

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

BRIGHTON & HOVE (STANMER PARK) VARIOUS RESTRICTIONS AND OFF-ROAD PARKING ORDER 202* (TRO-2-2020)

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Stanmer Park is a Grade II registered historic park and garden, a rare survival of an 18th Century estate-designed landscape. The city's largest and most historically significant park, it contains archaeological sites dating back 6000 years to the Neolithic Age. The southern part of the park contains a Local Nature Reserve and a Conservation Area.

Many more visitors will be attracted to Stanmer Park as a result of the Stanmer Park Restoration Project. Funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and BIG Lottery, in partnership with Brighton & Hove City Council, Plumpton College and the South Downs National Park Authority, this landmark Project is restoring and interpreting the rich heritage of important features including the historic Walled Garden, as well as protecting at-risk buildings.

To manage traffic and parking we plan to introduce new parking controls and paid parking in locations which better protect the heritage of Stanmer Park.

The proposal is for parking in four car parking areas: Upper Lodges, Chalk Hill, Patchway and Lower Lodges East and West. Overflow parking will be available by prior agreement to event organisers on the two football pitches and Church car park, and Patchway A and Patchway B .

The proposal will help to address problems and complaints already experienced during peak periods, including:

- The current location of some of the car parks in the designed 18th century landscape detract from its heritage value.
- The car parks to the south of the park are often full of non- park users, often parking all day.
- Parked cars left along the roadway and verges has caused blockages and disruption for the park's 78 bus service, resulting in the loss of the week day service, deterring and inconveniencing bus users.
- A perception by some members of the public that parking anywhere is acceptable at Stanmer Park, in many cases affecting access for pedestrians, those with disabilities and other vulnerable park users.

Income from car parking charges will be ring fenced for use in Stanmer Park and the wider estate to continue the investment and protection of important historic structures, and management and maintenance of the park.

Many visitors to the park, both now in and in the future, will arrive by public transport and will therefore not be affected by parking charges.

Stanmer Village is a no through road to be used for access for residents and businesses only. The only exception to this will be for vehicles correctly displaying valid Blue Badges.

A new layby will be constructed opposite Stanmer House, for drop-off and collection only. This will replace the existing parking area. A hotel permit can be made available for overnight guests subject to further discussion.

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