

Proposal for Residents' Parking for the Village of Kingswear

To the Residents of Kingswear Parish - Please read this consultation document about a possible parking scheme for Kingswear and return the reply slip **Please do reply – we need to know your views so as to decide how to proceed.**

Summary of the Proposal –for more details please read attached information

- 1) Most of Kingswear would become a residents' parking area operating from 9am- 6pm.
- 2) Any parish resident, landlord, tenant, builder, employees who work in Kingswear could apply for a permit.
- 3) Residents can apply for up to 60 visitor all day permits.
- 4) Every road hopefully will have short-term two hour parking places for visitors.
- 5) The current limited waiting bays of 20 minutes in the Banjo and outside the station will continue.
- 6) Residents holding a permit will be able to park in the two hour short-term parking places for any length of time but will be limited to 20 minutes in the waiting bays between 9am and 6pm.
- 7) If the Parish was in favour of the project then a further survey of residents' parking permits required would be conducted in order to determine the number of short term parking bays available in each street.
- 8) If the parish was in favour and the scheme appeared viable then the results of the consultation would be passed onto Devon Highways. They would conduct their own independent consultation.

Summary of Advantages of the Proposal

- 1) Higher Contour Road will become a safer road to drive along.
- 2) Residents should be able to find a parking place nearby.
- 3) The impact of the builders' vans will be minimised due to many more parking spaces and permits applied for.
- 4) Those who live on Lower Contour Road and Castle Road would be able to have visitors' permits – this is not allowed at present and their visitors would hopefully be able to park nearby all day without worrying about the restrictions.
- 5) Residents and visitors would be able to park at Jubilee Park in the summer.

Summary of Disadvantages of the proposal

- 1) Residents may have to buy up to two car permits at £30 each and two £30 books of 30 visitors permits .
- 2) Holiday let landlords will have to buy permits for their weekly rentals.
- 3) **The parish would have to fund the scheme. The current estimate is £10,000.**
- 4) It does not guarantee a parking place by a resident's house.

Please complete the form below and hand it in to the Village Shop, the Post Office or post to Kingswear Parish Clerk - 53 Mariners Way Paignton TQ3 1RX Or email: kingswearclerk2017@outlook.com
Please return the form by 21st September 2018

Name/s _____

Address: _____

If you supply your email we will keep you informed about the progress of the Residents' Parking Proposal and other events pertinent to the Parish.

Email: (optional) _____

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I support / do not support / the proposal

Please supply reasons if you wish and continue overleaf:

If this scheme were to go ahead then we would need to know approximately how many resident's permits are required for each road. Then the rest of the road would be laid out as short term parking for visitors.

My residence would require residents parking permits if this scheme happened.

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Consultation of the Residents of Kingswear Village

The Kingswear Parish Council Residents' Parking Working Group, consisting of councillors and residents has been set up to try to resolve parking issues in Kingswear. We have a proposal to try to resolve these difficulties which we would like you to consider and then write or email back to us with your thoughts. It must be emphasised that this is **only a proposal**. If it appeared to have support within the village then the Parish Council would approach Devon Highways who will conduct their own survey and discuss the parish funding a scheme. It should be noted that Devon County Council will operate within their current residents parking policing but will do everything they can to meet the wishes of the parish.

Please note that this is just a consultation and nothing has been decided

Background information

Parking for many residents in the village has become very difficult since the marina changed their parking arrangements. In the summer months, commuters and visitors to Dartmouth, walkers, yachtmen and builders are all seeking to use the limited parking spaces in Kingswear rather than use the marina parking. This has impinged on residents, most especially those living in Brixham Road, Higher Contour Road and Ridley Hill. In the summer months, on many occasions Higher Contour Road has become a long single-track road with few passing places. This has created safety concerns for the village especially when cars drive down it with speed. Moreover residents living in Waterhead Terrace and many of those who live in Higher Contour Road have great difficulty parking in the summer months. In the summer months it is often not possible to park near Jubilee Park. At many times some residents have to weigh up going out with their car on an errand against returning and finding no satisfactory place to park. As you all know in Regatta many residents just do not move their car since their place will be taken. This also happens to a certain extent during the Dartmouth Festivals.

