

DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS AND COMMERCIAL)

DOVER JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD – 21 FEBRUARY 2019

**RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME PROPOSAL: PRIORY HILL AND PRIORY GROVE, DOVER**

**Recommendation:**

*The Board is asked to agree:*

*To withdraw the proposal to introduce a residents' parking scheme in Priory Hill as detailed in Appendix A to this report.*

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1. In March 2018 residents were consulted to seek their views on a proposed residents' parking scheme for Priory Hill (including Priory Grove). There was a mixed response with no overall majority in favour. However the consultation did show that a majority of residents at the eastern-end (High Street-end) supported the scheme, whereas along the central section and western-end (Tower Hill-end) the majority had objected. In light of this the Board agreed at its meeting on 14 June 2018 that a revised (smaller) scheme, covering just the eastern-end of Priory Hill be formally advertised. The revised proposal is attached to this report as Appendix A.
2. At the Board meeting on 6 December 2018, it was reported that several objections had been received in response to the revised scheme together with a petition signed by residents objecting to the scheme. It was evident from the petition that some residents who had formally supported the scheme, had indicated otherwise by signing the petition. In light of this, the local councillor proposed that the residents should be re-consulted to seek clarification and the Board resolved that this be done. A copy of the letter and questionnaire sent to the residents is attached as Appendices B and C to this report.
3. Whilst the latest consultation did show that two of the residents that had signed the petition did, in fact, support the scheme, there was also one resident who formerly supported the scheme that now objected and an additional objection was received from a new responder. This means that there is still a majority of responders in Priory Hill objecting to the scheme: 12 objecting, 9 supporting. Not all the residents responded to the latest consultation, so any views previously expressed have been counted where there was no response to the latest consultation.
4. In light of the majority of residents still objecting to a residents' scheme, the Board is asked to consider withdrawing the proposal
5. Evaluation of options available to the Board:
  - To implement the proposal as shown in Appendix A.
  - To agree to advertise an amended or alternative proposal.
  - To withdraw all proposals.

## Background Papers

Parking Services Files

## **Consultation Statement**

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

## **Attachments**

Appendix A Proposed (revised) Residents' Parking (Zone M) scheme  
Appendix B Letter sent to Residents  
Appendix C Questionnaire sent to Residents

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