

Committee:	Planning Regulatory Committee
Date:	15 February 2023
Report by:	Director of Communities, Economy and Transport
Title of Report:	Traffic Regulation Orders – Lewes Parking Review 2022
Purpose of Report:	To consider the objections received in response to the formal consultation on the draft Traffic Regulation Order associated with the Lewes Parking Review
Contact Officer:	Natalie Mclean – tel. 01273 482628
Local Members:	Councillors Carolyn Lambert, Wendy Maples, Johnny Denis, James MacCleary, Sarah Osborne, Matthew Milligan, and Christine Robinson

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Committee is recommended to:

- 1. Uphold the objections to the draft Order as set out in Appendix 1 of this report.**
- 2. Not uphold the objections to the draft Order as set out in Appendix 2 of this report.**
- 3. Recommend to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport that the Traffic Regulation Order be made in part.**

CONSIDERATION BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIES, ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Requests for new or for changes to existing parking and waiting restrictions in the Lewes District area are held on a priority ranking database, with those requests ranking high enough being progressed to consultation. Informal consultations began in November 2021 to see whether there was enough public support to introduce controls such as double yellow lines or changes to permit parking schemes in the district.
- 1.2 Feedback from the consultations led to formal proposals being developed. These formal proposals were advertised, together with the draft Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) (a copy of which is attached at Appendix 3) in the Sussex Express on 7 October 2022. Notices and copies of the relevant plans were placed on posts and lamp-columns in the affected areas. Approximately 300 letters were delivered to local addresses and the consultation was placed on the Council's Consultation Hub for any member of the public to comment. The formal period for representations to be made ended on 28 October 2022.
- 1.3 Copies of the formal proposals were sent to relevant district and parish Councillors, County Councillors and statutory consultees including the emergency services. Copies of all supporting correspondence are available in the Members' Room.

- 1.4 During the formal consultation 73 items of correspondence were received. These include 16 objections and 57 items of support. None of the objections have since been withdrawn.

2. Comments and Appraisal

- 2.1 Each item of correspondence has been considered individually and a summary of the objections and officer comments are included in Appendices 1 and 2. Again full copies of all correspondence are available in the Members' Room, plans and photographs showing the areas objected to are included in the Additional Information Pack.
- 2.2 Following consideration of the responses, it is recommended to uphold the objections summarised in Appendix 1 and withdraw the proposals at the following site:

- Cross Way (Lewes)

Officers are satisfied that the objections received to this proposal do provide sufficient grounds to warrant its withdrawal.

- 2.3 With regard to objections relating to Church Street (Seaford), College Road (Seaford), Cricketfield Road (Seaford), Esplanade (Seaford), Hillyfield (Lewes), Lawes Avenue (Newhaven), Mountfield Road (Lewes), and North Way (Lewes) as set out in Appendix 2, it is not considered that these 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. It is considered that these objections should not be upheld.
- 2.4 It is also recommended that all other proposals not objected to should be implemented as advertised.

3. Conclusion and reasons for approval

- 3.1 The approach in trying to resolve objections to the Order has been to appraise the concerns raised by residents and other road users, whilst not compromising road safety or other factors. On balance, objections on one of the sites can be accepted. Officers consider that, for highway and road safety reasons, the remaining objections (as set out in Appendix 2) should not be upheld and the proposals in these areas should proceed as per the draft TRO as advertised.
- 3.2 It is therefore recommended for the reasons set out in this report, that the Planning Committee upholds the objections in Appendix 1, does not uphold the objections in Appendix 2, and recommends to the Director of Communities, Economy, and Transport that the Order be made in part.

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Director of Communities, Economy and Transport

Appendix 1 – Proposals where objections are proposed to be upheld

1. Site 1 Cross Way, Lewes (Councillor Wendy Maples)

- 1.1 The proposal at this location is to install new no waiting at any time restrictions around the central triangular island at the junction of North Way and Cross Way.
- 1.2 Six objections have been received from local residents on the grounds that the junction is not part of a bus route, and they do not agree that there is an issue with people parking inconsiderately at this location.
- 1.3 The proposal follows a request by our enforcement contractor NSL to consider installing double yellow lines due to members of the public raising the issue of vehicles parking on the island. It was stated that vehicles parking on the verge are damaging the grass and wildflowers and can obstruct the view of the junction.
- 1.4 There have not been any road traffic accidents at this location, and no issue has been raised by the emergency services.
- 1.5 Having considered all of the objections, officers are satisfied that there are sufficient grounds to withdraw the proposal.
- 1.6 Councillor Maples has confirmed her support for the proposal to be withdrawn.
- 1.7 **Recommendation:** To uphold the objections and withdraw the proposal.

