

DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

DOVER JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD – 29 MARCH 2018

**BUS/COACH PARKING PROPOSAL, DOVER SEAFRONT**

**Recommendation:**

*The Board is asked to agree:*

*That the revised coach parking proposal detailed in this report and shown in Appendices B and C, formally advertised and in the event that no objections are received, that the proposal be recommended to be sealed by Kent County Council. Any objections received in respect of the formal advertisement will be referred back to a future meeting of this Board for further consideration prior to making any final recommendations.*

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Reasons why a decision is required

1. The problem of finding alternative Pay & Display bus/coach parking along Dover seafront has been on-going since the stopping-up (closure) of the Esplanade at the western end, over a year ago.
2. Several options have been considered and at its last meeting on 30 November 2017, the Board resolved that it would proceed with the last proposal, as shown in Appendix A, for 4 coach spaces; a pair outside and a pair opposite Harbour House, subject to a final safety approval from Kent County Council.
3. Unfortunately concerns had been raised by KCC about the proximity of western most pair of spaces closest to the pedestrian crossing feature outside the front door to Harbour House and how the sight-lines for pedestrians using it would be restricted trying to look out into the road beyond these coaches.
4. To address this, a proposal to relocate the western most pair of coaches to the eastern end of the seafront has been designed as shown in Appendices B and C. This proposes that there will be 2 coach spaces at the western end of the seafront (outside Harbour House) and 2 spaces at the eastern end (outside the Premier Inn).
5. The Board is asked to agree that the revised coach parking proposal detailed in this report and shown in Appendices B and C, be formally advertised and in the event that no objections are received, is recommended to be sealed by Kent County Council. Any objections received will be reported back to a future meeting of this Board for further consideration prior to making any final decisions.

6. Evaluation of options available to the Board:

- a. To recommend the sealing of the proposal advertised in Appendix A against the advice of Kent County Council
- b. To agree to advertise the revised proposal as detailed in this report and as shown in Appendices B and C.
- c. To agree to advertise an amended proposal.
- d. To withdraw the proposal.

Background Papers

Parking Services Files.

**Consultation Statement**

The Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing has been consulted on the proposals outlined in this report. As part of the statutory process a formal advertisement was undertaken for the proposal, through which objections were received.

**Impact on Corporate Objectives**

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

**Attachments**

- Appendix A Recently advertised proposal for all 4 coach parking spaces outside Harbour House  
Appendix B Revised proposal for 2 coach parking spaces outside Harbour House  
Appendix C Revised proposal for 2 coach parking spaces outside the Premier Inn

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The officer to whom reference should be made concerning inspection of the background papers is the Parking Operations Manager, Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent CT16 3PJ.  
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