Residents parking is a contentious issue. We are responding to a very definite need expressed by many in the village. A lot of these people are those who are still working - they are a valuable minority in this village and if possible we should attempt to support them if this village is to be sustainable. Moreover the neighbourhood plan group are promoting proposals to encourage young entrepreneurs to live in the village by providing business hubs. People will be put off if there are parking problems.

We also acknowledge that some people in the village do not have a parking problem, may consider this proposal to be ill advised and would prefer the village to stay as it is. Please read the information sheet and do send in your feedback. We are attempting to solve the parking problem for this village – let us know what you think – do you think it will solve the problems? – do you think it is really necessary? We have tried to think of all the issues resulting from such a scheme and would very much like to hear of any we haven't thought of. It will not go ahead without support.

The Proposal

At present we have residents parking for those living on Church Hill and Lower Contour Road - in this proposal most of Kingswear would become a residents parking area operating from 9am to 6pm, seven days a week. The purpose of this is to free up parking places as non-residents would no longer be able to

take up parking places. As part of this proposal we intend to provide some short-term parking places for visitors on every road, where they can park for any two hours in the day and not return within four hours. Residents holding a resident permit would be able to park all day in these short-term parking places. There are no proposed changes to the current limited waiting bays in the town centre: i.e. the limited waiting bays outside the Station and in the Banjo will not have residents' exemptions. These bays will become available to residents after 6pm. In this proposal builders would be regularised by having to apply for special permits.

Devon Highways have estimated this proposal would cost in the region of £10,000 to implement. If this scheme was to progress it is currently proposed that this would be funded by the Parish Council.

Below is information concerning the use of permits and hopefully answering all the questions you might have.

Who can apply for permits and how much do they cost?

Permits currently cost £30. Normally only two permits are permitted per household but at the launch of the scheme, more permits per household would be available. If additional permits are not renewed and they lapse they cannot be reinstated. Any resident of the parish can apply for a permit.

Can second home owners apply for a permit?

Yes they can and if their car is not registered to that home then they will have to supply additional documentation.

Can holiday let businesses apply for a permit?

Yes. They can apply for a special "pool" permit associated with the rental property that can be passed onto each new occupier.

Can tenants apply for a permit?

Yes if that is their registered home then they can have a permit.

I don't need a resident parking permit – can I have a permit for my visitors?

Any residence in Kingswear will be eligible to buy up to a maximum of two books of 30 one day visitor permits. A book currently costs £30. This is not dependent on whether you have a parking permit.

I have off street parking, will I need a permit?

No. However if you need to park your vehicle on the road then you will need a permit.

I have a disabled blue badge. Do I need to purchase a permit?

A vehicle displaying a valid disabled blue badge is exempt from permit restrictions and does not require a permit.

I am regularly visited by a carer do they need a permit?

One essential visitor permit is available to residents who are reliant on family or friends for regular support to continue to live in their home. The resident may be elderly, or disabled, with or without a blue badge. The permit is retained by the resident and can be used in any vehicle visiting them. This permit can also be used for families relying on family to provide childcare for a child under school age. An essential visitor permit is currently issued free of charge. Medical professionals and carers carry their own permits.

Will builders be able to continue taking up parking places?

A builder will have to apply for a dispensation permit and must show that the vehicle is essential to carrying out the work. Vehicles being used for personal travel to and from the work site, or as a storage facility are not eligible for dispensations. They will have to be parked legally elsewhere. Hopefully this will mitigate the effect of the many builders' vans occupying so many parking spaces in the village. The impact of the builders' vans will be lessened since they will not be competing with other non-residents' cars.

What happens if I have a delivery to my property?

If a vehicle is actively being loaded and unloaded then a permit is not required.