Appendix 2 – Proposals where objections are not upheld and are proposed to be implemented as advertised

1. Site 2 Church Street, Seaford (Councillor Carolyn Lambert)

- 1.1 The proposal at this location is to replace the existing no waiting Mon to Sat 8am to 6pm restriction with no waiting at any time.
- 1.2 One objection has been received from a local resident, with no reason for the objection given.
- 1.3 The proposal follows a request from our enforcement contractor NSL as signage is not installed for the current restriction, making it unenforceable. The request highlighted that the location would benefit from double yellow lines as parking on the restriction blocks access to Old School Surgery and the neighbouring property.
- 1.4 Having considered the objection, officers are satisfied that there are not sufficient grounds for the proposals to be withdrawn.
- 1.5 Councillor Lambert has confirmed her support for the proposal to be implemented.
- 1.6 **Recommendation:** To not uphold the objection and install the proposal as advertised.

2. Site 3 Cricketfield Road, College Road, Seaford (Councillor Carolyn Lambert)

- 2.1 The proposal at this location is to install new no waiting at any time restrictions along the eastern side of Cricketfield Road and the corner turning into College Road.
- 2.2 Three objections have been received from members of the public on the grounds that the proposed restriction could lead to safety issues relating to faster moving traffic and vehicles parking on the unpaved side of the road. One objector suggested that making the road one-way could potentially be more suitable, another suggested that the restriction should be installed on both sides of Cricketfield Road.
- 2.3 The proposal follows a request from Councillor Carolyn Lambert, with support from the emergency services relating to parked vehicles preventing safe movements. A request was also submitted by a local resident. Support has also been given by the local bus company as there is a bus stop located on this side of the road, and buses regularly have to bypass this section of their route due to parked vehicles.
- 2.4 Having considered the objections, officers are satisfied that there are not sufficient grounds for the proposals to be withdrawn. The proposed double yellow lines will keep one side of the road clear at all times and facilitate safe movements in both directions.
- 2.5 Councillor Lambert has confirmed her support for the proposal to be implemented.
- 2.6 **Recommendation:** To not uphold the objections and install the proposal as advertised.

3. Site 4 Esplanade, Seaford (Councillor Carolyn Lambert)

- 3.1 The proposal at this location is to formalise a blue badge holders only bay and extend it by 1m, and to install an additional formal blue badge holders only bay nearby.

- 3.2 Two objections have been received from members of the public, one on the grounds that two blue badge holder bays are not enough given the volume of visitors and one suggesting that an alternative location would be more suitable.
- 3.3 The proposal follows three requests from members of the public, raising the need for additional disabled parking, and one request for formalisation of the existing bay.
- 3.4 Having considered the objections, officers are satisfied that there are not sufficient grounds for the proposals to be withdrawn. No objection was received suggesting that the proposed changes should not go ahead, instead they suggested that the proposals do not go far enough and that more disabled parking bays should be installed. Further additional bays cannot be proposed at this stage; however this could be considered in the next review.
- 3.5 Councillor Lambert has confirmed her support for the proposal to be implemented.
- 3.6 **Recommendation:** To not uphold the objections and install the proposal as advertised.

4. Site 5 Hillyfield, Lewes (Councillor Wendy Maples)

- 4.1 The proposal at this location is to replace the existing no waiting Mon to Sat 8am to 6pm Mon to Sat restriction with no waiting Mon to Fri 11am to 1pm.
- 4.2 One objection has been received from a member of the public, on the grounds that the change in restriction times will cause difficulty reversing out of the driveways opposite.
- 4.3 The proposal follows a request from our enforcement contractor NSL, suggesting that the restriction should be considered for removal as the signage was inadequate to be able to enforce the restriction. During the informal consultation residents were asked to consider removing the existing restriction, the majority of residents supported keeping the restriction with reduced hours of operation.
- 4.4 Having considered the objection, officers are satisfied that there are not sufficient grounds for the proposals to be withdrawn. The proposed change will prevent commuter parking whilst providing greater flexibility for residents.
- 4.5 Councillor Maples has confirmed her support for the proposal to be implemented.
- 4.6 **Recommendation:** To not uphold the objection and install the proposal as advertised.

