Results of informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions in Rother

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Introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE)

At its meeting on 26 June 2018, East Sussex County Council's (ESCC) Cabinet welcomed Rother District Council's request for ESCC to introduce CPE. It was agreed that an application should be made to the Department for Transport (DfT) to seek the necessary powers to implement CPE across Rother District, and a consultation on the proposed restrictions should be carried out.

Following 11,000 letters and six days of exhibitions including one evening in Robertsbridge, the consultation for CPE opened on 12 December 2018. During the five weeks of consultation, 1993 comments were made by 943 respondents about the four locations of Bexhill, Battle, Rye and Robertsbridge. As part of the proposals Bexhill was split into five different zones, Central, North, East, West and Seafront. The table below show the number of comments received for each area.

Town	Comments
Bexhill Central Zone	347
Bexhill North Zone	235
Bexhill East Zone	289
Bexhill West Zone	254
Bexhill Seafront Zone	352
Battle	152
Rye	198
Robertsbridge	166
Total	1993

Bexhill



Central zone

In the Central zone we proposed a mix of permit holder only, time limited and pay and display only bays to provide parking for permit and non-permit holders. These are shown below followed by responses to the proposals for the central zone.



Most respondents (63%) acknowledged parking difficulties within the central area with residents in the area having the most issues at 86%.



Do you agree with the proposed hours of operation of the permit holder only parking in the Central Zone (Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm)?

<u>Residents that live and</u> work in the zone responses



29% of respondents agreed the times of the permit bays were correct rising to 42% for residents, there were also requests for the restrictions to be longer and include Sundays.

"All parking restrictions should include Sundays. Just as hard to find a space as resident. If seafront is Sundays the rest of zone needs to align else people will park there instead"

Do you agree with the proposed hours of operation for the pay & display parking in the Central Zone (Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm)?



"Permit parking and P & D need to be extended to 8pm because of De La Warr events/car park. Permit time should be extended to help those coming home from work"

Do you feel there is sufficient parking for visitors in the Central Zone?	All responses	Live and work in Zone	Work in Central Zone	Outside Central Zone
Yes	45%	31%	26%	50%
No	50%	60%	70%	46%
No Opinion	5%	8%	4%	4%

60% of respondents who live and work within the zone thought that there wasn't sufficient visitor parking rising to 70% for people that work within the central area.

With 67% of residents saying that two hours were sufficient for visitor parking,

Do you feel a maximum stay of 2 hours is sufficient for visitor parking in the Central Zone?	All responses	Live and work in Zone	Work in Central Zone	Outside Central Zone
Yes	52%	67%	44%	50%
No	43%	27%	52%	46%
No Opinion	5%	6%	4%	4%

Do you agree with the proposed hours of operation for the permit holder and pay & display parking in the Central Zone seafront area (Monday to Saturday 8am to 8pm)?	All responses	Live and work in Zone	Work in Central Zone	Outside Central Zone
Yes	29%	45%	25%	26%
No	65%	49%	71%	68%
No Opinion	6%	6%	4%	6%

This question returned the highest number of comments from those that work in the zone and from people that live outside of the zone. With provision for all day parking and the cost of pay and display being the most commented on.

Comments made by those that live and worked in the Central Zone

- 21 comments related to the times and length of the restrictions.
- 14 related to permits and included that residents should get free permits, there need to be enough spaces for the number of permits issued and permit holders should not have a three hour restriction.
- 10 comments were about how people are currently parking in the area illegally, leaving their vehicles all day in time limited bays, pavement Parking and double Parking.
- Nine comments were that the proposals will be to the detriment of the town and included; people will go elsewhere if they have to pay as its free parking that makes Bexhill special and that it will create more hassle for residents and visitors.
- Seven comments were in support of the scheme.

