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ATHOL TERRACE OCCUPIERS.

Dear Resident,

### **PARKING IN ATHOL TERRACE and EAST CLIFF, DOVER.**

Further to my previous correspondence on parking in Athol Terrace.

By the close of the consultation period, I had received responses to my letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014 from eleven. Of those responses, nine were against the proposed scheme, stating that they wanted an exclusive scheme just for Athol Terrace.

The purpose writing to you again is to explain the issues and options in light of the responses received from Athol Terrace residents so far.

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 Athol Terrace 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 then enabled 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. Additionally, neither Kent County Council Highways nor Kent Police are in favour of this arrangement continuing. In light of the fact that there is no enforcement taking place in Athol Terrace, Dover District Council will no longer issue the above permits.

It is clear that the solution proposed in my letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014 is not acceptable to those Athol Terrace residents who have responded so far. However, it will not be acceptable to Kent County Council to introduce a residents only parking scheme for such a small area the size of Athol Terrace and situated near another relatively small area comprising East Cliff and Marine Parade. The whole of this area is an anomaly in terms of residents only parking, in that it is small and if in the centre of town would not justify its own scheme. Three streets would form part of a much larger scheme but in this case the uniqueness of its location justifies a single scheme provided the whole area is involved.

The other option open to you as an Athol Terrace resident is to maintain the *status quo* and allow the existing situation to remain with no enforcement whatsoever.

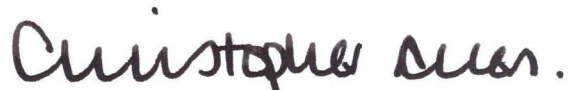
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Apart from the options referred to above, there is no other solution available to address this problem. As I stated in my letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014, I will be taking a report on this issue to the Dover Joint Transportation Board on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014 which will include details of all responses to the consultation (but will not identify individual respondents).

I would be grateful if you could let me know by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014, in light of my comments above, if your views on the original proposal have changed or not, or if you wish the *status quo* to remain.

Thank you for your time and 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 style.

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