5. Site 6 Lawes Avenue, Newhaven (Councillor Sarah Osborne)

- 5.1 The proposal at this location is to formalise an existing blue badge holders only bay.
- 5.2 Two objections have been received from members of the public, on the grounds that they do not believe that the disabled bay is required by the resident.
- 5.3 The proposal follows a usage survey of blue badge holder only bays in the area.
- 5.4 Having considered the objections, officers are satisfied that there are not sufficient grounds for the proposals to be withdrawn.
- 5.5 At the time of writing, Councillor Osborne has not replied to confirm whether she agrees with the recommendation.
- 5.6 **Recommendation:** To not uphold the objections and install the proposal as advertised.

6. Site 7 Mountfield Road, Lewes (Councillor Wendy Maples)

- 6.1 The proposal at this location is to remove an existing blue badge holders only bay, and to replace it with an extension of the existing no waiting at any time restriction.
- 6.2 One objection has been received from the chair of Lewes Areas Access Group, on the grounds that there are currently too few blue badge holder parking places in Lewes.
- 6.3 The proposal follows a consultation confirming that the bay is no longer required by a resident. The existing double yellow lines provide for blue badge holder parking when dropping off or picking up from the school opposite the bay.
- 6.4 Having considered the objection, officers are satisfied that there are not sufficient grounds for the proposals to be withdrawn. The bay was installed based on the needs of a specific resident and is no longer required for this purpose.
- 6.5 Councillor Maples has confirmed that she does not support the proposal being implemented.
- 6.6 **Recommendation:** To not uphold the objection and install the proposal as advertised.

Appendix 3 – Draft Traffic Regulation Order, as advertised

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1991 &

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004

The East Sussex (Lewes District) (Traffic Regulation) Order 2004 Amendment Order 2005 No 1 (Amendment No *) 202*

East Sussex County Council, in exercise of their powers under Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (4), 3(2), 4(2), 32, 35(1) and (3), 45, 46, 49, 51, 52 and 53 of, and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the Act”), as amended, the Road Traffic Act 1991, as amended, Part 6 of the 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 to the Act hereby make the following Order:-

1. Commencement and citation

This Order may be cited as “The East Sussex (Lewes District) (Traffic Regulation) Order 2004 Amendment Order 2005 No 1 (Amendment No x) 202* and shall come into effect on xxxxxx

2. When this Order comes into effect:

(a) The East Sussex (Lewes District) (Traffic Regulation) Order 2004 Amendment Order 2005 No.1, as amended, shall have effect except as hereinafter contained.

(i) Schedule 1, Part A, Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time, that this Schedule be amended as follows:

1. In the list of restrictions for Newhaven, the following item shall be deleted as follows:

Fort Road	North-east Side	From its junction with West Quay, south-eastwards for its entire length
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2. In the list of restrictions for Newhaven, the following items shall be added as follows:

Fort Road	North-east Side	From its junction with West Quay, south-eastwards to a point 12 metres southeast of the southeastern boundary of Nos. 29-41 Mariners Wharf
Fort Road	North-east Side	From a point 19 metres opposite the southeastern boundary of Nos. 29-41 Mariners Wharf south-eastwards for its entire length

3. In the list of restrictions for Seaford, the following item shall be deleted as follows:

Esplanade	Both Side	From its junction with Martello Road, to its junction with Cricketfield Road
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4. In the list of restrictions for Seaford, the following items shall be added as follows:

Church Street	South-west Side	From the southern boundary of No 53 Church Street, south-eastwards for a distance of 11 metres
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College Road	South Side	From its junction with Cricketfield Road, eastwards for a distance of 12 metres
Cricketfield Road	South-east Side	From its junction with College Road, southwards for its entire length
Esplanade	North-east Side	From its junction with Martello Road, south-eastwards to its junction with Cricketfield Road
Esplanade	South-west Side	From its junction with Martello Road, south-eastwards for a distance of 105 metres
Esplanade	South-west Side	From a point 112 metres south-east of its junction with Martello Road, southwards then south-westwards for a distance of 15 metres
Esplanade	South-west Side	From the south-eastern junction of Cricketfield Road, south-westwards for a distance of 63 metres

5. In the list of restrictions for South Chailey, the following items shall be added as follows:

Mill Lane	South-east Side	From its junction with The Martletts, north-westwards for a distance of 10 metres
Mill Lane	South-east Side	From its junction with The Martletts, south-westwards for a distance of 10 metres
Mill Lane	South Side	From a point 5 metres east of the eastern building line of No.1 Maplehurst westwards for a distance of 70 metres
The Martletts	Both Sides	From its junction with Mill Lane south-eastwards for a distance of 11 metres

6. In the list of restrictions for Telscombe Cliffs, the following items shall be added as follows:

Park Avenue	Both Side	From its junction with Martello Road, north-westwards for a distance of 15 metres
Telscombe Cliffs Way	South-east Side	From its junction with Park Avenue, south-westwards for a distance of 7 metres

