

Committee:	Regulatory Planning Committee
Date:	22 July 2015
Report by:	Director of Communities, Economy and Transport
Title of Report	Traffic Regulation Order – Eastbourne Parking Review
Purpose of Report	To consider the objections received in response to the consultation on the draft Traffic Regulation Order to introduce and amend parking restrictions at various sites in Eastbourne.
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RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Committee is recommended to:

- 1. Not uphold the objections to the draft Order as set out in Appendix 2 to this Report.**
 - 2. Uphold the objections to the draft Order as set out in Appendix 3 of this report**
 - 3. Recommend to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport that the draft Traffic Regulation Order be made in part.**
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CONSIDERATION BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIES, ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT.

1. Introduction

1.1 County and Borough Councillors and members of the public have raised with the County Council a number of parking issues at various locations across the Borough of Eastbourne. In response to the points raised, it was agreed that a parking review of Eastbourne (outside of the Controlled Parking Zones of the Civil Parking Enforcement area) would be carried out by the County Council's Local Traffic and Safety Section.

1.2 In January 2015, East Sussex County Council gave notice under its powers in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 that it was proposing to make a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce and amend waiting restrictions at various locations in Eastbourne. A copy of the draft Traffic Regulation Order is included as Appendix 1.

1.3 There are a total of 93 sites contained within this parking review. The majority of these sites are to introduce new, or amend existing, 'No Waiting – At Any Time' restrictions in order to increase parking in some areas, and aid visibility and manoeuvrability in other areas. The other sites include 8 'Disabled Persons Parking Places', 3 sites relating to 'School Keep Clear' entrance markings and 1 'Goods Vehicle Only Loading Bay'. 2 sites are to remove 'Ambulance Only' bays and 1 site to remove a 'Disabled Persons Parking Place'.

1.4 No objections were received from the statutory consultees, or from the initial consultation.

1.5 During the period of public advertisement, responses were received from 71 members of the public. 19 of these were letters of support. 52 were letters of objection with 11 of these being a misunderstanding of the proposals. Once the proposals had been explained in further detail, 6 of the objections were withdrawn. The objections relate to 11 of the proposed restrictions. Summaries of the objections are included at Appendices 2 and 3. Full copies of the consultation responses received are available in the Members' Room.

2. Comments and Appraisal

2.1 Following on from the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement in some areas of Eastbourne in 2012, and a 'bedding in' period during the following year, a number of requests were received for parking restrictions in the outlying areas of the Town.

2.2 The main reason for the requests being investigated as part of this Review was to increase on-street parking availability in certain areas, and for road safety reasons at most other areas. There were also requests to provide disabled parking places, a goods vehicle only loading bay and school keep clear entrance markings.

2.3 The reasons behind the proposals (i.e. to aid turning movements and improve visibility at junctions, to contribute to road safety, and to increase available on-street parking places) have been further explained in writing to the objectors. Attempts to resolve the objections resulted in 6 of the objections being withdrawn.

2.4 For those objections set out in Appendix 2, it is not thought that these objections provide sufficient grounds to warrant the modification or withdrawal of the proposals, and therefore, these objections should not be upheld.

2.5 For those objections set out in Appendix 3, for the reasons summarised it is recommended that the objections are upheld.

2.6 It is also considered that all other proposals not objected to, be implemented as advertised.

3. Conclusion and reasons for approval

3.1 The proposals aim to address road safety and local concerns at various locations within the town of Eastbourne. Balancing all of the factors relating to the proposals, it is concluded that objections as set out in Appendix 3 should be upheld, whilst not upholding those set out in Appendix 2.

3.2 The Committee is therefore recommended, for the reasons set out in this report, to uphold the objections in Appendix 3, and not uphold the objections set out in Appendix 2 to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for restrictions in the Eastbourne area, and to

recommend to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport that the draft Order be made in part.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None