

**STATEMENT OF REASONS
SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OFF-STREET
PARKING PLACES) (NO.1) ORDER 2024**

South Oxfordshire District Council (the council) proposes to make the above order under Sections 32, 33(4) and 35 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act and the Road Traffic Management Act 2004, 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.

In November 2023, the Council agreed to provide permits for residents local to all car parks where there is currently no charge. This is in co-ordination with Oxfordshire County Council who are considering changes to the on-street parking restrictions in the area. Priority shall be given to residents who may lose on-street parking due to the implementation of any Oxfordshire County Council on-street Order. The statutory guidance from the Department for Transport states that enforcement authorities should aim to increase compliance with parking restrictions through clear, well designed, legal and enforced parking controls.

In addition, the Council has reviewed the management of the car park at Goldsmiths Lane in Wallingford and proposes to make changes to bring the charges for this car park in line with similar car parks in the town.

Providing off-street car parking permits and having consistent charging regimes for all council car parks provides a means by which the Council can effectively deliver wider transport strategies and objectives. This Order seeks to achieve this by setting out how car parks operated by the Council will be managed and enforced.

The proposed changes referred to above require the council to make a new order. Under the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulations 1996 the council is required to publicise the proposals and accordingly you are invited to provide your objections/representations on the draft order by 19 April 2024 in writing or by email to John Backley, Technical Services Manager, South Oxfordshire District Council, Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon OX14 3JE or technicalservices@southandvale.gov.uk . Alternatively follow the consultation link at www.southoxon.gov.uk/parkingpolicy .

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