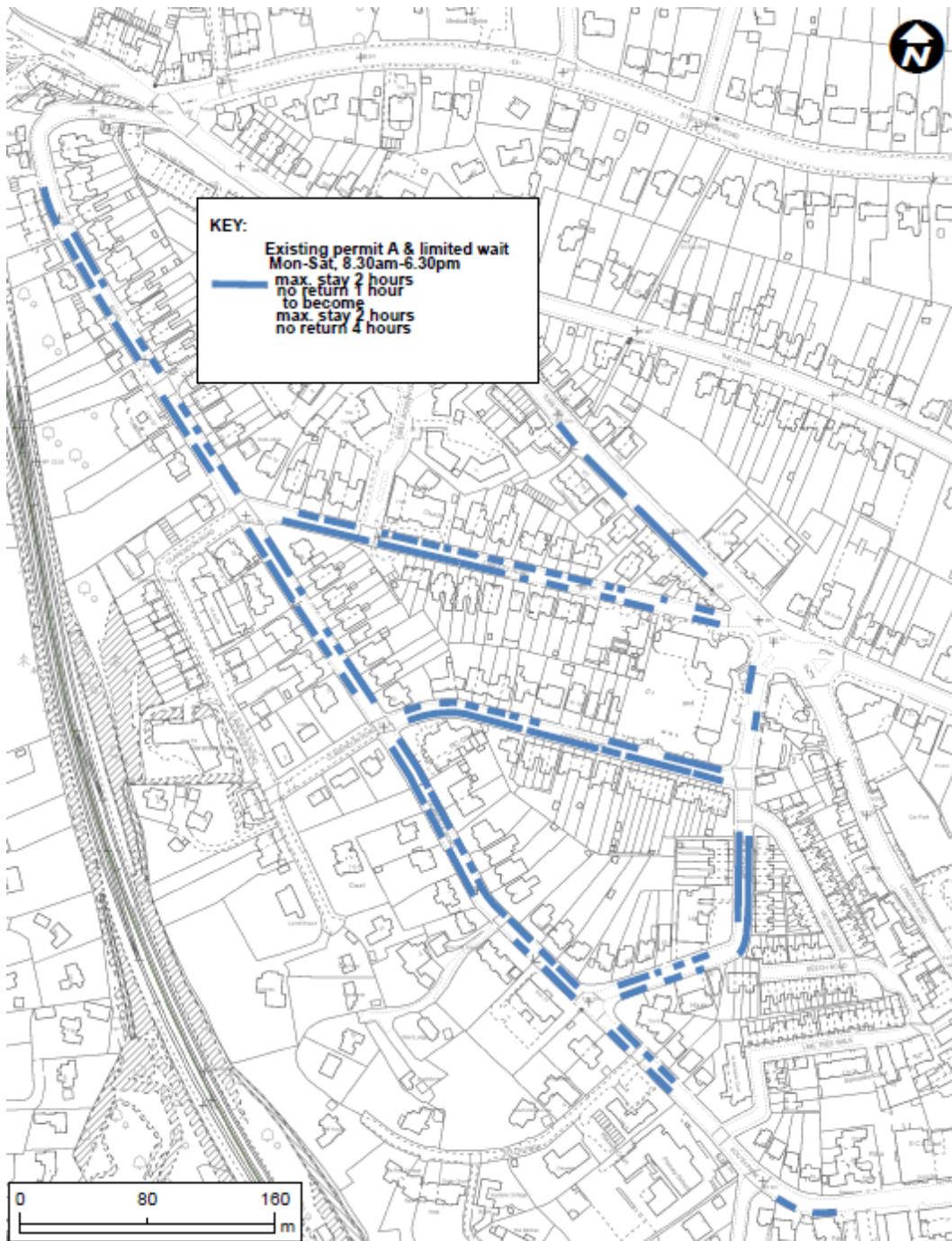


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SEVENOAKS - Permit Zone A
Argyle Road, Eardley Road, Gordon Road, Granville Road, London Road & South Park



PARKING PROPOSALS FOR PERMIT ZONE A, SEVENOAKS

Increase No Return Period from 1 hour to 4 hours in all shared use parking bays (limited wait 2 hours maximum stay Monday to Saturday, 8.30am to 6.30 pm (except for Zone A permits)) in Argyle Road, Eardley Road, Gordon Road, Granville Road, London Road (A224 - known as Tubs Hill) & South Park.

