

November 2017

Dear Stakeholder(s)



RE: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT – ON STREET PARKING

The management of Civil Parking Enforcement is an important concern for Rother District Council with significant impact on traffic management, economic growth, regeneration, health and wellbeing. Therefore the Council is currently undertaking a scrutiny review of whether the Council should ask East Sussex County Council to introduce Civil Parking Enforcement across the District. One of the principal aims of the review is to achieve a comprehensive understanding and analysis of issues across the district, including engaging with a range of stakeholders.

A Member-led Civil Parking Enforcement Task and Finish Group consisting of myself as Chairman, Councillors Abul Azad, John Barnes, Jimmy Carroll, Richard Carroll, Charles Clark, Stuart Earl, Kathryn Field, Brian Kentfield, Jacqueline Potts, Chris Saint and Gennette Stevens has been established to review and consider whether or not Civil Parking Enforcement should be introduced. As part of this work we would like to hear from a wide range of stakeholder representatives and also understand any concerns and explore any ideas for improvements that stakeholders might have.

Therefore we would like to invite you to consider the three questions listed below and return your written comments / response by email to Julie Hollands on julie.hollands@rother.gov.uk by no later than Monday 4 December 2017. This is not about the detail but the principle of moving on-street car parking responsibility from the Police to East Sussex County Council under Civil Parking Enforcement legislation.

- 1) Should we ask East Sussex County Council to apply to the Department for Transport to adopt Civil Parking Enforcement?
- 2) Would you rather have Civil Parking Enforcement introduced as early as possible to deal with infringements on the current parking restrictions and thereafter make changes where necessary around the District? Or would you rather identify all of the areas of concern along with the best solutions, consult on these and then present an application following the amendments? This will be a much longer process, in the order of years, as there would be far more amendments to consult on prior to the submission of a Civil Parking Enforcement application.
- 3) Is there a preference for businesses and residents to subsidise free parking through local taxation or to promote 'the user pays' and introduce parking charges to cover the cost of the scheme?

Minutes of the Civil Parking Task and Finish Group can be found at the following link: <http://www.rother.gov.uk/article/12915>

Thank you for your assistance with this important piece of work and we look forward to receiving your comments.

Regards

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Councillor Simon Elford

Chairman of Civil Parking Enforcement Task and Finish Group

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