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Dover Priory to have new car park 'by end of year'

Council grants permission to developer

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A NEW car park at Dover Priory rail station looks set to be built in 2017 after a five-year battle.

Plans for a 500-space multi-storey car park at the station were first put forward in 2012, but dropped early last year by Network Rail, which said planning and funding issues had rendered the plan "unfeasible".

But now, plans for a 100-space surface-level car park have been given planning permission by Dover District Council. The existing car park at the station has only 29 spaces.

The council approved the plans, submitted by Essex-based developers Churchgate, at the end of last year.

Campaign

It follows a long campaign by frustrated commuters and Dover and Deal MP Charlie Elphicke.

Mr Elphicke welcomed the news. He said: "This is fantastic



BATTLE WON: Dover Priory rail station

news and looks set to be a real victory for commuters. It proves we were right to keep fighting for more parking at Dover Priory.

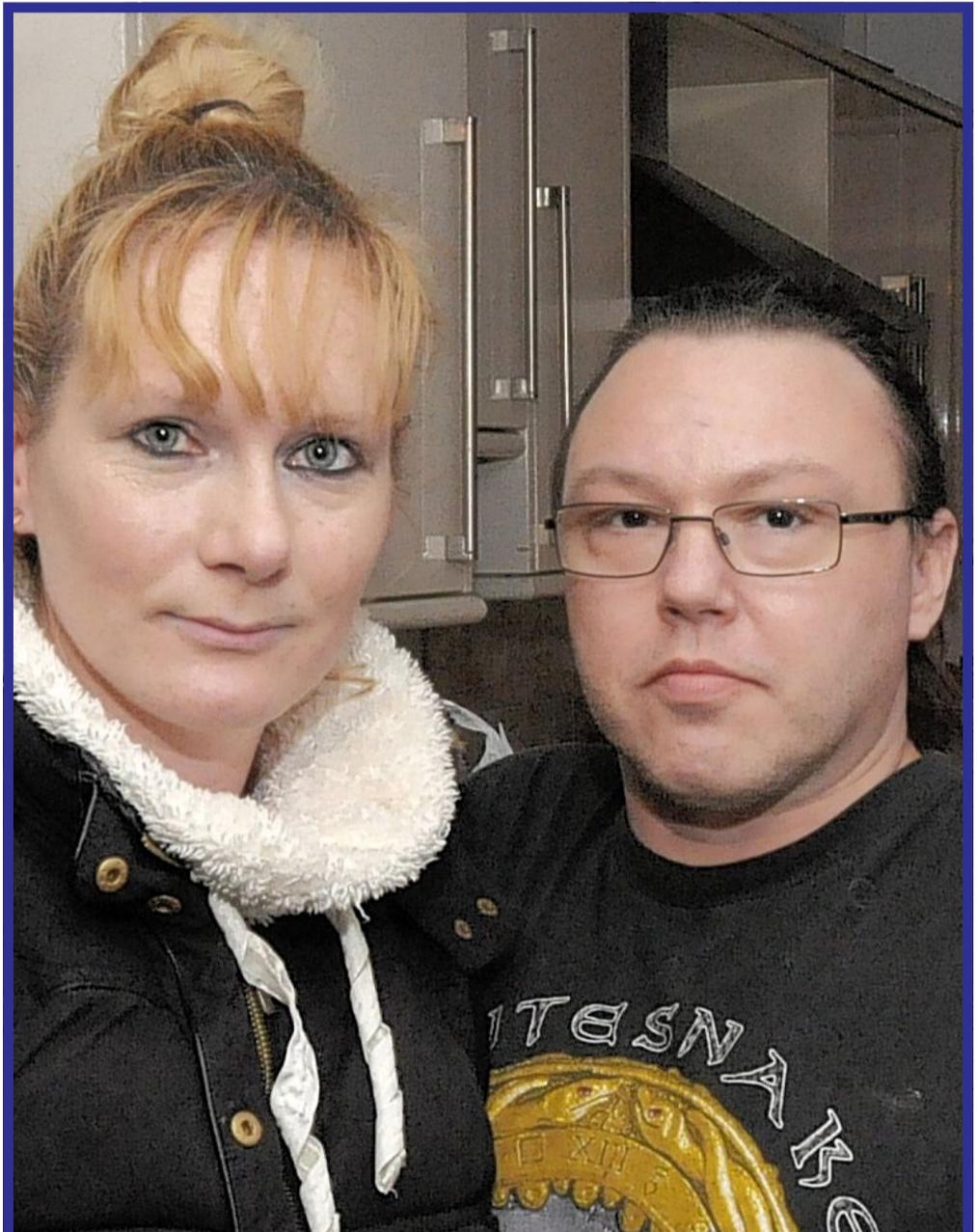
"Network Rail dithered for months before letting us down, but we weren't there for long.

"This car park will ensure local people can commute and travel

conveniently – another crucial step in building a better future for Dover and Deal."

He added: "I will continue to make the case for more spaces, but there is room to expand and add decks when demand dictates it."

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