

Committee:	Regulatory Planning Committee
Date:	17 January 2018
Report by:	Director of Communities, Economy and Transport
Title of Report	Traffic Regulation Orders – County Hall Car Park Review
Purpose of Report	To consider the objections received in response to the formal consultation on the draft Traffic Regulation Order associated with the County Hall Car Park Review
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Local Members:	Councillor O’Keeffe

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Committee is recommended to:

- 1. Not uphold the objections to the draft Order as set out in this report; and**
 - 2. Recommend to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport that the draft Traffic Regulation Order be made as advertised.**
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CONSIDERATION BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIES, ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT.

1. Introduction

- 1.1** In September 2016 changes to car parking arrangements at County Hall were implemented as part of a previous review in order to accommodate the proposed movement of staff from Sackville House to County Hall. The changes made at that time were aimed to make the best use of the limited car parking available to staff at County Hall. An extensive staff consultation and feedback process followed and a review of the implemented car parking arrangements was carried out in June 2017.
- 1.2** Feedback from the consultations led to formal proposals being developed. These formal proposals were advertised in the Sussex Express on 6 October 2017. A copy of the draft Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is included in Appendix 1. Copies of the advertised Notice of proposals were placed on posts in the car parks and a copy of the proposals was also placed on deposit in County Hall reception for viewing by any member of public. The formal period for representations to be made ended on 27 October 2017.

- 1.3 Copies of the formal proposals were sent to relevant District Councillors, County Councillors and statutory consultees including the emergency services. Copies of all supporting correspondence are available in the Members' Room.
- 1.4 The proposals were as follows:
- Car Share bays were proposed to be changed from 8am-9.30am to 8am-10.00am.
 - Twelve of the car share bays in County Hall West car park were proposed to be changed to general use (pay and display during operational times)
 - Seven of the car share bays in County Hall West car park were proposed to be changed to general use (pay and display during operational times, limited to a three hour maximum stay)
 - The motorcycle parking bays in County Hall West car park were proposed to be changed to general use (pay and display for any user during operational times)
 - Six of the reserved bays in County Hall East car park were proposed to be changed to CMT staff permit holders only
 - Eight of the reserved bays in County Hall East car park were proposed to be changed to general use for County Hall East permit holders only (limited to a three hour maximum stay)

2. Comments and Appraisal

- 2.1 During the formal consultation period, two items of correspondence were received objecting to the proposals. Full copies of the objections have been made available in the Members Room. Plans and photographs showing the areas objected to are included in the Additional Information Pack.
- 2.2 The grounds for the objections are that:
- there should be more car share bays, not less;
 - the reduction of the car share bays goes against the Council's Local Transport Plan 2011-2026 in relation to sustainable modes of travel, reducing carbon emissions, and discourages the car sharing initiative ESCC promotes;
 - the change of time to 10 am does not benefit users of the car park;
 - the road markings have already been installed on the ground and are misleading; and
 - the car park is also a public car park, can we please provide the details of the public consultation that took place in proposing the amendment to the TRO
- 2.3 Monitoring studies were carried out towards the end of 2016, at the start of 2017, and again more recently during October 2017. These studies showed that the car share bays were not being used to capacity, meaning that some of the bays remained unused until the cut off time (9.30am). This presented a pressure to the spaces in the West Car Park and it was decided by CMT that the car share bays should be reduced in number (from 39 spaces to 20 spaces) to free up parking spaces for those arriving before the car share cut off time. This would have the effect of providing more spaces for those who do not car share and would make the best use of under-utilised spaces. The number of 3-hour bays would be increased from 12 to 19 spaces.