Comments left from people that live and work outside Central Zone

- 111 comments related to people that work in the zone as there is no option for all day parking.
- 38 comments were to do with the times of the restrictions, 12 of these were that two hours was not long enough.
- 35 comments were made about the existing restrictions and that they should be enforced before or instead of changes being introduced.
- 19 comments related to the seafront in the central area. These included that parking should be free on the seafront and that it should be free after 6pm.
- 16 comments related to permits. These included that there should not be a time limit for permit holders, they should be free for residents, there should be permit only bays, residents being able to have a permit for more than one zone and concern about there being enough spaces.
- 15 comments were made about disabled bays with some requesting more bays and others commenting there are too many. There was also a suggestion that that the two hour maximum stay on the bays should be three hours in line with the time allowed on double yellow lines.
- 13 comments were received that it would shift the problem to other areas.
- 11 comments were about the type of restrictions and included north/south roads should be shared use not permit only, there are too many permit bays especially in the Albert Road area where patients attend surgery, more bays are needed in Devonshire Road

Recommended changes to Central Zone

Following feedback from both the consultation and exhibitions we propose to make the following changes.

- To increase the number of spaces for visitors we have changed some permit holder only bays to shared use for permit holders and two hour time limited for non permit holders. We have also removed the three hour time limit for permit holders in the shared use bays. This increases the overall number of shared use bays for the whole zone.
- Provide approximately 23 spaces for long stay parking by changing the current time limited bays to pay and display bays.
- Increase the two hour maximum stay on disabled bays to three hours
- All restrictions to be Monday to Sunday.



North zone

In the North zone we proposed mostly shared use bays for permit holders and time limited for non-permit holders, with a few sections of pay and display and permit holders bays. These are shown below followed by responses to the proposals for the north zone.



Do you normally park in this area?	All responses	%
Yes, as I live in this area	36	17%
Yes, as I work locally	29	14%
Yes, as I live and work in this area	3	1%
Yes, as it is the nearest free parking to the shops and		17%
businesses	35	17.70
No, I do not park here	38	18%
No, I only park here occasionally	70	33%

Out of the 36 people who responded that live in the proposed North zone, 30 said they experienced problems parking. With 43% stating that it was at all times of the day.

- "I spend ages driving around the area looking for parking and trying to get past those double parking."
- "There is insufficient parking, resulting in selfish people parking anywhere and causing obstructions and hazards"

Do you experience parking problems?



- "I do find it increasing difficult to park in my road. I am not bothered about parking outside my house but in my road would be good. I would be happy to pay for permit parking."
- "Parking in my local area is completely out of control with vehicles parked dangerously close to junctions, on double yellows, and on pavements; so much so that it feels like the Wild West. For this reason, I fully support the proposed parking restrictions for the North Area, and for the rest of Bexhill. Much of the parking in the area around my home is taken by workers at the Town Hall and Job Centre."

If you do experience parking problems, at what time of the day do you experience the parking problems?	All responses	Live and work in zone	Work in zone	Outside zone
Morning	16%	15%	12%	18%
Lunch time	12%	13%	15%	12%
Afternoon	13%	13%	3%	15%
Evening	4%	9%	3%	3%
All times	20%	43%	15%	15%
Never	34%	7%	52%	38%

Do you feel there is sufficient parking for visitors in the North Zone?	All responses	Live and work in Zone	Work in Zone	Outside Zone
Yes	40%	33%	62%	37%
No	40%	53%	34%	38%
No Opinion	20%	14%	3%	25%

Do you agree with the proposed hours of operation for the permit holder and pay & display or permit holder and time limited parking in the North Zone (Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm)?



roads to be permit holder only. 28% of all respondents

agreed with the times of the bays, rising to 42% for responses from residents.

There was no real consensus and conflicting suggestions such as: permit parking should be

extended to 8pm or 9pm to help residents with parking in the evenings after work, and restrictions should be during the times the shops are open between 9am and 5.30pm.

A number of respondents, mainly from those working in or from outside the zone, commented that two hours is not long enough for visitors.

