

Rother District Council

OFF-STREET CAR PARKS TASK AND FINISH GROUP



Terms of Reference

Aims and Origin

- To review the level of use of Manor Gardens car park since a payment machine was installed in October 2021.

To review East Sussex County Council's (ESCC) response to the Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) first annual review which ended on 30 September 2021. On behalf of Rother District Council provide a draft written response to ESCC's improvements to the CPE scheme for approval.

In September 2020 ESCC introduced Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE). CPE introduced charging to certain on-street parking locations throughout Bexhill, Rye and Battle, along with restrictions to residents and visitors parking in other streets without charges. On-street charging will not apply to other areas of the district, but other restrictions such as yellow lines may apply.

The introduction of CPE was felt likely to increase the use off-street car parks under the Council's ownership. Increased usage would have an impact on the accessibility of car parks for local businesses and residents as well as increase the maintenance and enforcement costs to the Council.

The Off-Street Car Parks Task & Finish Group (OSCP T&FG) reviewed data regarding levels of car park use and consumer feedback over the last 12 months and made various recommendations which have been implemented following agreement by Overview and Scrutiny Committee and approval by Cabinet. It is considered that this work is now complete other than monitoring the level of use at Manor Gardens car park following the installation of the payment machine.

It was also felt likely that on-street parking restrictions introduced as part of CPE scheme would result in displacement parking and increased congestion of roads without parking restrictions.

Residents, businesses and the community at large were invited to submit feedback to ESCC on suggested changes to the scheme. Following the first 12 months

since implementation of CPE and ESCC's subsequent review of the feedback, it is appropriate for OSCP T&FG to review ESCC's proposed changes to engender improvements to the current scheme.

Scope

- a) Review data regarding levels of use of Manor Gardens car park before and after the payment machine was installed in October 2021.
- b) Review ESCC's response to the CPE annual review and consider their proposed changes to improve the scheme.

Desired Outcome

- Evidence of the effective and appropriate levels of use in Manor Gardens car park.
- Improved use of 'charged for' on street parking
- Reduced congestion on unrestricted roads to support delivery of services such as waste collections and community buses.
- Improved parking availability for residents on unrestricted roads.
- Local environment improved by a reduction in noise and air pollution.

Timescale

- OSCP T&FG to reconvene in October 2022
- Report back to OSC – February 2023

Membership

Minimum of 6 Members - TBC

Officer Lead

Deborah Kenneally

Quorum

Two