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## **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT – RESIDENTS PARKING – CANNONBURY ROAD - RAMSGATE**

To: **Thanet Joint Transportation Board – 23rd November 2011**

By: **Civil Enforcement Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Central Harbour** Division: **Ramsgate**

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**Summary: To report upon a request for the provision of a ‘residents parking scheme’ within Cannonbury Road.**

### **For Recommendation**

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#### **1.0 Introduction and Background**

- 1.1 During September 2011 a letter with 11 signatures was presented by the residents of Cannonbury Road to the Parking Office in support of a request to introduce a ‘residents’ parking zone for this section of road.
- 1.2 Cannonbury Road is a residential side road located off Grange Road and West Cliff Road close to the nearby shops and promenade. Cannonbury Road is a through road with a mixture of terraced, town houses, flats and a nursery school. Unauthorised parking is located on both sides of the road although only one side can be used at any time unless vehicles park with two wheels on the pavement. There are no current restrictions in any of the nearby side road (see annex ‘1’).

#### **2.0 The Current Situation**

- 2.0 Shoppers, visitors and residents compete for the available kerb side space and the residents are concerned that they are being displaced by long term parking albeit by residents and visitors. Private ‘off street’ parking is limited to 6 drive ways and 2 garages and unauthorised parking ‘on street’ is currently available on both sides of the road with corner protection at the junction with West Cliff Road for a distance of 15 metres.
- 2.1 Residents’ parking schemes in Thanet are based upon shared parking arrangements all in accordance with the guidelines set by the Kent County Council (KCC) as Highway Authority.
- 2.2 Based on previous experience, residents’ parking schemes now incorporate ‘pay and display’ controls to underwrite the costs of administering the scheme and to encourage a turnover of space.
- 2.3 Time limited parking bays are introduced and are available for all motorists to use, not just the residents. Highways are also routes to which all have access and therefore are not restricted to residents only. However, residents who display a permit on the windscreen of the vehicle may park for longer than the authorised limit once they have secured a space. There is no dispensation for visitors or relations who would also be required to display a daily permit if they wish to park for longer than the limit. These schemes normally operate 8am to 6pm Mondays to Saturdays, including bank holidays, with no Sunday or evening restrictions and any disabled drivers vehicles properly displaying a blue badge will be permitted to park without the need for a resident’s permit. In most situations it would be preferable to create a zone embracing a number of streets

to improve the chances of finding an available space. Permits are initially restricted to 1 per property.

- 2.4 If Members support an application Officers undertake an informal consultation. A factual leaflet is distributed to all households giving residents the opportunity to complete and return a reply slip. Officers then assess the data and report to Members. If Members subsequently recommend that a scheme be introduced the Council must formally publicise its Notice of Intent for public comment/objection to comply with current legislation.
- 2.5 At the present time there are 80 properties in Cannonbury Road 65 properties (houses/flats) are registered with 107 residents over 18. Assuming 1 permit per household, there could be a future potential demand for 107 permits.
- 2.6 'On street' parking is currently un-restricted with approximately 38 spaces. Given the above, Members will note that there would be an imbalance between existing supply and potential demand. There would be a shortfall of spaces. A specific residents' scheme comprising Cannonbury Road only would be sub-standard.

### **3.0 Options**

- 3.1 1 – Take no further action. A residents' scheme, applicable to householders living within the Cannonbury Road area only, would be sub-standard. The number of eligible permit holders would exceed the number of 'on street' spaces available. Shared residents parking schemes are not considered suitable in isolated short sections and zoning is more appropriate. A project for Cannonbury Road would not meet this requirement.
- 3.2 2 – Undertake an informal consultation. Establish if the residents living within Cannonbury Road would support a proposal to introduce a residents scheme with time limited or 'pay and display' parking to which permit holders would be exempt.
- 3.3 3 – Review parking and waiting restrictions. Review this street as part of the next annual review.

### **4.0 Corporate Implications**

#### **4.1 Financial**

- 4.1.1 Parking and waiting restrictions are funded, managed and enforced by the Thanet District Council using the 'decriminalisation budget'.

#### **4.2 Legal**

- 4.2.1 There are no legal implications.

#### **4.3 Corporate**

- 4.3.1 There are no corporate implications.

#### **4.4 Equity and Equalities**

- 4.4.1 There are no equity and legal issues.

### **5.0 Recommendation**

- 5.1 Members are requested to recommend option 3 – Review this street as part of the next annual review.

## 6.0 Decision Making Process

- 6.1 The recommendation of the Board will be placed before the Portfolio Holder decision under the decision making process.

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### Annex

Annex 1	Location map
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### Background Papers

A copy of the letter with signatures will be available for inspection in the Members Lounge before the meeting.