- 2.4 The monitoring in October 2017 has shown that car share bays are now being used to an average of 43.9% capacity before 10am which shows that there are enough car share bays to meet the demand, even after the reduction in their number. This measure helps to alleviate the pressures on the car park.
- 2.5 With regards to the 10.00am cut off time, prior to the car parking arrangements being put in place in September 2016 there was an awareness of some abuse of the car share scheme through people sharing and transferring the car share permits. To reduce this abuse, the car share criteria and registration process were made electronic with drivers and passengers having to register their sessions.
- 2.6 Also, as an unintended consequence of the end time of 9.30am introduced in the 2016 arrangements, single occupancy drivers were parking in the car share bays before the 9.30am start time. Following the review in June the car share times were changed back to their original 10am 'cut off' in order to respond to the issues identified with the 9.30am start time. This seems to have been successful in that no further reports of abuse have been received. It also allows for those with caring responsibilities to be able to park in any unused car share bays a little later at 10.00am.
- 2.7 After the first data capture exercise of car park occupancy, it showed that the trend was a full West car park from 7.30 to 7.45am. On reviewing the data captured during October 2017, it is now possible to find a car parking space in West car park after 9.00am with the occasional spaces free during the day, although it remains largely full from 10am to 4pm.
- 2.8 It is unfortunate that some of the lining works took place before the formal consultation. Rather than further damage the surface of the car park we have taken mitigating actions to ensure the three hour time limit has not been enforced in these areas.
- 2.9 With regard to the public consultation, copies of the public Notice were placed in the East and West car parks and at the footway entrance to the overflow car park during the consultation period. Any user of the car park would have been able to view these notices. In addition the public Notice was advertised in the local newspaper (the Sussex Express) on 6 October 2017. Copies of the proposals were also placed on deposit in County Hall reception for any member of public to view.
- 2.10 It is not considered that the objections provide sufficient grounds to warrant the modification or withdrawal of the proposals, and the proposals provide for the most efficient use of parking space.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendation

- 3.1 The approach in trying to resolve objections to the Order has been to appraise the concerns raised by the objectors, balancing these against the need to maximise the available use of parking space at County Hall. On balance, it is

felt that the concerns raised by the objectors should not be upheld and the proposals should proceed as per the advertised TRO.

- 3.2 It is therefore recommended for the reasons set out in this report, that the Planning Committee does not uphold the objections, and to recommend to the Director of Communities, Economy, and Transport that the draft Order be made as advertised.

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Director of Communities, Economy and Transport

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

Appendix 1 – Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)

**EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

**The East Sussex County Council (Lewes District) (Off-Street Parking Places)
Traffic Regulation Order 2013 (Amendment No.1) Order 201***

East Sussex County Council, in collaboration with Lewes District Council, in exercise of their powers under sections 32, 35, 39(6) and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1984"), as amended by the Parking Act 1989 and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1991, Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 of the Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order:

- 1. When this Order comes into effect The East Sussex County Council (Lewes District) (Off- Street Parking Places) Traffic Regulation Order 2013 as amended, shall have effect except as hereinafter contained.**
 - (i) Schedule 1 - Off-street parking places and operational details**

delete the following parking places:-

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Town or Village	Name	Vehicle Type	Type of Bay	User Type	Days of Use	Times of Use	Days of Charging	Times of Charging	Charging Band	Maximum length of stay (hours)	Minimum length of time between stays (hours)	Drawing ref	
Lewes	County Hall Campus East Car Park	Motor	Disabled	Vehicles displaying a valid blue badge	All days	All times	None	None	None	None	None	CP6r1	
			Specific user bay	Vehicles in receipt of a valid 'virtual' permit for the car park as shown on the tariff sign	All days	All times	None	None	None	None	None		
			All other	Vehicles in receipt of a valid 'virtual' permit for the car park as shown on the tariff sign	All days	All times	Mon to Fri	8am to 5pm	County Hall Permit Holder	None	None		
				Public		Mon to Fri	6pm to 8am	None	None	None	None		None
						Sat, Sun & Bank Holidays	All times	Sat	8am to 5pm	County Hall Saturday	None		None
Lewes	County Hall Campus West Car Park	Motor	Bus bay	East Sussex County Council liveried bus	All days	All times	None	None	None	None	None	CP7	
			3 hour maximum stay	Vehicles displaying a valid blue badge and time clock	All days	All times	None	None	None	3	2		
				Vehicles in receipt of a valid 'virtual' permit for the car park as shown on the tariff sign	Mon to Fri	8am to 5pm	Mon to Fri	8am to 5pm	County Hall Permit Holder	3	2		
				Public		Mon to Fri	All times	Mon to Fri	8am to 5pm	County Hall Public	3		2
						Sat, Sun & Bank holidays	All times	Sat	8am to 5pm	County Hall Saturday	3		2
			Car Sharer	Vehicles in receipt of a valid 'virtual' permit for the car park as shown on the tariff sign and two persons (driver and passenger) registered as using the bay with their valid 'virtual' permits	Mon to Fri	8am to 9.30am	Mon to Fri	8am to 5pm	County Hall Permit Holder	None	None		
				Vehicles in receipt of a valid 'virtual' permit for the car park as shown on the tariff sign	Mon to Fri	9.30am to 5pm	Mon to Fri	9.30am to 5pm	County Hall Permit Holder	None	None		
				Public	Mon to Fri	9.30am to 8am	Mon to Fri	9.30am to 5pm	County Hall Public	None	None		

