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| <b>Committee:</b>         | <b>Planning<br/>Regulatory Committee</b>  |
| <b>Date:</b>              | <b>11 February 2026</b>   |
| <b>Report by:</b>         | <b>Director of Communities, Economy and Transport</b>   |
| <b>Title of Report:</b>   | <b>Traffic Regulation Order – Rother Parking Review 3</b>   |
| <b>Purpose of Report:</b> | <b>To consider the objections received in response to the formal consultation on the draft Traffic Regulation Order associated with the Rother Parking Review</b> |
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| <b>Local Members:</b>     | <b>Councillors Abul Azad, Charles Clark, Kathryn Field, Keith Glazier, Ian Hollidge, Eleanor Kirby-Green</b>  |

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Planning Committee is recommended to:**

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

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## **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 Rother District area are held on a priority ranking database, with those requests ranking high enough being progressed to consultation. Informal consultations began in July 2025 to see whether there was enough public support to introduce new or make changes to the existing parking controls in a number of locations 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 Hastings Observer, Rye & Battle Observer and Bexhill Observer on 31 October 2025. Notices and copies of the relevant plans were placed on posts and lamp-columns in the affected areas. Approximately 830 postcards 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 21 November 2025.

**1.3** Copies of the formal proposals were sent to relevant Town and Parish Councils, County and District Councillors and statutory consultees including the emergency services. Copies of all supporting correspondence are available in the Members' Room and have also been made available to Planning Committee members in electronic format.

1.4 During the formal consultation 256 items of correspondence were received. These included 178 objections and 78 items of support. 15 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. 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 withdraw in full the following proposals (summarised in Appendix 1):

- Church Hill Avenue, Bexhill
- Zone F – Cooden Drive, Richmond Avenue, Richmond Close, Richmond Grove, Richmond Road, South Cliff and West Parade, Bexhill

Officers are satisfied that the objections received to these proposals do provide sufficient grounds to warrant their withdrawal.

2.3 With regard to objections relating to the sites listed below, and 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. The sites objected to and where it is recommended that the objections are not upheld are;

- Albany Road, Devonshire Road, Marina and Parkhurst Road, Bexhill
- Buckhurst Road and Buckhurst Place, Bexhill
- Collington Lane West, Cooden Sea Road, Drayton Rise and Mansell Close, Bexhill
- Egerton Road, Bexhill
- Hastings Road and De La Warr Road, Bexhill
- Magdalen Road, Bexhill
- Manor Road, Bexhill
- Normandale, Bexhill
- Old Marsh Road, Bexhill
- Reginald Road, Bexhill
- Ridgewood Gardens, Bexhill
- Station Road, Hurst Green
- Harbour Road, Rye

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. Objections to two of the sites merit the proposals to be withdrawn in full. 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