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STATUTORY CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

COMMENTS RECEIVED IN SUPPORT

1. Difficulty for zone A permit holders in being able to park
2. Ease parking congestion
3. Parking will be much easier for residents.
4. Should help to prevent the use of these residential roads for all day parking by simply moving a vehicle every 2 hours to circumvent restrictions
5. Seems very fair - 2 hours should be plenty of time to do a shop or attend an appointment and all residents can buy visitors permits.
6. To help ensure that residents can find a space and that others do not just move their car for 1 hour before re-parking.
7. I live on Gordon Road and it is becoming challenging to park on the road at certain points in the week due to workers parking on the road
8. It's a good compromise. People can still park but not abuse the systems and park all day for free like they are doing at the moment without any controls/sanctions happening
9. We live near the end of Gordon Road opposite the council offices and we rarely find a space in the street outside our house on either side of the road but have to park much further down. This is due to a lot of people using these spaces who do not live on the road.
10. Allows traffic wardens to enforce over stays by town shoppers. It supports residents who are often forced to find a parking space far away from their house.
11. Will help to reduce the use of the street for long term parking where people are moving their cars every couple of hours, still within zone A.
12. To free up parking spaces for residents
13. This will help ease parking pressures for residents by helping traffic wardens enforce over stays by town shoppers & others who abuse the system.
14. Local resident suffering from parking congestion due to local workers returning to vehicle & re-parking to meet current parking rule
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16. Proper enforcement should ease pressures on the on-road parking that at present cause numerous difficulties for residents.
17. To reduce the overflow parking from Council Office employees
18. This will make life easier for residents as people park and return so there are no spaces. It will also mean church goers can park for services
19. To prevent abuse of parking facility
20. To ease parking difficulties for residents caused by abuse of the current system.
21. Help traffic wardens and ease parking pressures.
22. As a resident who pays for parking on the road, this proposal will hopefully help prevent shoppers from abusing the system.

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23. Assuming it still stays as permit A in addition to increasing return time as this isn't 100% clear. In normal times it is difficult to park on argyle outside our house between 6-9pm. It would be a reason to move house if we were to have kids. Parking should be encouraged at M&S, county offices or leisure centre.
24. May help improve the pressure on Zone A resident's parking, especially Gordon Road (as has overspill from Victoria Road, Council, shops, M&S, etc.). Should help Traffic Wardens when enforcing the rules too.
25. Hopefully would ease parking pressures for Gordon Road residents. Should help traffic wardens enforce the rules.
26. It will ease parking pressures for residents and allow traffic wardens to more easily monitor abusers of the system such as those that move their cars every 2 hours.
27. Pleased to see proposals aim to reduce irritating & dangerous situation in Granville & surrounding roads. Have always campaigned for abolition of double parking in Granville & Argyle. Hope one day we will see this.
28. This will help address the lack of parking for residents of Gordon Road in this case.
29. I support the change as due to living at the top of Gordon Road I'm constantly affected by people abusing the current system when I pay for a parking permit to be able to park in the road
30. Difficulty parking my car in the road I live in
31. To free up parking spaces for residents by preventing people returning to the road within four hours. This will stop people from parking all day in the road, or returning every two hours to turn their car around. It will enable the enforcement officers to ' catch' those people doing so, and abusing the system, including workers from West Kent Housing, and SDC.
32. It will make improve turnover and also make enforcement easier.

OBJECTIONS RECEIVED

1. As a resident of Argyle Road, a driver, and with a young family, it is already nothing short of a nightmare to find a parking spot in Argyle at most times of the day. The area is not managed enough so people are parking at leisure for far more than 2 hours already. They park so badly and selfishly as inexplicably, there are no marked out bays. It's enraging. It's unnecessary. There are enough car parks in town but people know Argyle Road is a soft touch. What on earth are we paying for a resident's permit for!?
2. Not enough parking for residents
3. Wholeheartedly disagree with this amendment. The fact that people in new builds cannot get permits is already an issue. Having to move my car every 2 hours is an inconvenience whilst I work from home and is very disruptive of my day. The no return within 4 hours makes the practicality of parking the car near on impossible, please have some consideration for the residents in this change.
4. Firstly there is no danger to road users etc. Secondly to increase the no return time to 4 hours is not enforceable. Thirdly when will the residents use their permits efficiently & park with due consideration of other permit holders. Lastly to publish this notice at this time of lockdown is underhand, as few road users

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are around to respond. The town/ high street is dying on its feet, it would take a serious effort to encourage traders back to the town & a sympathetic thought to the local villagers to return also. There is hardly an accommodating public transport system to bring shoppers back without the need for parking let alone free parking. Much the same has happened in Tunbridge Wells, who wants to go there now!

OFFICERS' COMMENTS

The proposal to increase the no return period from 1 hour to 4 hours in all shared use (limited wait/Zone A permit) parking bays within permit Zone A was one of the outcomes of the Sevenoaks Parking Review agreed by Sevenoaks District Council's Cabinet at its meeting on 15 October 2020.

The main aim of the proposal is to improve parking space availability for residents and visitors by preventing spaces from being occupied throughout the day by vehicles belonging to non-residents that have been re-parked within Zone A after the maximum two hours stay period.

The proposal will also enable the limited wait parking restriction to be enforced more effectively by Civil Enforcement Officers.

There will be no change to the 2-hour period of free parking in the shared use parking bays in Zone A, and the proposal should therefore have little or no impact on non-residents that use the area for short-stay parking.

The statutory consultation for the proposal was undertaken in accordance with national regulations.

The current policy is that properties built or converted after resident permit parking schemes has been introduced are not eligible for permits, as the schemes reflect the circumstances and demands at the time of introduction.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the objections be set aside, and the proposal be implemented, as drawn.