DDC. I don't believe that you can impose otherwise on us.
Athol Terrace	None	None of the above. We are parking zone I and wish to have our 24/7 parking regime continue and continued by DDC. All your suggestions are invalid since if the letter from Mr Collor (<i>date given but illegible</i>) is to be believed then they will not be imposed on residents of Athol Terrace if they disagree and do not approve.
Athol Terrace	None	Parking enforced by Dover District Council for Athol Terrace residents and/or visitors only.
Athol Terrace	None	1 st reply: Thank you DDC for not listening to the residents of Athol Terrace. None of the above are suitable, we have approx. 26 parking spaces – we have 15 houses, 1 house of multiple occupation, you do the maths! We want separate parking, it makes sense if you live here? 2 nd reply: None of above. I do not approve of any of the schemes. We are zone I and do not want to combine with east Cliff Marine Parade.
Athol Terrace	None	None of the above. I would like it to stay the same as it was for the last twenty years: Athol Terrace parking permit 'I' with 24/7 need of a permit and overseen by DDC with traffic wardens. Parking permit for Athol Terrace only. One permit per house plus visitor tickets.
Athol Terrace	None	I do not agree with any of the above options as they do not seem to solve the current problem. Athol Terrace should have its own residents parking scheme – I fail to see the problem with this idea.
Athol Terrace*	None	The problem with ALL of your proposals are that they deal with the daytime hours. These are not when the parking problems occur. The parking problems are at night and overnight, which is exactly when your for options ignored. All that these options would do would be to limit residents of our terrace to having ADDITIONAL parking problems during the day... I have already explained this in relation to our home, as Barry is self employed doing house maintenance, which means he needs his car with the tools to do his job. My job is a foster carer, and by KCC expectations, we are required to have a car. Your suggestions would leave us with ongoing parking issues in the evenings/nights, but would then cause one of us to loose our jobs also.
Athol Terrace	None	None of the above! Parking for residents only in Athol Terrace as has been the case for many years. It was the residents that contacted DDC for help in this situation not the police or KCC. All of the above options will just cause problems for Athol Terrace residents but will be a bonus to East Cliff.
Athol Terrace	None	

Athol Terrace	None	1 st reply: None above. We wish our existing zone to continue (Zone I) but with constant surveillance!? 2 nd reply: Would prefer no change.
Athol Terrace	None	We still wish for an exclusive zone (Zone I) for Athol Terrace residents only. We cannot agree, amongst other things, to the one hour parking allowance which would be used by people taking walks up the cliff.
Athol Terrace	None	It has always has been and still is the unanimous wish of all the residents of Athol Terrace for Parking Zone 'I' to continue and for DDC enforcement Officers to deal with any traffic parking offences in the street rather than the police. We are all at a loss as to why the process has come to this. The continuation of the separate zone should have been instigated years ago and the lack of positive action by DDC Parking has greatly affected our lives. This should have been an easy and smooth strategy to put in place.
East Cliff***	4	
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East Cliff	4	Free parking on Sundays would be a bonus as most other towns in Kent are!
East Cliff	4	Each household should be able to have two (max) permits per household. Lorries are constantly blocking access to East Cliff (in and out)
East Cliff	3	
East Cliff	4	
East Cliff	2	Whichever option is finally accepted, I hope that DDC are forthcoming with funding to properly administer and enforce the rules.
East Cliff	4	I am 76 and practically housebound and rely on visitors incl. medical to check how I am. If John Kemp had his way no one would be able to visit. Thank you.
East Cliff	3	
East Cliff	2	This is my preference so there should be more chance of getting parked after getting home from work than with the current system.
East Cliff	4	
East Cliff	2	From my house there are double yellow lines. I am disabled and sometimes I can't get out of my drive as drivers leave there cars/vans on yellow lines day and night. So what good will this scheme do???
East Cliff	4	Thank goodness common sense prevailed. All this hassle due to one selfish man in Athol Terrace wanting to impose his will on the rest of the residents. He is well knowed for complaining and ironically spends a lot of his time living in France!!!

East Cliff	4	Parking is monitored 3 times a day. Not allowing disabled badge holders to park here 24/7 for weeks on end who do not live here. Abandoned cars have parking tickets daily.
East Cliff	1	
East Cliff**		As you know from our discussions, I support the idea of the whole area, East Cliff, Marine Parade and Atholl Terrace being one scheme. Happy to keep the one hour limited waiting. I would prefer the longer hours, from 0830 am to, say 1830 in the evening, which would remove 'stray people' parking for a few hours, such as those using the Sports Centre, or walking up the cliffs for the day. Not sure whether one of your options mentioned those hours, but definitely think we need longer core hours, starting at 0830. I do think number 3 is a bit complicated! I think all three should be the same. One for all and all for one and all that.
Marine Parade	3	What happened to the residents only parking and vouchers for residents visitors? Thank you for trying to sort out this problem.

*LATE RESPONSE (by 5 hours)

**LATE RESPONSE (by three days)

*** LATE RESPONSE (by five days)

SUMMARY:

No option selected: 13, including two late responses (12 from Athol Terrace, which amounts to 100% of those who responded. 1 late response from East Cliff, although this respondent expressed support for the parking scheme)

Option 1: 1

Option 2: 4

Option 3: 4

Option 4: 11, including one late response