(ii) Schedule 1, Part C, Prohibition Of Waiting, 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturdays inclusive, that this Schedule be amended as follows:

1. In the list of restrictions for Seaford, the following item shall be deleted as follows:

Church Street	South-west Side	From the southern boundary of No 53 Church Street, south-eastwards for a distance of 11 metres
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(iii) Schedule 3, Part A, Time Limited Prohibition of Waiting, 12 hours in any one day, At Any Time, that this Schedule be amended as follows:

1. In the list of restrictions for Seaford, the following item shall be deleted as follows:

Marine Parade	South-west Side	from a point 166 metres northwest of the north-western kerb line of Dane Road, in a north-westerly direction for a distance of 15 metres
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(iv) Schedule 3, Part E, Time Limited Prohibition of Waiting, 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday inclusive, maximum stay 2 hours, no return within 1 hour, that this Schedule be amended as follows:

1. In the list of restrictions for Ditchling, the following item shall be deleted as follows:

High Street	East Side	From a point 1 metre north of the southern boundary of the Sandrock Inn, in a northwards direction, for a distance of 12.5 metres
High Street	West Side	From a point 24 metres south from the prolongation of the northern building line of number 45 High Street, in a southwards direction, for a distance of 15 metres

(v) Schedule 4, Part A, Prohibition Of Loading At Any Time, that this Schedule be amended as follows:

1. In the list of restrictions for Newhaven, the following item shall be added as follows:

Fort Road	East Side	From its junction with Gibbon Road, northwards for a distance of 48.5 metres
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(vi) Schedule 6, Disabled Persons Parking Places, that this Schedule be amended as follows:

1. In the list of restrictions for Newhaven, the following items shall be added as follows:

Lawes Avenue	North-west Side	From a point 10 metres from its junction with Murray Avenue, north-eastwards for a distance of 6.6 metres
Neill's Close	South-west Side	From a point 10 metres north-east of its junction with Meeching Rise, north-eastwards for a distance of 6.6 metres
Neill's Close	East Side	From the boundary of Nos. 16/18 northwards for a distance of 6.6 metres

2. In the list of restrictions for Seaford, the following items shall be added as follows:

Esplanade	West Side	From a point 105 metres south-east of its junction with Martello Road, southwards for a distance of 6.6 metres
Esplanade	South-west Side	From a point 63 metres south-west of the south-eastern junction of Cricketfield Road, south-westwards for a distance of 6.6 metres.
Marine Parade	South-west Side	from a point 166 metres northwest of the north-western kerb line of Dane Road, in a north-westerly direction for a distance of 15 metres

(vii) Schedule 19, School Keep Clear Marking, No Stopping, Mondays to Fridays, 8am-9.30am and 2.45-4pm, (except August) that this Schedule be amended as follows:

1. In the list of restrictions for Cooksbridge, the following item shall be added as follows:

Cooksbridge Road	South-east Side	From a point 36 metres south-west of its junction with Hamsey Lane, south-westwards for a distance of 35 metres
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2. In the list of restrictions for South Chailey, the following item shall be added as follows:

Mill Lane	South-east Side	From a point 10 metres north-east of its junction with The Martletts, north-eastwards for a distance of 43 metres
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Mill Lane	South-east Side	From a point 53 metres north-east of its junction with The Martletts, north-eastwards for a distance of 43 metres
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EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1991 & TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004

The East Sussex Lewes Town (Parking Places and Waiting and Loading Restrictions) Traffic Regulation Order 2014 Amendment No * Order 202*

East Sussex County Council, in exercise of their powers under Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (4), 3(2), 4(2), 32, 35(1) and (3), 45, 49, 51, 52, 53 of, and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the Act”) as amended, the Road Traffic Act 1991 (as amended), Part 6 of the 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 to the Act hereby make the following Order:-

1. Commencement and citation

This Order may be cited as “The East Sussex Lewes Town (Parking Places and Waiting and Loading Restrictions) Traffic Regulation Order 2014 Amendment No.* Order 202*” and shall come into effect on xxx xxx xxx

2. When this Order comes into effect:

(a) The East Sussex Lewes Town (Parking Places and Waiting and Loading Restrictions) Traffic Regulation Order 2014, as amended, shall have effect except as hereinafter contained.

(i) The Order Plans shall be amended as follows:

The map tiles below shall be revoked	The map tiles below shall be inserted
	Overview Revision *
LI104	LI104 Revision *
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LJ102	LJ102 Revision *
LJ104	LJ104 Revision *
LJ105	LJ105 Revision *
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