

**STRATEGIC PLANNING,  
SUSTAINABILITY AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**11 September 2018**

**Extension of the South 3 Resident Parking Zone**

<b>Final Decision-Maker</b>	Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transportation Committee
<b>Lead Head of Service/Lead Director</b>	William Cornall Director of Regeneration & Place
<b>Lead Officer and Report Author</b>	Jeff Kitson Parking Services Manager
<b>Classification</b>	Public
<b>Wards affected</b>	All

**Executive Summary**

This report provides the Committee with an overview of the Resident Parking Scheme and outlines proposals to include six properties into the South 3 zone located in College Road, Maidstone.

**This report makes the following recommendations to this Committee:**

That the South 3 Resident Parking Zone is extended to include property numbers 2 to 12 College Road.

**Timetable**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transportation Committee.	11 September 2018

# Extension of the South 3 Resident Parking Zone

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The residents parking scheme was introduced many years ago to ease parking pressures and improve levels of parking availability for local residents as availability was reduced as a direct result of commuter and shopper parking.
- 1.2 Residents within the South 3 zone are able to apply for up to two resident vehicle permits and one visitor permit per property.
- 1.3 The scheme continues to be successful in managing driver behaviour and over time consideration has been given to small changes to the zone boundaries to accommodate changing demands.
- 1.4 Requests to make changes to zone boundaries are normally referred to Parking Services from local ward members and the impact of any change is considered against levels of parking demand and the parking bays available within the designated parking zone.
- 1.5 During August 2018, Councillor English made representations to Parking Services to extend the South 3 zone to include a further six properties within College Road, Maidstone as Ward Member for High Street Ward.
- 1.6 The current boundary of the residents parking zone in College Road excludes property numbers 2 to 12 as historically there has been a limited demand for parking from residents of the Alms House properties at this location.
- 1.7 The demographic of residents living within these properties has changed over time and vehicle ownership levels have increased for some residents.
- 1.8 Although it is not recommended to extend the concession to all residents of the Alms Houses at this location, the inclusion of numbers 2 to 12 (with properties facing College Road) into the South 3 zone will have only a limited negative impact on the overall scheme and parking availability within the local vicinity.



- 1.9 It is therefore proposed that the South 3 resident parking zone is extended and amendments made to the zone boundary and associated GIS and application processes to include property numbers 2 to 12 College Road.
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## **2. AVAILABLE OPTIONS**

- 2.1 The South 3 zone boundary may remain unchanged and this will result in these properties being excluded from the current resident parking scheme. Residents will need to continue to make alternative arrangements for parking.
- 2.2 To extend the resident parking scheme South 3 zone to include 2 to 12 College Road (where properties are facing College Road) will allow residents in these properties concessionary parking in nearby roads.
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## **3. PREFERRED OPTION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 It is recommended that proposals to extend the scheme to include 2 to 12 College Road (where their properties are facing College Road) are agreed as this will require minimal administration costs and allow these residents concessionary parking in nearby roads without significant negative impact on parking availability.
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## **4. RISK**

- 4.1 The risks associated with this proposal, including the risks if the Council does not act as recommended, have been considered in line with the Council's Risk Management Framework. We are satisfied that the risks are considered to be minimal in terms of local parking demand within the South 3 zone and these are within the Council's risk appetite and will be managed as per the Policy.
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## **5. NEXT STEPS: COMMUNICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION**

- 5.1 If agreed, Parking Services will make arrangements for the zone boundary to be amended and for the Councils GIS and application systems to be amended to reflect the change.
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## **6. CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS**

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
Impact on Corporate Priorities	Keeping Maidstone Borough an attractive place for all – by supporting concessionary parking where possible	Jeff Kitson Parking Services Manager
Risk Management	Risks have been considered as	Jeff Kitson

	part of this proposal and these are considered to be minimal in terms of local parking demand within the South 3 zone.	Parking Services Manager
Financial	It is anticipated that changes as proposed will be accommodated from the existing Parking Services budget	
Staffing	It is anticipated that the services will be delivered within existing staffing levels.	Jeff Kitson Parking Services Manager
Legal	Financial provisions in relation to Civil Parking Enforcement are defined within Section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.	
Privacy and Data Protection	The developments identified within this report will increase levels of data held by third party suppliers. The Council will ensure that partners fully comply with the requirements of GDPR	
Equalities	An equalities impact assessment will consider any impact on groups with protected characteristics.	
Crime and Disorder	The proposal identified within this report will have no negative impact on Crime and Disorder.	Jeff Kitson Parking Services Manager
Procurement	There are no procurement considerations.	Jeff Kitson Parking Services Manager

## **7. REPORT APPENDICES**

7.1 None

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## **8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 None