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Dear Richard Farhall (Clerk),

**Invitation to Help Us Review the use of Rother District Council's Car Parks since the introduction of East Sussex County Council's changes to 'on-street' parking**

In September 2020 East Sussex County Council implemented Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE), through the introduction of 'on-street' charging to certain parking locations throughout Bexhill, Rye and Battle and also local restrictions to parking in other areas.

On behalf of Rother District Council's Off-Street Car Parks Task and Finish Group, which has been established to monitor the impact of these changes, you are invited to submit evidence regarding the impact that your council has experienced in parking since CPE was introduced. For example, we wish to understand if you and your residents are finding it easier to park in Council car parks or more difficult because they are now always full? Or perhaps you now park in a different place, or have stopped using Council car parks and we would like to understand why?

We are looking for your comments and observations to five key questions:

1. What impact, if any, has the introduction of 'on-street' charges and restrictions had on your **council's** ability to use the Council's car parks in your area.
2. What impact, if any, has the introduction of 'on-street charges' and restrictions had on your **staff/workers** or those working in your premises in using the Council's car parks?

3. What impact has the introduction of 'on-street' charges and restrictions had on your **residents and council service users** in using the Council's car parks in your area?
4. How has the introduction of 'on-street' charges affected your **own** use of Council owned 'off-street' car parks?
5. Are there any other comments/observations you would like to make regarding changes to 'on-street' and 'off-street' parking since CPE was introduced in October?

We acknowledge that these questions are more challenging to answer in light of the impact of the three lockdown periods and other restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is important to note that costs and maintenance for on-street parking are not comparable to the provision of off-street, dedicated car parks. As an example, on-street parking benefits from nearby amenities supplied from other budgets such as street lighting and road maintenance (ESCC Highways) whereas car parks have all amenities provided separately at RDC's cost.

We welcome any measurements or facts and figures that you have available but anecdotal evidence will be accepted.

What you tell us will be considered by the Task and Finish Group as part of formulating its recommendation to its parent committee, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The name of your council and some, or all, of your response will be published in reports or appendices and may be discussed at meetings that are held in public. The names and contact details of anyone responding on behalf of an organisation will not be published but that information will be kept by the council and may be shared within the council in relation to this subject. All information will be kept in compliance with data protection and privacy regulations.

Please send your response to our five questions by Friday, 12 March 2021 by email to [consultations@rother.gov.uk](mailto:consultations@rother.gov.uk) or write to:

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Yours faithfully,  
For the Car Parks Task and Finish Group

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