

IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION
PUBLIC BRIEFING ON PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE
PARKING RESTRICTIONS TO LOCAL STREETS

15 February 2013

Dear Resident

The Parish Council and Boughton Aluph and Eastwell Borough Councillor will be holding a series of briefing sessions on proposals to introduce parking restrictions on weekdays for 1 hour in the morning and afternoon. You are cordially invited to an open meeting to view plans and to give your voice to the matter. More than one session is proposed to give you the opportunity to attend.

BRIEFING SESSIONS GOAT LEES COMMUNITY HALL ,HURST ROAD

7.30pm - 9.00pm Thursday 21 February

7.30pm – 9.00pm Friday 22 February

12.00am – 2.00pm Saturday 23 February (six nations England v France 5.00pm / Italy v Wales 2.30pm)

The need to introduce parking restrictions at identified local streets has arisen because Eureka Business Park Owners provide inadequate level of on-site parking and have put double yellow lines on all the Park roads. Eureka Business Park workers and visitors park on residential streets daily with some days seeing bad congestion. On numerous occasions Police have been called out because parked vehicles on the narrow streets blocked passageway for emergency and delivery vehicles.

Around 22 February you should receive a consultation paper with a form for you to respond to questions. Currently you may not experience parking problems arising from Eureka Business Park and therefore inclined to respond as such, which is understandable. What needs to be understood before the box is ticked is what the future holds for Goat Lees residents. It has taken residents several years of lobbying to get their voice heard and so it is very important for us all to give weighted consideration before responding as this is a one time opportunity to get something done.

The Business Park when fully developed will attract some 3000 cars a day and so the problem seen today is forecast to increase dramatically and possibly affect a much larger area than at present. All of us wish to see a thriving Business Park since it not only offers employment opportunities for us but also brings wealth to Ashford with all that this implies. The Businesses themselves wish to see more on-site parking since this is better for their staff, creates a good impression on their visitors, and is attractive to potential new business occupiers. But with things as they are now there is no incentive for owners of the Business Park to address – the proposals go a long way to addressing this and will guarantee a thriving business community and a decent quality of life for residents.

Please make every effort to attend so that your voice is heard. If you have any questions beforehand the undersigned shall be pleased to respond.

Winston Michael, Borough Councillor winston.michael@ashford.gov.uk / 01233 636644

John Ley, vice Chairman Parish Council johnley210@btinternet.com / 01233 613101

Jason Matthews, Chairman Parish Council, Jason@ariabuilders.com