ANNEX A

Sittingbourne Residents Parking Scheme

Recommendation – Approval

Comment No.	Resident Ref No.	Comment/Objection	Response
1	1	Vehicles will park outside scheme area and cause more problems for residents at the boundary of the scheme.	The parking scheme as originally proposed covered a greater area than the scheme being implemented. The size of the scheme was reduced following unfavourable responses from residents in the wider area. Various maintenance works at Cockleshell Walk and St Michaels car park will encourage commuters/High Street employees to use the parking provided. The effect of the proposed scheme will be monitored.
2	1	How is the scheme going to be enforced when we don't see wardens now.	Income from parking permits will be used to provide additional enforcement of the scheme.
3	1	Where are the commuters and town centre workers going to park.	Recently completed improvement works at Cockleshell Walk and St Michaels car park provide a high quality alternative to on street parking.
4	1	The roads are full of potholes, dirty blocked drains and speed humps, which do not work.	Swale Borough Council is not the Highway Authority. These comments will be passed to Kent Highway Services

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5	1	What happens if you have two or more cars per household.	Each household is allowed to apply for two separate permits. Each permit allows for two registration numbers which will allow one of the vehicles to park within the scheme area
6	2	Not being guaranteed a space is bad enough, let alone worrying about your car being clamped or having to move it early at the weekends.	No vehicle is guaranteed a parking space within the scheme. This scheme will deter non-residents from parking for long periods during the schemes hours of operation, which are Monday – Friday between 8am – 6pm.
7	2	Occasional visitors will have problems parking	Residents will be able to apply for visitor's permits. You can park two hours without a permit in this area of the scheme.
8	3	The cost of permits will make our houses harder to sell.	There is no evidence to suggest that a residential parking scheme has an effect upon the saleability of property.
9	3	Additional double yellow lines in our street will put even more strain on parking.	The double yellow lines are provided in areas to improve highway safety and preserving visibility for highway users
10	3	Its not the commuters parking that is causing the problems, it's the volume of cars within a small parking area.	The scheme should improve residents parking, therefore, make the area a better place to live.
11	3	No consultation between Swale Borough	Exhaustive consultation has been taking

		Council and the residents has occurred.	place with residents since late 2004. A scheme was put forward for residents comments in Summer 2005 which attracted an average 30% response rate. Follow up consultations have taken place in Autumn 2005, Spring 2006 and this last round with the formal traffic order in July 2006.
12	4	The scheme will not alleviate parking problems or solve congestion.	This scheme will deter non-residents from parking for long periods during the schemes hours of operation, which are Monday – Friday between 8am – 6pm. This will increase the space available for permit holders
13	4	Visitors need to stay for more than two hours.	Residents will be able to apply for visitor's permits.