"We are a church that supports the local community. We recognise that there are challenges to local parking needs but the proposal of having a parking scheme will seriously hinder the service we provide through our volunteers to the local community. On Tuesdays we run a Toddler group for parents and serve up to 30 carers and toddlers; in the afternoon we run an elderly support group. On Tuesday and Wednesday we run groups for children and youth. On Thursday we run a day centre for the elderly from 8 am to 3 pm which is highly regarded by social services. There is a lot more that could be mentioned re the activities that take place on our premises but our concern is that these groups are run by volunteers (20 - 30 volunteers over a week) who require parking, in most cases for up to at least 4 hours."

Bexhill North Zone comments from people that live in North Zone

- 14 comments were to do with permits. This included concern that there would not be enough spaces for residents living in the area, and that permits should be free if a space is not guaranteed.
- Nine comments supported the scheme.
- Other comments were about visitors, people that worked in the zone, car parks, commercial premises and the time and type of restrictions including requests for permit holder only bays in Clifford Road, Reginald Road and Leopold Road.

Bexhill North Zone comments from people that work in North Zone

- Nine comments were against any restrictions and believed it would harm Bexhill.
- Concerns were raised that the restrictions would affect workers as there is no option for all day parking and that they would have to park further away. And about the cost of parking for low paid workers.
- The other comments related to the times of the restrictions and long term parking near the station, which could have a knock on affect with the train services being reduced in Bexhill.

Bexhill North Zone comments from people outside North Zone

- 43 comments related to the proposals harming the town, station and businesses and concerns if people have to pay they will go to towns with free parking. That restrictions will create hassle for residents and visitors and the area should be free of any restrictions.
- There were requests for Millfield Rise, Larkhill, Terminus Road up to Beeching Road, Amherst Road and London Road to be included in the scheme.
- The remaining comments were about the times of the restrictions and that the existing restrictions should be enforced before changes are introduced.

Recommended changes to North Zone

Following feedback from both the consultation and exhibits we propose the following changes.

- Bays along Station Road changed from time limited to long stay shared use permit holder and pay and display.
- Additional shared use permit holder and pay and display bays along Station Road.
- Bays on Buckhurst Road changed from shared use permit holder and two hour time limited to permit holder and four hour time limited for non-permit holders.



East zone

The East zone was proposed to add protection for residents against displacement, this is represented in the results of the consultation. We proposed that all bays would be permit holder or time limited for non-permit holders. These proposals are shown below followed by responses to the proposals for the East zone.



Do you normally park in this area?	All responses	%
Yes, as I live in this area	77	30%
Yes, as I work locally	23	9%
Yes, as I live and work in this area	8	3%
Yes, as it is the nearest free parking to the shops and businesses	49	19%
No, I do not park here	28	11%
No, I only park here occasionally	69	27%

If you do experience parking problems, at what time of the day do you experience the parking problems?	All responses	Live and work in zone	Work in zone	Outside zone
Morning	13%	9%	19%	15%
Lunch time	11%	9%	14%	12%
Afternoon	12%	12%	11%	13%
Evening	4%	8%	3%	2%
All times	15%	22%	14%	10%
Never	44%	40%	41%	47%



The majority of those that answered the consultation did not experience difficulties parking in the zone.

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Do you agree with the proposed hours of operation for the permit holder and time limited parking in the East Zone (Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm)?

157 59%



25% of respondents agreed with the proposed hours of the restrictions, with those who made comments living within the zone suggesting that it should be permit holders only or at least 50% permit only

Do you feel there is sufficient parking for visitors in the East Zone?	All responses	Live and work in zone	Work in zone	Outside zone
Yes	52%	65%	54%	43%
No	35%	31%	43%	37%
No Opinion	13%	4%	4%	19%
Do you feel a maximum stay of 2 hours is sufficient for visitor parking in the East Zone?	All responses	Live and work in Zone	Work in zone	Outside zone
Yes	27%	31%	18%	30%
No	58%	57%	79%	54%
No Opinion	14%	13%	4%	16%

Bexhill East zone comments from people that work in the zone

- The largest group of comments were about the type of restrictions, requests for permit holder only, removal of bays in Old Manor Close and protection for residents on Sunday and near the seafront.
- Other comments related to enforcing the current restrictions, shifting the parking problems elsewhere, for example from the seafront into the residential side roads, there being enough permit spaces for all the properties, and residents being able to park in any zone with a permit.

