

DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS AND COMMERCIAL)

DOVER JOINT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD – 30 JUNE 2022

**PROPOSED REVISION OF CURRENT RESIDENTS' PERMIT PARKING SCHEME TO INSTALL CASHLESS PAY FOR PARKING IN COOMBE VALLEY ROAD, MACDONALD ROAD AND LAMBTON ROAD**

**Recommendation:**

The Board is asked to agree that:

The existing Residents' Permit Parking Scheme in the above roads, to have Cashless Parking (RingGo), introduced.

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Reasons why a decision is required

1. Historically the residents of Coombe Valley Road, MacDonald Road & Lambton Road have stated that the current Zone K permit scheme covering those roads, wasn't working due to the amount of visitors to the hospital taking the spaces away from permit holders. Also, as the hospital car park is currently Pay & Display and visitors choose to park in the on-street residents scheme area, rather than pay for parking in the car park. This has created significant issues between residents and visitors.
2. We're proposing that there be a revision to this and install RingGo, the cashless pay for parking system as per the attached drawing (Appendix B).
3. Each of the properties within the Zone K area had been sent a letter explaining the proposed changes on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and sent a questionnaire to fill in and return by the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022. (Appendix A).
4. The responses to the informal consultation have been collated. (Appendix C)
5. Zone K residents parking permits will remain unchanged and would work in conjunction with the cashless payment system for non-permit holders.
6. In making this recommendation, consideration has been given to equality issues. It is not anticipated that these proposals will adversely affect any of the groups having protected characteristics contrary to the Equalities Act 2010.
7. The additional restrictions will have little impact on blue badge holders as they can continue to park for free with no time limit in on-street parking bays.
8. The Board is asked to consider whether the proposal detailed in this report be taken to the next stage and formal consultation.
9. Evaluation of options available to the Board:
  - To agree to recommendation and perform a formal consultation
  - To withdraw the proposal

## **Background Papers**

Parking Services Files.

## **Consultation Statement**

The Portfolio Holder for Transport, Licensing and Regulatory Services has been consulted on the proposal outlined in this report.

## **Impact on Corporate Objectives**

The proposed changes to the parking outlined in this report will:

- Support a continued and reasonable “turn over” of available parking spaces which aids the tourism agenda and local businesses;
- Support the budget.
- Enable a more efficient and consistent parking operation

## **Attachments**

Appendix A – Letter to the residents and Questionnaire.

Appendix B – Drawing of the zones to be revised

Appendix C - Collation of responses from residents of Coombe Valley, MacDonald Road & Lambton Road

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