

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL

PROPOSED VARIATION ORDER TO RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES ORDER 2020

STATEMENT OF REASONS WHY THE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO AMEND THE PRINCIPLE ORDER

1. Off-street parking places (car parks) are provided by the Council in order to: assist traffic management by reducing the demand for on-street parking places; help meet the needs of people with disabilities; promote the economic vitality of town Centre's within 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.
2. On 1 April 2008 part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 (TMA) came into effect. Part 6 of the TMA provides for the civil enforcement of most types of parking contraventions. It replaces Part 2 and Schedule 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1991. The TMA transferred the responsibility of monitoring on-street parking enforcement from the Nottinghamshire Police to local authorities.
3. Nottinghamshire County Council applied to the Secretary of State for an Order under Schedule 8 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 designating the Borough of Rushcliffe and other areas of the County of Nottinghamshire as civil enforcement areas for parking contraventions. Pursuant to that application, The Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (County of Nottingham) Designation Order 2008 (the 'Designation Order') brought civil parking enforcement into force in the relevant areas of the County on 12th May 2008. The Designation Order established Rushcliffe as a "Special Parking Area". This enabled on-street parking enforcement to be carried out throughout the area. A condition of the application was that the Council's off-street parking places be included within the "Special Parking Area" to provide a consistent level of enforcement of both on- and off-street parking across the County.
4. The Council with delegated powers and member support resolved to amend the principle parking places order to regulate the parking provisions at the named location to improve fair use for motorists, maintain consistency, improve vehicular turnover and permit-holder parking at those parking places listed in the Notice of Proposal to Make Variation.

5. The Council propose to amend the principle parking places order for the following reasons:
 - a. To maintain high-quality public off-street parking facilities to meet the needs of the community.
 - b. To encourage turnover by regulating parking restrictions: this will also be reflected in the regime of tariffs regulating the period and length of stay.
 - c. To recognise the need for limited regular parking by the issue of permits for specified groups of users.
 - d. To meet the requirements and demand for parking in accordance with recent recommendation made within the Bingham parking study carried out during November 2023

6. The use of the parking places, as provided in the Proposed Variation Order notice, will be restricted to vehicles of specified classes parked in such positions on such days for such periods and displaying such permits as are advertised at each site. If a vehicle is parked in a parking place without complying with the requirements of the Proposed Variation Order, a parking contravention shall have occurred and a penalty charge may be payable.

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