Bexhill East zone comments from people that work in the zone

- Like the Central and North zones; comments were that the restrictions would affect workers as there is no option for all day parking apart from the seafront, staff would have to park further away, and the impact of paying to park especially on low paid workers.
- Other comments included the proposals may make things worse for visitors and residents. Provision needs to be made second home owners for maintenance or management by owners and permits to be available for carers.

Bexhill East zone comments from outside the zone

- Most comments related to the times of the restrictions.
- The next largest group of comments were about enforcement of the current restrictions.
- There were requests for Cantelupe Road, Lionel Road, Sutton Place, De La Warr Road west of Dorset Road and De Moleyns Close to be included.
- Other comments included that the restrictions would shift the problem elsewhere the impact on membership of the sailing club.

Recommended changes to East Zone

Following feedback from both the consultation and exhibitions we propose the following changes.

- Removing three bays in Old Manor Road.
- Junction protection and additional double yellow lines in De Moleyns Close, Upper Sea Road and Dorset Road.
- A single yellow line on Bridge Road that would allow parking between 6pm and 8am.
- All bays in the zone to be Monday to Sunday.



West zone

In the West zone it was proposed to have permit holder only bays, leaving some unrestricted parking near the park.



Do you normally park in this area?	All responses	%
Yes, as I live in this area	26	13%
Yes, as I work locally	12	6%
Yes, as I live and work in this area	4	2%
Yes, as it is the nearest free parking to the shops and businesses	48	24%
No, I do not park here	26	13%
No, I only park here occasionally	80	41%

35% of respondents acknowledged parking difficulties within the east zone rising to 73% when just looking at those who live in the zone.

• "I welcome residents parking in west zone as a single mother with a 2 year old I can never park outside my own house and have to stop in the road to unload or load and then park 3 streets away and carry my child back."





48% of respondents living within the zone were happy with the proposed hours of operation, we also received the highest number of comments from them. They would like them time extended to 8pm or 9pm to tie in with De La Warr Pavillion and also to operate seven days a week.

- "Due to the proximity of the De la Warr Pavilion (DLWP), the road often fills up prior to an event starting, and has spaces late night, once the event is over and the audience make their way home. This has been noticed more since the DLWP car park began charging for the evening. There the restriction should be 8.00 am until 8.00 or 9.00 pm, to alleviate the problem. It is a regular occurrence, that when I come back to Bexhill late at night, I am forced to unload the car and then park some distance away in another road."
- "it really needs to be 7 days a week. Sunday is the worse time for parking and I often have to park half a mile from my house, especially in the summer."

If you do experience parking problems, at what time of the day do you experience the parking problems?	All responses	Live and work in Zone	Work in Zone	Outside Zone
Morning	11%	9%	9%	12%
Lunch time	11%	6%	9%	13%
Afternoon	14%	12%	0%	16%
Evening	3%	6%	0%	2%
All times	23%	56%	9%	14%
Never	36%	12%	73%	43%

Do you agree with the proposed hours of operation for the permit holder parking in the West Zone (Monday to Saturday 8am-6pm)



Bexhill West zone comments from people that live in the zone

- Most comments were to do with the times of the restrictions and included longer hours and seven days a week.
- The other comments raised concerns about the demand for permits being greater than the number of spaces, mobile-home and caravan parking and access to roads at the rear of properties.
- Six comments were for support for the scheme.

Bexhill West zone comments from people that work in the zone

• The comments made were about the restrictions and the effect it would have on those that work at the museum and visitors to the park.

