

Committee:	<b>Regulatory Planning Committee</b>
Date:	<b>16 February 2022</b>
Report by:	<b>Director of Communities, Economy and Transport</b>
Title of Report	<b>Traffic Regulation Orders – Eastbourne Borough Parking Review 2021</b>
Purpose of Report	<b>To consider the objections received in response to the formal consultation on the draft Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the Eastbourne Borough Parking Review</b>
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Local Members:	<b>Councillors Stephen Holt, Barry Taylor</b>

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## **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.**
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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 Eastbourne Borough are held on a priority ranking database, with those requests ranking high enough being progressed to consultation. Informal consultations began on 18 June 2021 and ran to 9 July 2021 to see whether there was enough public support to introduce controls, such as double yellow lines, or changes to permit parking schemes in a number of locations in the borough.
- 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 Eastbourne Herald on 5 November 2021. Notices and copies of the relevant plans were placed on posts and lamp-columns in the affected areas. Approximately 715 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 26 November 2021.
- 1.3 Copies of the formal proposals were sent to relevant borough Councillors, County 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 an electronic format.
- 1.4 During the formal consultation 35 items of correspondence were received. These included 8 objections and 27 items of support. One objector has withdrawn their objection as they were in support of the proposal but wanted additional restrictions which will be considered in our

next review. One objector has stated that they are willing to withdraw their objection provided the disabled bay in Seaside is withdrawn from the traffic order.

## **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 have been made available to Members, 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 remove the proposals at Seaside, Eastbourne from the order, as summarised in Appendix 1.
- 2.3 With regard to objections relating to Hoad Road, Oxford Road, Springfield Road, Dukes Drive, Wellcombe Crescent, and Upper Dukes Drive 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 recommendation**

- 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 to one proposal can be accepted and the proposal withdrawn from the Order, whilst with the rest of the objections, it is felt for highway and road safety reasons, that they 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 to recommend 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

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

### Appendix 1 – Proposals where objections are upheld

#### 1. Site 1 Seaside, Eastbourne (Councillor Stephen Holt)

- 1.1 The proposal at this location is to extend and formalise an existing advisory disabled bay outside 389 Seaside.
  - 1.2 Four objections were received from local residents on the grounds that the current resident who uses the bay has sold their house and will no longer require the bay.
  - 1.3 The resident who originally asked for the bay to be formalised has been contacted to see if the bay is still required. They have confirmed they no longer need the bay.
  - 1.4 Councillor Holt has confirmed his agreement with the recommendation.
  - 1.5 **Recommendation:** To uphold the objections and withdraw the proposal.
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## **Appendix 2 – Proposals where objections are recommended to not be upheld and are proposed to be implemented as advertised**

### **2. Site 2 Duke's Drive, Wellcombe Crescent and Upper Duke's Drive (Councillor Barry Taylor)**

- 2.1 The proposal at this location is to install No Waiting At Any Time (double yellow lines) along the north-eastern side of Wellcombe Crescent between Duke's Drive and Edensor Road, and at the junction with Duke's Drive and Upper Duke's Drive.
- 2.2 Two objections have been received from local residents who believe that if the proposed change goes ahead, the yellow lines would make it difficult for parents to park when picking up and dropping off children at nearby schools and would push the parking elsewhere.
- 2.3 The proposal follows requests from Stagecoach that cars parked at this location obstruct buses and prevent buses from making progress. Scheduled services operate along this route, running southwards approximately every fifteen minutes (Monday to Friday) and hourly on Sundays and public holidays. When driving towards Duke's Drive and Upper Duke's Drive along Wellcombe Crescent, vehicles parked on the northern side force drivers on to the opposite side side of the road. This sometimes means that due to the road layout buses cannot get the necessary swing to travel along the remainder of the road.
- 2.4 It is recognised that it is often difficult to satisfy the needs of all road users and with a limited amount of kerbside space available, there needs to be a balance between the conflicting demands on that space. The proposal will ensure a safe passage of traffic and will protect sight lines at the junction, while maintaining as much parking for residents and other road users as possible.
- 2.5 Having considered the objections, officers are satisfied that there are not sufficient grounds for the proposal to be withdrawn.
- 2.6 **Recommendation:** To not uphold the objections and install the proposal as advertised.

### **3. Site 3 Hoad Road, Oxford Road and Springfield Road (Councillor Stephen Holt)**

- 3.1 The proposal at this location is to install No Waiting At Any Time (double yellow lines) at Springfield Road's junctions with Hoad Road and Oxford Road.
- 3.2 One objection has been received. The objector has stated that they were in favour of the proposal but that it would take away much needed parking and a permit system should be installed.
- 3.3 The proposal follows requests from ESCC's parking enforcement contractor NSL and local residents that cars parked at these junctions cause obstruction and prevent pedestrians from safely crossing the road.
- 3.4 It is accepted that residents would prefer to park outside their property, however it is sometimes necessary to introduce controls to encourage people to park in a safe and responsible manner. At this location, both the junctions with Springfield Road need to be kept free of parked vehicles to ensure clear sightlines for both vehicles and pedestrians.
- 3.5 The objector has been advised that the current proposals cannot be extended to include a permit scheme. This has however been added to the list of requests to be considered in the next parking review in Eastbourne.

- 3.6 Having considered the objection, officers are satisfied that there are not sufficient grounds for the proposal to be withdrawn.
- 3.7 Councillor Holt has confirmed his agreement with the recommendation.
- 3.8 **Recommendation:** To not uphold the objections and to 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 (Eastbourne)(Parking Places and Waiting, No Stopping and Loading Restrictions)Traffic Regulation Order 2021 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 (Eastbourne)(Parking Places and Waiting, No Stopping and Loading Restrictions)Traffic Regulation Order 2021 Amendment No \* Order 202\*" and shall come into effect on xxx xxx xxx

#### **2. When this Order comes into effect:**

(a) The East Sussex (Eastbourne)(Parking Places and Waiting, No Stopping and Loading Restrictions)Traffic Regulation Order 2021, as amended, shall have effect except as hereinafter contained.

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

<b>The map tiles below shall be revoked</b>	<b>The map tiles below shall be inserted</b>
<b>Overview Area B</b>	<b>Overview Area B Revision *</b>
NI181	NI181 Revision *
NJ181	NJ181 Revision *
NK181	NK181 Revision *
<b>Overview Area C</b>	<b>Overview Area C Revision *</b>
NU169	NU169 Revision *
NU172	NU172 Revision *
NV169	NV169 Revision *
NX173	NX173 Revision *
NZ169	NZ169 Revision *
OB169	OB169 Revision *
<b>Overview Area D</b>	<b>Overview Area D Revision *</b>
NW182	NW182 Revision *
NY182	NY182 Revision *
OC180	OC180 Revision *
NO185	NO185 Revision *
	NO186
<b>Overview Area E</b>	<b>Overview Area E Revision *</b>
OS172	OS172 Revision *
OT172	OT172 Revision *
OT173	OT173 Revision *
<b>Overview Area TC</b>	<b>Overview Area TC Revision *</b>

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OM177	OM177 Revision *
OP175	OP175 Revision *
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& Community Services & County Engineer - para 4.