

STATEMENT OF REASONS

VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES)(NO.1) ORDER 2021

The Vale of White Horse District Council proposes to make the above order under Sections 32, 33(4) and 35 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, the effect of which will be to regulate the use of the Council's off street car parks. The proposals are set out in full in the Notice of Proposal, Order and Schedule.

The council is seeking comments on the proposed car park order. At a cabinet meeting of 7 August 2020 it was resolved to introduce spaces reserved for electric vehicles whilst charging, and enforcement for unauthorised parking in those spaces in respect of i) non electric vehicles parked in those spaces and ii) electric vehicles parked in those spaces but not for the purpose of charging. The council is working to reduce carbon emissions and the use of electric vehicles is to be encouraged. The order sets out these changes and some other changes to the use of the car parks, including the phased removal of discounted residential permits over a four-year period from 2020 to 2024 (residents continue to be able to park at no charge overnight between the hours of 6pm and 8am).

The excess charge or concessionary excess charge will not increase under these proposals and two hours free parking is retained.

The proposed changes referred to above require the council to make a new order. The council's main current car parking order was made in 2011 and accordingly the new order will mean improved car park management, more efficient enforcement and will bring the order up to date in line with legal requirements. Under the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulations 1996 the council are required to publicise the proposals and accordingly you are invited to give your views on the draft order by 19 November 2020 in writing or by email to John Backley, Technical Services Manager, Vale of White Horse District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, OX14 4SB or technicalservices@southandvale.gov.uk . Alternatively follow the consultation link at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/parking .

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