Bexhill West zone comments from outside the zone

- 35 comments were concerns that the proposals will harm Bexhill.
- 16 comments made were that the proposals would make things worse for visitors to the museum and park.
- There were requests for the zone to be larger and include Woodville Road, Brockley Road, Wickham Avenue, Richmond Road, Richmond Grove and roads around The Polgrove. Also that the zone should be extended to the west as far as Walton park and north to the A259.
- Other comments were to change the bays to shared use for permit holders and time limited for non-permit holders, and for coach parking.

Recommended changes to West Zone

Following feedback from both the consultation and exhibitions we propose to make the following changes.

- Double yellow lines along access roads to the rear of properties.
- Shared use permit holders and four hour pay and display bays along West Parade instead of permit holder only.
- Restrictions to apply Monday to Sunday.



Seafront zones East and West

Along the seafront in Bexhill we proposed pay and display between 8am and 6pm with the maximum charge of £2 for all day.



Do you normally park in this area?	All	
Do you normally park in this area:	responses	%
Yes, as I live in this area	35	12%
Yes, as I work locally	34	12%
Yes, as I live and work in this area	2	1%
Yes, as it is the nearest free parking to the shops and businesses	101	34%
No, I do not park here	15	5%
No, I only park here occasionally	108	37%



Bexhill Seafront zone comments from people that live in the zones

- Most comments were that the east zone should be extended to include Cantelupe Road, Lionel Road, Sutton Place and the landward side of Da la Warr Parade.
- That the west zone should be extended to include the West Parade north side (either permit only or shared use), Richmond Road and Grove Road.
- Comments were made that parking was not a real problem and the current situation is fine.
- Other comments were concerns that the attraction of Bexhill is the free parking on the seafront and that this is essential to keeping Bexhill desirable, and paying to park will impact seafront businesses.

Bexhill Seafront zone comments from people work in the zones

 21 comments were made that the attraction of Bexhill is the free parking is essential to keeping Bexhill desirable, and paying to park will impact seafront businesses.

Bexhill Seafront zone comments from outside the zones

- Most comments were made that the attraction of Bexhill is the free parking is essential to keeping Bexhill desirable, and paying to park will impact seafront businesses.
- 11 comments were to do with the times of the restrictions or for seasonal restrictions.
- Comments were made about motorhomes and caravans, most asking for them to be banned from parking overnight on the seafront and roads. There were a couple of comments suggesting they be allowed to park overnight to allow stays of a couple of days.
- 14 comments were made raising concerns about restrictions impacting membership of the sailing club.

Recommended changes to Seafront Zone

Following feedback from both the consultation and exhibitions we propose to make the following changes.

- Include a section of Galley Hill in the Traffic Regulation Order advertisement for double yellow lines to protect access. The owner of this section of land is not known.
- Additional pay and display bays along De La Warr Parade.



Rye

In Rye we proposed to change the current time limited bays to pay and display bays and two areas of resident permit holders only, with limited eligibility. These are shown below followed by responses to the proposals for the Rye scheme.



Do you normally park in this area?	All responses	%
Yes, I live in the area	39	23%
Yes, I work in the area	13	13%
Yes, I live and work in the area	15	9%
Yes, as it's the nearest free parking	16	10%
No, I do not park here	37	22%
No, I only park here occasionally	47	28%

Do you experience parking problems, at what time of the day do you experience the parking	All	0/
problems?	responses	%
Morning	19	12%
Lunch Time	14	9%
Afternoon	18	12%
Evening	2	1%
All Times	51	34%
Never	48	32%

The largest group of comments made by the residents of Rye was about concerns over the number of parking places available for residents and requests to make more available.



65% of residents believed that the proposed two hours was sufficient.



Comments from people that live in Rye

- The highest number of comments 26 came from residents related to the number of parking spaces available and requests for more parking for residents.
- 14 comments related to Pay and Displays machines and signs, in particular the size of the machines.
- 12 alternative suggestions were made, including pedestrianising the High Street and using other sites outside of the Citadel to create additional parking.
- Eight comments were received about permits and loading bays.
- Seven comments were about proper enforcement of restrictions.
- Six comments of support were received with a further six comments about income and illegal or dangerous parking.

