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ATHOL TERRACE OCCUPIERS.

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Date: 11th November 2013

Dear Occupier,

PARKING IN ATHOL TERRACE, DOVER.

I'm sure you will appreciate that since the original parking arrangements in Athol Terrace were introduced a number of years ago, many things have changed. The particular traffic offences that are committed in this area 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. At the specific request of the police and in order to assist them with enforcement, DDC agreed to issue permits to residents of Athol Terrace to identify their vehicles as being permitted to park in this area. This would then enable the police to take enforcement action against those not entitled to park there. However, since this agreement, the police have now stated that they are no longer able to enforce parking contraventions in Athol Terrace. Neither Kent County Council Highways nor Kent Police are in favour of this arrangement continuing.

I have looked into this issue and am of the view that there are three options available:

1. Not to do anything. Although breach of parking regulations has been decriminalised some time ago, the enforcement powers available to DDC do not cover the current situation in Athol Terrace. It remains for the police to enforce these powers.
2. Introduce a residents parking zone for Athol Terrace but make it joint with the existing scheme covering East Cliff and the Marine Parade Service Road (Zone C).
3. Remove the limited waiting from Athol Terrace and East Cliff and make these two roads a resident's only parking zone. Whilst this would allow lorries etc to load and unload, it would prevent non-permit holders parking there. Any vehicle parking in the area without a permit would be subject to enforcement action. Of course, it would also mean that visitors to any of the properties would have to either park elsewhere or use visitor's vouchers available from permit holders. This option would leave limited waiting in the Marine Parade Service Road thus allowing non-permit holders (including residents with no second permit) a place to park outside 9am – 5.30pm.

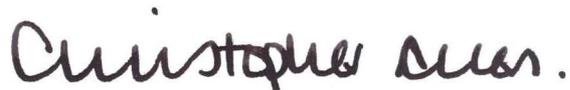
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I would be grateful if you could let me know your views on the above options, including your preference, by 15th December 2013 so that I can propose a way to resolve the current situation. For your information, this letter is being delivered to all properties in Athol Terrace.

If the consensus of Athol Terrace residents is for option 1, then I will close this matter. If the majority opinion is to pursue option 2 or 3, then I will move to the formal process, which will include consultation with the public and especially existing Zone C permit holders and seeking the consent of the DDC Cabinet for this proposal.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Allen." The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Christopher Allen,
Community Safety, CCTV and Parking Manager