

## **THE BOROUGH OF NORTH WARWICKSHIRE**

### **PROPOSED (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2021**

#### **Statement of Reasons why the Council proposes to make the order**

Off street parking places (car parks) are provided by North Warwickshire Borough Council in order to:

- Assist traffic management by reducing the demand for on street parking places;
- Help meet the need of people with disabilities;
- Promote the economic viability of facilities in the Borough;
- Enhance access to civil, leisure and commercial facilities within the Borough;
- Assist with the delivery of wider transport plans and
- To help protect the environment.

The Council are proposing the following changes to the parking order for the following reasons;

#### **To operate under a civil enforcement regime**

The Department for Transport have granted Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) powers to Warwickshire Borough Council under Schedule 8 of the Traffic Management Act 2004, which will be implemented from 1 February 2022.

CPE is already used in the other four borough/districts in Warwickshire, other neighbouring council areas and in all but a handful of England's Council areas.

. This will enable on street parking enforcement to be carried out by the County Council instead of the Police who do not have the resources to carry this out effectively.

A condition of the application was that the Borough Councils off street parking places be included to provide a consistent level of enforcement of both on and off street parking throughout the borough.

#### **To update the parking areas covered by the previous order**

The Council no longer manage the car park at Old Arley Sports Centre.

#### **To introduce parking charges to some car parks**

To manage and encourage turnover by regulating parking restrictions:

This is reflected in the proposed regime of tariffs regulating the periods and lengths of stay in each car park. This will also provide a contribution towards the service costs for the provision of off street parking facilities in the borough, including the management, maintenance and improvement of the car parks and infrastructure.

#### **To provide at least one hour free parking in all car parks**

To encourage short stay visitors to the town and village shopping areas

Many car parks will have a two hours period of free parking

#### **To provide three hours free parking for Blue Badge holders**

This provides the same period of parking for blue badge holders as is allowed on street where parking restrictions are in place.

To encourage the use of off street parking places to keep the roads clear

#### **To introduce electric vehicle charging points in some car parks**

The Government have announced a ban on the sale of new petrol and diesel cars from 2030, so there is a requirement to introduce electric vehicle charging points throughout the borough for those with and those considering using electric vehicles, especially those with no home charging facilities.

### **Consultation**

The Council made alterations to the proposed Off Street Parking Places Order following the receipt of almost 500 responses to the consultation on the proposals in August 2021, North Warwickshire Borough Councils Resources Board has resolved to introduce the draft order, which will replace the existing order, following the consent of Warwickshire County Council.