A number of residents also highlighted their fear that people will be discouraged from visiting to Rye. Comments were also made in relation to the car parks in Rye, as the car parks do not form part of the scheme or consultation these were passed to Rother District for review.

Comments from people that live or work in Rye?

- 16 alternative scheme suggestions, including requests for further restrictions and different days were received.
- 12 comments were in support of the scheme.
- Nine comments related to the pay and display machines and signs.
- Seven comments were made about the times and restriction types, and concerns about displacement.

Comments from people that work in Rye

- Four comments of support were received.
- Four comments were made about the time and types of restrictions and the need for it to be enforced properly.
- Three comments related to permits, pay and display machines and signs.
- Two comments were objections about loading bays.

Three comments were received about the car parks, as the car parks do not form part of the scheme or consultation these were passed to Rother District for review.

Recommendation for Rye

At this time due to Rye's narrow streets, limited kerb space and large number of residential properties, expanding the permit scheme would not be appropriate. Once CPE has gone live and consistent enforcement is carried out a comprehensive review will be done of all restrictions.

Alternative machines are being looked into along with reducing the number of machines.

Battle

In Battle there were two proposed areas. In the High Street it was proposed to change the current 20 minute time limited bays to 30 minute pay and display bays. Permit and timelimited bays along Battle Hill, Glengorse, Picardy Close and St Marys Terrace were proposed. These are shown below followed by responses to the proposals.



Do you normally park in this area?	All responses	%
Yes, I live in the area	44	32%
Yes, I work in the area	4	3%
Yes, I live and work in the area	5	4%
Yes, as it's the nearest free parking	9	6%
No, I do not park here	18	13%
No, I only park here occasionally	57	42%

Do you experience parking problems, at what time of the day do you experience the parking problems?	Count	%
Morning	19	12%
Lunch Time	14	9%
Afternoon	18	12%
Evening	2	1%
All Times	51	34%
Never	48	32%

Do you experience parking problems?



53% of the respondents did not believe that 30 minutes was sufficient for the pay and display parking with many of the comments requesting an increase of up to an hour or more.



"30 mins is insufficient for Dr's Appts/Pharmacy waiting or attending our only "bank"

"a max of 1 hour on pay and display"

"30 mins is always very stressful, you park rush to one outlet and rush off. no point in going to a place under such constraints"

"An hour would be better on High Street to allow people with 30 minute appointments to get there and back in sufficient time."

Do you agree with the proposed hours of operation for the permit holder and time limited parking (Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm)?



Other comments of note include the request from residents in both Upper Lake and Lower Lake to be included in the proposed permit scheme. Under the current proposals the small amount of highway outside their properties would remain unrestricted but they would be prevented from parking in areas they would have previously used as they would not be entitled for a permit.

• Secondly, the permit area stops at Picardy Close, meaning that there is likely to be a significant increase in demand from visitors, commuters, etc. for the limited spaces on Lower Lake to which the permit scheme won't apply. This will make the already-scarce parking practically non-existent. As a resident, there are no other options nearby, so this is of some concern to myself and others in this area.

• If it is decided that these proposals be adopted, the 'permit only' area should include the rest of Lower and Upper Lake.

• I do not consider that this is extended far enough to the upper end of lower lake. I own a property in this area and have lived in it prior to moving to my current address. Our tenant has a young child and she finds parking nearby very difficult. She often has a sleeping child, bags of shopping and inclement weather to deal with. Commuters use this stretch of road for parking and this restricts the availability of parking for residents.



There was no real overall majority from residents on whether two hour was sufficient time for visitors in the time limited and permit holder only bays.

Comments from people that live and work in Battle

The majority of comments that we received related to the car parks In Battle. As the car parks do not form part of the CPE scheme or proposals these comments have been passed to Rother District for review

- The pricing for both residents and visitors was the most commented on.
- 12 comments were about the need for proper enforcement and
- 11 alternative scheme suggestions were made.
- 11 comments were received in support
- eight comments related to permits which included requests from Upper and Lower Lake to be included.
- Seven comments were made suggesting that the proposals will cause displacement.
- Four related to the current illegal and dangerous parking.

