

ANNEX E.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 October 2010 20:53
To: Mike Knowles
Subject: Residents' Parking Scheme
Hi Mike,

Thank you for your time regarding your letter H4 1?MJK dated 11th October. The petition numbers make nonsense of the original consultation. I am particularly interested in the Canute Road stats - from 7 supporting - 2 against, to 8 supporting and 20 objecting? Highly suspect pressure from person objecting on personal grounds for a charge for the service you proposed.

At present Canute Road suffers from commuters' vehicles on a daily basis as well as those parking for days on end.

Do hope that the Joint Transportation Board meeting in December backs the original proposal, and not the missed dead line submission petition.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 October 2010 11:59
To: Mike Knowles
Subject: H4.1/MJK
Dear Mr Knowles

I am emailing regarding your recent letter regarding the proposed extension to residents parking. I have some concerns that the petition you recieved may influence the Board and will mean that the proposed extension does not take place.

The petition was recieved AFTER the deadline and, more worryingly, showed a marked difference to what you had originally recieved. At no point did we see anyone with a petition and I fear that it may not necessarily be correct. People had an opportunity to respond on the original proposal and at that point the majority seemed in favour whereas there was a sudden swing against it when the petition was done. I feel it would be fairer for the council to either take the original results or, if there is some doubt, to do a second survey themselves.

I am in favour of the proposed parking changes and I believe many others are as well.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Canute Rd

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 October 2010 13:32
To: Mike Knowles
Subject: Kingsnorth Road residents' parking scheme
Dear Mike

Further to our telephone conversation yesterday, I am writing to let you know my thoughts re: residents' parking in Kingsnorth Road.

I have real doubts about the validity of the petition that you received. All of the residents who I have spoken (informally) to about parking support the introduction of residents' parking, which is why I am so surprised about the results of the petition, which you give in your letter.

You should be aware that the petition was conducted in a very aggressive manner, such that it is likely that residents will have felt pressure to sign (because, of course, the person conducting the petition 'knows where they live' - but we were not told who the petitioner was, or where they live). I would also urge you to contact those who signed the petition and check that they agreed to their names being included on the petition, to ensure that it is valid. We were not given the option to agree with the parking scheme by the person conducting the petition - the option was only to disagree with it - so your agree/disagree figures are likely to be incorrect, if they were from the same, single petition. Also, there are many more people represented on the petition than responded to the original questionnaire. This may be seen to indicate pressure to respond in the petition, or incorrect reporting in the petition. If people did not feel strongly enough to respond to the original questionnaire, I wonder why they would feel strongly enough to respond to a petition?

I do not feel that it is fair that a petition that was delivered late is being considered in your planning decision. In addition, I do not know why the views of those who did not respond to the original questionnaire should be taken into account. People had the chance to express their views legitimately and did not do so - I do not know why they should be given a second chance to express their views in a way that is likely to be invalid and unreliable.

Kingsnorth Road has severe parking problems. There are many families with young children living on the street, myself included, who cannot park near their house, because of commuter traffic from the railway station as well as the town centre; shopping traffic; and parking by residents on roads that are parking controlled, eg Athelstan, who do not wish to pay for parking. Residents parking is likely to make a real difference to us. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It is physically very difficult for me when I cannot park on my own road. I accept that residents parking may not help with this (and that I do not have a legal right to expect parking), but I - and many of my neighbours - feel that it is right to try the scheme, so that we may be able to park nearer to our homes. I wonder what the petitioner's story is - and how many vehicles they have, as I note that only two permits are allowed per household.

I hope that you will be able to take my views into account when considering whether or not to approve the scheme and urge you to take the petition that you received with a very large pinch of salt.

Yours,

[REDACTED]
Kingsnorth Road

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 October 2010 12:42
To: Mike Knowles
Subject: Your ref: H4.1/MJK Parking scheme Kingsnorth Rd

Importance: High

[REDACTED] Kingsnorth Rd
Faversham
Kent
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Knowles

Thank you for the letter dated 11th October in respect of the update on the parking scheme proposed for Kingsnorth and adjacent roads in Faversham.

I am firstly sincerely appreciative that the council recognise there is a severe parking issue with our roads primarily due to workers in Faversham, commuters to London and people parking their cars here whilst going on holiday for a week or two via the nearby train station. It is a problem which affects residents on a daily basis and I wholeheartedly welcome the proposed scheme to ease congestion and make our lives more pleasurable.

Upon receipt of the information that the parking scheme will go ahead I was thrilled. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Having to walk miles to my car with a young toddler, a new born and all the bags they entail in addition to recovering from major surgery was a daunting and highly unwelcome prospect!

I have been very concerned as to why the council was taking so long to implement a scheme which is already running in the adjacent Athelston Road. ! Yet now all has become abundantly clear courtesy of 'Paul' (if my memory serves me correctly) from the top of Kingsnorth Road!

