

DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND CORPORATE ASSETS

DOVER JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD – 12 DECEMBER 2013

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. The Parking Services Unit 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

2.
 - 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. Bridgeside in Deal has been experiencing regular daytime problems with non-residents using the road for parking by drivers working or shopping in the town and/or commuting to work on the train. One way to address this problem is to introduce a residents' parking scheme. Residents have frequently requested this and last year submitted a petition signed by 56 residents supporting such a scheme.
4. In response, this Council has hand-delivered letters to all the properties within the proposed zone asking whether or not they would support the scheme together with a plan showing the extent of the proposed new zone. Copies of the plan, letter, questionnaire and information leaflet are attached as Appendix 1 – 4 to this report.
5. The result of the consultation was that out of the 65 properties that returned questionnaires:
 - 56 supported the proposal
 - 6 objected to the proposal

- 1 would support the scheme only if Albert Road, Sutherland Road and Beechwood Avenue were included, as these were the roads which the resident preferred to use for parking
- 1 had no strong feelings either way

6. Comments from the six residents who objected to the scheme are summarised below:

1. *"The scheme doesn't permit me to park my camper van in my street nor account for a household with 2 or more cars. My garage is too small to accommodate my vehicles and is little more than a storeroom for my small house."*
2. *"Current double yellow lines (No Parking) parking would obstruct road traffic and exit/entrance to (car) driveway"*
3. *"Doesn't really affect me at all."*
4. *"All residents have parking facilities so no need for the scheme. Can find a space most times in the road. Why are London Road residents eligible to join the scheme? This will reduce the parking available to Bridgeside residents."*
5. *"As so many of the houses in Bridgeside were built with a garage and/or parking space, I do not see that this scheme is necessary."*
6. *"All this does is force people from the top down to where I live." "Why do I have to pay to park in my own road? With technology as it is, could I not log it with your database?"*

7. All the returned questionnaires and letters will be available to Members at the Board meeting on 12 December 2013 and can be viewed in advance by prior arrangement with the Highways and Parking Team Leader, Gordon Measey (Ext 2422).

8. In light of the amount of support indicated for the proposed residents' parking scheme, 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.

Background Papers

Parking Services Files.

Consultation Statement

The Portfolio Holder for Access and Property Management 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 extent of proposed Zone P residents' parking scheme.
- Appendix B Letter to residents
- Appendix C Questionnaire

Appendix D Zone H leaflet (showing conditions applicable to Zone P scheme)

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The officer to whom reference should be made concerning inspection of the background papers is the Highways and Parking Team Leader, Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent CT16 3PJ. Telephone: (01304) 821199, Extension 2422