

## Equality assessment

<b>Title</b>	Increase parking charges in Rother	
<b>Team/Department</b>	Parking, Transport Operations	
<b>Directorate</b>	CET	
<b>Provide a description of your proposal</b>	<p>To introduce more consistent charges for parking and permits across our Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) areas. To do this, charges in Rother District need to be increased, and permit charges adjusted to be based on vehicle emission levels.</p> <p>These changes to charges took place in Eastbourne Borough and Hastings Borough in July 2020 to bring the charges in line with those in Lewes District. Rother charges were excluded at the time because we were going through the process of implementing CPE in the district, which did not go live until September 2020.</p> <p>Management of on street parking helps to support some of the aims of the Local Transport Plan. Parking charges are set at a level to encourage the use of lower polluting vehicles and using more sustainable means of transport where possible. For those that need to use a private vehicle, long term parking is encouraged in car parks with on street parking being used for short stay parking to support business and trade. Long term on street parking is available for residents within the parking scheme, with permits priced according to vehicle emissions.</p>	
<b>Engagement undertaken or planned</b>	None.	
<b>Potential issues / barriers / impacts / opportunities</b>	<b>Notes and any mitigating actions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age</li> </ul> <p>Those people of working age who must drive to work and park in an area of the CPE scheme where charges apply, may be more impacted than other car users.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All</li> </ul> <p>We will give notice of the increase in charges and write to existing permit account holders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age</li> </ul> <p>Free bus travel will remain available for those eligible.</p>	

<p>Retired people may have less disposable income to be able to pay the increased parking charges, but also have access to free bus travel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rurality</b> Those people who have to drive and park in a CPE area, where charges apply, may be more impacted than others who are within walking distance or have better access to public transport services.</li> <li>• <b>Carers</b> The increase to parking charges and permits will impact some care givers: those that are eligible for and use the carers' permits available will pay more. Equally, we are also aware that there are some carers that do not qualify for or use permits to park. Therefore, if parking where payment is required, they will be impacted by the increase in parking charges.</li> <li>• There are no impacts identified that would impact other protected characteristics.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rurality</b> We will give notice of the increase in charges through public notice in the local press.</li> <li>• <b>Carers</b> Permits will still be available to eligible individuals and organisations that provide care.  Residents that buy visitor permits for their care givers to use may be able to buy these at a reduced charge and or have an additional allocation of permits in certain circumstances.</li> <li>• <b>Disability</b> This will not impact blue badge holders. Blue badge holders can park for free with a valid blue badge in a large proportion of the parking bays.</li> </ul>
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**Summary of impacts and actions planned, with timeframe**

<b>Impact</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
Age	Advertise price change in the local press by public notice.	Advertisement will take place 21 days before the change comes into effect.
Rurality	Advertise price change in the local press by public notice.	Advertisement will take place 21 days before the change comes into effect.
Carers	Advertise price change in the local press by public notice.	Advertisement will take place 21 days before the change comes into effect.