Unfortunately I was subjected to this gentleman's 'pitch' and his aggressive tone and delivery was nothing short of intimidating. Calling round at a very awkward time in early evening when people are just returning from work, cooking their dinners, sorting the children for bed is not only rude but probably helped his cause. This man's relentless attitude at such an inconvenient time of day would optimise the likelihood of people signing his petition just to get rid of him. Kingsnorth Rd has an abundance of young families and many elderly residents who would I am sure feel as I did, bullied. I am a [REDACTED] and am not intimidated easily however with my 'mum's hat' on being in the house alone with [REDACTED] children whilst being presented with such aggression at my own door even made me uncomfortable. The council generated a survey and began to implement the scheme as a result of the 'residents' voice'. This man, who probably has a problem with paying the fee at a guess, then bulldozes his way into potentially destroying a perfectly legitimate process.

The statistics on the reverse of your letter just do not tally up. If people felt that strongly about the parking scheme NOT being implemented they would have returned their form to the council voicing such opinions. Therefore the initial number of residents refusing the scheme would have been much higher than those in support. This is not the case! How can there possibly be so many people now suddenly refusing the proposals due to this 'door to door' campaign. There have either been forgeries taking place here, multiple names have been added for single addresses or people have felt highly intimidated and have signed unwillingly. Either way these are all unsavoury methods.

The fact that the petition was late in submission should negate it with immediate effect in my opinion. It makes a mockery out of the word 'deadline'.

As a result I am STILL rarely able to park outside my home. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I often have to return to the car at least two times, especially after a shop and if I have no option but to park a long distance from my front door I will have no option but to park in the middle of the road to unload to protect the safety of my family. I refuse to leave my children alone in the house or alone in the car because of the abuse of parking by non residents down this road.

I wholeheartedly hope that you have taken my comments on board and recognise that Paul is not a true representation of opinions of myself and my neighbours.

Thanking you in anticipation.

With kind regards.

From: [REDACTED] Kingsnorth Road Support
Sent: 21 October 2010 13:25
To: Mike Knowles
Subject: Proposed extension to residents parking scheme

I am writing to let you know that we are in favour of the extension of residents parking to kingsnorth road.

I am a registered Childminder and it is extremely difficult to get parked near my house on week days due to commuters. As I look after pre school children it is a big inconvenience if I can't park near.

Also the parents of my childminded children whom need to drop off and pick up from me, often have to park in another road.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

ANNEX E.

From: [REDACTED] Canute Road Support
Sent: 15 October 2010 15:32
To: Mike Knowles
Subject: Proposed Extension to Residents' Parking Scheme Canute Road

<P>Dear Mike,</P>

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<P>Following our telephone conversation yesterday I would like to confirm what was discussed.</P> <P> </P> <P>When I received your letter dated 10/10/2010 regarding the above matter I was very angry to know that the parking scheme may not go ahead, and after speaking to you earlier in the year to explain my situation and to say why I would like the scheme to go ahead.Also you yourself were confident that it would go ahead.</P> <P> </P> <P>I live in Canute Road [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. I would like to once again express my reasons as to why I feel the scheme should go ahead.</P>

<P> </P> <P>1. Commuters for both Faversham Town and Faversham Station park in our road thus leaving less parking for the residents, and if I go shopping I am not always able to find a space near my house when I return therefore I either have to leave my baby in the house or car whilst I unload my shopping. If I have to park near the A2 end of Canute Road or in Ethelbert Road I feel this is a very dangerous and worrying situation for both the baby and I and once I have another child the matter will be worse.</P> <P> </P> <P>2. People who live in Athelstan Road also park in Canute Road because they do not want to pay for a parking permit for their own street.</P> <P> </P> <P>3. I have had my car damaged by someone who left their car in Canute Road whilst on a visit to London. This was reported to the police and I saw the damage on their car and on mine but no action was able to be taken, therefore my car is permanently damaged which has decreased the value of my car if I was to sell it.</P> <P> </P> <P>4. My partner has had his car damaged by someone who parked in Canute Road but we felt there was no point in reporting this as nothing could be done when mine was damaged.</P> <P> </P> <P>5. A lot of houses in Canute Road have driveways with enough room for one thus leaving less road parking available.</P> <P> </P> <P>6. Three of my direct neighbours are old people and do not have their own cars and so therefore if they did the problem of parking would be much worse. If these people move then new people moving in could potentially make the problem worse.</P> <P> </P> <P>7. The house at the end of Canute Road but the front door is on Athelstan Road has many cars that he parks in Canute Road and if Parking Restrictions were bought in he would not be able to do this. </P> <P> </P> <P>8. I recognise most of the cars that park here Monday to Saturday and do not live in the road and would like to point out that on Sundays there is no problem parking in our road as it is practically empty what does that tell you.</P> <P> </P> <P>I would also like to point out that the petition that is mentioned in your letter was not bought round to my house, therefore I wonder how may other residents were not able to make their views know, so I feel that this petition is not a true reflection of who is for or against the Parking Scheme.</P> <P> </P> <P>I would also like to point out that we are a low income family but are willing to purchase two permits if it means that we can park near our house.</P> <P> </P> <P>I hope that the parking scheme does go ahead as I do not know how I will cope if I cannot park outside my house when I return from somewhere for much longer.</P>

<P> </P> <P>Yours sincerely,</P> <P> </P> <P>[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (2 Residents)</P> <P> </P>