

Report to: Lead Member for Transport and Environment

Date of meeting: 11 February 2019

By: Director of Communities, Economy and Transport

Title: Experimental Traffic Regulation Order- High Street Uckfield

Purpose: To seek approval to amend the extent of the approved Experimental Traffic Regulation Order to trial the operation of the new time-limited parking controls in High Street, Uckfield

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Lead Member is recommended to approve the inclusion of 3 on-street time-limited parking spaces on the eastern side of the High Street south of Bell Lane, into the trial of the new parking controls in the High Street by way of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order.

1 Background Information

1.1 In December 2012, the Lead Member for Transport and Environment approved a two-stage approach to mitigate the impact of development generated traffic on the roads in Uckfield town centre taking into account existing and future development allocations. At this meeting, Stage 1 of the improvements to the High Street from Framfield Road to Bell Lane were approved and construction of the scheme was completed in November 2014. In September 2015, the Lead Member for Transport and Environment approved Stage 2 of the improvements to the High Street from north of Bell Lane up to Church Street and construction of the scheme was completed in September 2016. Development contributions from committed development in Uckfield and surrounding settlements have been secured by Wealden District Council (WDC) by means of Section 106 agreements from developers and these have been used to fund the mitigation measures.

1.2 The Stage 2 improvements introduced a new layout to the High Street comprising of 23 on-street time-limited parking spaces, with a reduction in the waiting period from 60 minutes to 30 minutes and 2 disabled parking spaces with a maximum stay of 3 hours. The reduced waiting period for the 23 parking spaces allows for a higher turnover of the spaces and therefore increases the availability of parking on the High Street. At the Lead Member meeting in September 2015, approval was given to trial the operation of these new parking controls by way of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO). The ETRO allows the enforcement of the parking controls and enables the County Council to monitor them to assess if they are working effectively and to make modifications if required.

1.3 Within the area of the Stage 1 improvements there is a section of 3 on-street time-limited parking spaces on the eastern side of the High Street, south of Bell Lane with a waiting period of 60 minutes. At the Lead Member meeting in December 2012, no approval was sought to reduce the waiting period of this section of parking to 30 minutes by way of an ETRO. If these 3 spaces are not included in the trial it will be confusing to drivers as there will be two different waiting periods in close proximity in Uckfield High Street. Therefore, Lead Member approval is being sought to rectify this situation by including this section of 3 on-street parking spaces in the trial of the new parking controls in the High Street by way of an ETRO. A copy of a plan showing the

location of the 3 on-street parking spaces south of Bell Lane to be included in the trial of the new parking controls in the High Street is included in Appendix 1.

2 Supporting Information

2.1 Consultation has been undertaken with statutory stakeholders about the ETRO associated with the trial of the parking controls associated with Stage 2 of the improvements including Sussex Police, Uckfield Town Council, Wealden District Council, local bus operators and the Local County Council Members. No objections were received.

2.2 However, the Town Council requested that the 3 on-street parking spaces on the eastern side of the High Street south of Bell Lane be included in the trial of the parking controls to ensure that there is a consistent waiting period for all on street parking spaces in the High Street. Having considered this request, these 3 spaces are now being recommended to be included in the trial.

3 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 The 23 on-street time-limited parking spaces associated with Stage 2 of the High Street improvements have a waiting period of 30 minutes, for which the Lead Member has approved the trial of the new parking controls by way of ETRO. The 3 on-street time-limited parking spaces on the eastern side of the High Street south of Bell Lane associated with Stage 1 of the High Street improvements have a waiting period of 60 minutes. If these spaces are not included in the trial it will be confusing to drivers as there will be two different waiting periods in close proximity of one another.

3.2 It is recommended, for the reasons set out in this report, that the Lead Member approves the inclusion of the 3 on-street time-limited parking spaces on the eastern side of the High Street south of Bell Lane in the trial of the new parking controls in the High Street by way of ETRO.

RUPERT CLUBB

Director of Communities, Economy and Transport

Contact Officer: Christopher Tree

Tel. No. 01273 482247

Email: chris.tree@eastsussex.gov.uk

LOCAL MEMBERS

Councillor Claire Dowling

Councillor Chris Dowling

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None