28th July 2010

Dear Resident

Pilot Kingsdown residents parking scheme

Thank you for your public forum statement to the 22 July Cabinet.

I am writing to confirm that the Cabinet agreed to adopt option 2 as set out in the Cabinet report. This means that the pilot residents parking scheme in Kingsdown will be going ahead, with minor amendments (as listed in appendix 4 of the report) to address a number of objections received as part of the statutory consultation.

We would stress that in taking the decision to proceed, the Cabinet was particularly mindful of the following factors:
- the strategic need to restrict parking by commuters in residential areas close to the city centre.
- the views of local residents (and their representative residents associations) who live within the proposed area.

Although many of the public forum statements received indicated opposition to the proposal, many were from outside the area. Cabinet was mindful of the fact that the these "opposing" statements were received from people who do not live in the pilot area, the majority of statements received from people living within the pilot area were supportive of the proposal.. They were also mindful of the fact that resident associations representatives took the trouble to attend and are clear in their position, although on a numerical count of submissions they would not have counted hugely.

If you were unable to attend the meeting, but are interested in seeing / listening to the Cabinet discussion, the webcast of the meeting is available on the Council's website.

Finally, we would stress (as per our comments at the meeting) that this is a pilot scheme, which will be reviewed after 6 months' operation. We will of course take into account (and would encourage) comments on the operation of the pilot scheme as it progresses.

Yours sincerely

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