			Sat, Sun & Bank holidays	All times	Sat	8am to 5pm	County Hall Saturday	None	None	
			Vehicles in receipt of a valid 'virtual' permit for the car park as shown on the tariff sign	Mon to Fri	8am to 5pm	Mon to Fri	8am to 5pm	County Hall Permit Holder	None	None
	All other		Mon to Fri	All times	Mon to Fri	8am to 5pm	County Hall Public	None	None	
		Public	Sat, Sun & Bank holidays	All times	Sat	8am to 5pm	County Hall Saturday	None	None	

And replace with:-

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Lewes	County Hall Campus East Car Park	Motor	Disabled	Vehicles displaying a valid blue badge	All days	All times	None	None	None	None	None	CP6r1
			Specific user bay	Vehicles in receipt of a valid 'virtual' permit for the car park as shown on the tariff sign	All days	All times	None	None	None	None	None	

Lewes	County Hall Campus West Car Park	Motor	3 hour maximum stay	Vehicles displaying a valid blue badge and time clock	All days	All times	None	None	None	3	2
				Vehicles in receipt of a valid 'virtual' permit for the car park as shown on the tariff sign	Mon to Fri	8am to 5pm	Mon to Fri	8am to 5pm	County Hall Permit Holder	3	2
				Public	Mon to Fri	All times	Mon to Fri	8am to 5pm	County Hall Public	3	2
					Sat, Sun & Bank holidays	All times	Sat	8am to 5pm	County Hall Saturday	3	2

	Car Sharer	<p>Vehicles in receipt of a valid 'virtual' permit for the car park as shown on the tariff sign and two persons (driver and passenger) registered as using the bay with their valid 'virtual' permits</p>	<p>Mon to Fri</p>	<p>8am to 10.00am</p>	<p>Mon to Fri</p>	<p>8am to 5pm</p>	<p>County Hall Permit Holder</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	
		<p>Vehicles in receipt of a valid 'virtual' permit for the car park as shown on the tariff sign</p>	<p>Mon to Fri</p>	<p>10.00am to 5pm</p>	<p>Mon to Fri</p>	<p>10.00am to 5pm</p>	<p>County Hall Permit Holder</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	

		Mon to Fri	9.30am to 8am	Mon to Fri	9.30am to 5pm	County Hall Public	None	None
	Public	Sat, Sun & Bank holidays	All times	Sat	8am to 5pm	County Hall Saturday	None	None
	All other	Vehicles in receipt of a valid 'virtual' permit for the car park as shown on the tariff sign	Mon to Fri	8am to 5pm	Mon to Fri	8am to 5pm	County Hall Permit Holder	None
		Mon to Fri	All times	Mon to Fri	8am to 5pm	County Hall Public	None	None
	Public	Sat, Sun & Bank holidays	All times	Sat	8am to 5pm	County Hall Saturday	None	None

2. Citation

This Order may be cited as “The East Sussex County Council (Lewes District) (Off-Street Parking Places) Traffic Regulation Order 2013 (Amendment No.1) Order 201” and shall come into operation on *******