Will I be guaranteed a residents' parking space outside my house?

No. Residents parking does not guarantee a parking space, it only guarantees a permit holder an opportunity to park if they can find a space. This may or may not be near their home: Residents' parking aims to improve a resident's opportunity to park by removing non-residential vehicles from the area.

I run a business in Kingswear can I have a permit?

Business permits may be provided for vehicles necessary for the day to day operation of a business based within the area of a residents parking scheme or zone, for example food delivery vans.

What about those who work in Kingswear?

If there is strong support then permits could be arranged for those who work in Kingswear.

How will this affect visitors to the Church?

On Church Hill and Ridley Hill there will be many short term parking bays for visitors to use up to two hours which should be adequate for church services.

Will the scheme affect businesses in the Village?

Hopefully not. Short term visitors will continue to have access to the short term parking areas near our shops and pubs, so they are unlikely to be affected by any changes. Visitors will be able to park in the short term parking bays for up to two hours.

Why cant just Higher Contour Road be made into residents' parking?

It would solve the problem for Higher Contour Road but would push it elsewhere – to Ridley Hill and Redoubt Hill etc.

Won't the non-residents be able to park on the private land near the verge of Higher Contour Road between the house called The Bridge and Upper Wood Lane?

The owner of the land has agreed we could make arrangements that would only allow residents with permits to park there. If a part of a car is on the Highway then it will be liable to an enforcement ticket unless it has a resident's parking permit.

Will those with off road parking be allowed to have permits?

Any resident in a parking scheme has the right to apply for permits.

What will happen to the visitors and commuters to Dartmouth?

If this scheme is acceptable to the village then we will attempt to provide a parking area in a field at Hillhead. Between 7am and 9am there are three buses an hour and for the rest of the day there are two. This will lower emissions in line with government policy about commuting to work using public transport. There is a potential that this might attract a subsidy since it is in line with government policy.

Those who have parking permits in Lower Contour Road and Church Hill - will they now be allowed to have visitors permits?

Yes. Those properties will be part of the scheme and visitors will be able to park for up to two hours in the short term parking bays and not be restricted by the rule of no parking between 10-11am and 2-3pm.

Will there be spaces for visiting Jubilee Park opposite Waterhead Terrace?

Yes, hopefully, since all that area and up the hill will be defined as two hour short term parking. This will enable residents of the village with permits to park there at any time for as long as they wish. Visitors or residents without permits will be able to park for up to two hours.

Will the parking be enforced?

Yes, enforcement happens already and it is possible to report anyone who regularly parks illegally.

The Parish Council consider the proposal to have following advantages and disadvantages

Advantages of the Proposal

- 1) Higher Contour Road will become a safer road to drive along although there are currently no recorded collisions on this road.
- 2) Residents should be able to find a parking place nearby. This will depend on the number of parking places available and on number of permits issued.
- 3) The impact of the builders' vans will be controlled.
- 4) Those who live on Lower Contour Road will now be able to have visitors' permits and their visitors will be able to park nearby all day without worrying about the restrictions.
- 5) Residents will be able to access Jubilee Park in the summer by car.
- 6) Overcoming the parking problem will contribute to Kingswear becoming a sustainable village.
- 7) Parking bays will no longer be necessary, apart from the bays designating two hours short term parking and the existing 20 minute short term parking.

Disadvantages of the proposal

- 1) Residents may have to buy up to two permits at £30 each and 2 books of visitors permits for £30 each.
- 2) DCC control the price of the permits and could raise their price at any time.
- 3) Holiday let landlords will have to buy permits for their weekly rentals.
- 4) The parish would have to fund the scheme. The current estimate is £10,000.
- 5) It does not guarantee a parking place by a resident's house.

If you have any questions please email Cllr Lucy Payne, Chairman of the Residents Parking Working Group on overcreek@overcreek.co.uk or tel: 752340.

We really do need to know as many views as possible so please complete the enclosed form and let us know if you support or oppose the proposal.