Comments from people that live outside the proposed area

The largest group of comments was about car parks and the pricing structure of the carparks. As the car parks do not form part of the CPE scheme or proposals, these comments have been passed to Rother District for review.

- Most of the comments relating to our proposals were to do with the time and length of the restrictions, with the majority about the 30 minute pay and display restriction.
- Nine comments related to enforcement.
- Six requested free parking.
- Five were alternative suggestions for the scheme.

• Four were support for the proposals.

Comments from people that work in Battle

Only three comments were received from people that work in Battle.

- One in support.
- One about visiting Battle.
- One about the car parks, which has been passed to Rother District for review.

Recommended changes to the proposals for Battle

Following feedback from both the consultation and exhibitions we propose to make the following changes.

- Increase the 30 minute maximum stay for the pay and display bays to one hour.
- Change the maximum stay for the disabled bays from one hour to two hours.



- Extend permit eligibility to include Lower Lake and change double yellow line to single yellow that would allow parking overnight between 6pm and 8am.
- Abbots Close, Kingsdale Close and St Mary's Villas to be made a permit area increasing total area available for permit holders.



Robertsbridge

In the consultation for Robertsbridge we proposed to change the current time limited bays into pay and display bays with a two hour maximum stay and to remove a loading bay from the High Street. These are shown below followed by responses to the proposals.



Do you normally park in this area?	All responses	%
Yes, I live in the area	60	37%
Yes, I work in the area	2	1%
Yes, I live and work in the area	9	6%
Yes, as it's the nearest free parking	15	9%
No, I do not park here	46	28%
No, I only park here occasionally	30	19%

Over 50% of those that live and work in Robertsbridge agreed that there was adequate pay and display.



Over 70% of those that responded did not agree with the hours of the pay and display restriction. A number of comments related to alternative hours and days of operation and maximum length of stay.

Comments relating to the Robertsbridge proposals

- Most comments related to commuter parking and requests to tackle it.
- The second largest group of comments were concerns that people would be discouraged from visiting and residents suffering because of the restrictions.
- 17 alternative suggestions for the scheme were received, they included additional restrictions aimed at preventing all day commuter parking, requests for a permit scheme and free parking.
- 14 requests for a resident permit scheme.
- Nine comments were about illegal or dangerous parking.
- Eight commented that the proposals may shift the problems elsewhere. Seven created to the need for restrictions to be enforced properly.

Eight comments were about car parks. As the car parks do not form part of the CPE scheme or proposals, these comments have been passed to Rother District for review.

Recommended changes to the proposals for Robertsbridge

Pay and Display 8am to 6pm times changed to 9am to 5pm Monday to Saturday.

With the introduction of CPE we will be able to manage and enforce all the existing restrictions including those already in place to manage commuter parking. We will monitor and review all the restrictions once fair and consistent enforcement is being carried out. Any amendments can then be included in one of our regular reviews after the scheme has been introduced and had a chance to settle.



Next key stages

Jul – Oct '18	Completion of surveys to determine parking layout, locations for traffic signs, road marking requirements and pay and display machines
Oct – Dec '18	Informal consultation with local members, statutory consultees and local residents and businesses affected by any changes to restrictions
Dec '18 – May '19	Revision to proposals in light of informal consultation responses and drafting of the necessary legal TROs
May '19 – July '19	Submit application to DfT
July '19 – Sept '19	Formal advertisement of the TROs, giving an opportunity for comment either in support or objecting to the proposals.
Oct '19	ESCC Planning Committee will consider any objections to the advertised proposals
Oct '19 – Mar '20	Implementation works: signs, line markings and pay & display machines
Date to be agreed with DfT ESCC target date May'20	DfT issues formal 'Statutory Instrument' granting CPE powers
Mar '20 - May '20	Publicity leading to launch of scheme and commencement of enforcement