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## **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT – RESIDENTS PARKING – QUEENS GARDENS - BROADSTAIRS**

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

By: **Civil Enforcement Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Viking** Division: **Broadstairs & Sir Moses Montefiore**

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

### **For Recommendation**

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

- 1.1 During October 2011 a letter was presented to the Parking Office in support of a request to introduce a ‘residents’ parking scheme’ within Queens Gardens Broadstairs. The application was organised by Grand Mansions (Management Services) Ltd.
- 1.2 Queens Gardens is located to the southern side of the town centre close to the sea front at the junction of Victoria Parade with Granville Avenue. Queens Gardens is bounded by Grand Mansions, an apartment building, to the eastern side and a block of terraced houses to the southern side. The surface of the carriageway within the centre of Queens Gardens is segregated into formal car parking spaces. See annex ‘1’.

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

- 2.0 Shoppers, visitors, residents and workers compete for the available ‘on street’ parking space within the roads that form the town centre. The situation is compounded during the summer season which is one of the reasons why the Council introduced zoned parking involving a combination of time limited, ‘pay and display’ and ‘residents parking schemes’ in an effort to provide all road users with an opportunity to find a space. The boundary of the outer zone, nearest Queens Gardens, includes Wrotham Road and part of Victoria Parade. Consequently the 15 spaces in Queens Gardens are very popular.
- 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 36 apartments in Grand Mansions, of which 27 are registered on the electoral role with 27 residents over the age of 18. In Queens Gardens 20 properties (houses/flats) are registered with 12 residents over 18. In West Cliff Avenue 6 properties are registered with 7 residents over 18 – one property being a guesthouse. Assuming 1 permit per household, there could be a future potential demand for 62 permits.
- 2.6 ‘On street’ parking comprises 2 formal disabled drivers bays and 4 spaces on the east side of Victoria Parade close to Queens Gardens. Within Queens Gardens there are 15 marked bays and 8 spaces on the eastern side of Westcliff Avenue. ‘Off street’ provision consists of 3 drives in Westcliff Avenue. In effect there are 27 ‘on street’ spaces.
- 2.7 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 part of Victoria Parade, Queens Gardens and Westcliff Avenue only would be sub-standard.
- 2.8 The adjacent ‘Victoria’ residents’ parking scheme comprises approximately 187 spaces and the Parking Office has issued 145 permits. This zone covers Belvedere Road, Chandos Road, Chandos Square, Charlotte Street, Dundonald Road, High Street(1 – 67), John Street, Oscar Road, Queens Road (even no’s only), Raglan Place, Ramsgate Road, Serene Court, Serene Place, Victoria Parade, Wrotham Avenue, Wrotham Road, York Avenue and York Street.
- 2.9 Given the above, it is probable that part of Victoria Parade, Queens Gardens and Westcliff Avenue could be absorbed into the existing ‘Victoria’ residents zone. This would also bring into the zone those roads close to the seafront without any formal controls and encourage a better turnover of space.

### **3.0 Options**

- 3.1 1 – Take no further action. A residents’ scheme, applicable to householders living within the Queens Gardens area only, would be sub-standard. The number of eligible permit holders would exceed the number of ‘on street’ spaces available.
- 3.2 2 – Undertake an informal consultation. Establish if the residents living within Queens Gardens and Westcliff Avenue would support a proposal to incorporate these roads into the ‘Victoria’ zone and introduce time limited ‘pay and display’ parking to which permit holders would be exempt.

### **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 2 – that an informal consultation be undertaken to establish if the residents living within Queens Gardens and Westcliff Avenue would support a proposal to incorporate these roads into the ‘Victoria’ zone and introduce time limited ‘pay and display’ parking to which permit holders would be exempt.

## **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 Grand Mansions (Management Services) Ltd letter will be available for inspection in the Members Lounge before the meeting.