

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

(OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) (NO. 1) ORDER 2024

VARIOUS CAR PARKS – KIRKLEES DISTRICT

Statement of Reasons for proposing to make the Order

The Council has recently carried out a review of its parking charges and tariffs which has resulted in the recent advertised uplift of existing parking charges in town centres and these proposals to introduce new charges and restrictions in many of the currently free Council operated public car parks.

The introduction of charges and other restrictions such as a maximum stay at car parks seeks to assist the Council in achieving the objectives of the Local Transport Strategy. It recognises the need to achieve and maintain the balance of supply and demand in the total number of parking spaces across the district. Car parking provision is an important factor in providing the local transport needs for retail, commuter and visitor purposes, therefore some car parks will have a maximum stay of 2 or 4 hours to encourage turnover of parking spaces. The Council will continue to provide a mix of long stay and short stay parking provisions to meet all needs.

The introduction of parking charges is consistent with tariff/charges levied in other Council car parking spaces across Kirklees district.

The level of charges being proposed recognises the need to be consistent with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Policy by encouraging the use of alternative means of transport whilst also recognising the need to maintain the vitality and viability of town centres and local facilities. The proposal is to introduce appropriate levels of parking charges as well as the continuation or introduction of maximum stays. The level of proposed charges is consistent with other parking charges levied across the region.

Car parks will, where appropriate, have provision for disabled parking spaces, taking in to account best practice and guidance.

It is intended that the income generated will enable car parks to be improved and maintained and regular enforcement will ensure that the car parks are used properly by drivers, with restrictions respected and adhered to.

It is intended that regular reviews of parking provision including charges/tariffs will be undertaken to understand what future changes, if any, are required.

It is intended that these proposals will ensure that the Councils' parking assets are used appropriately and effectively to facilitate the vitality and viability of towns and villages across the district and will generate revenue to reinvest in relevant Council Services.