

**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**(OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2024**

**Statement of Reasons for making the Order**

Bromsgrove District Council intend to make the above named Order for the following reasons:-

**To revoke the previous Car Park Order(s) and replace them with a new Order**

The current Off-Street Parking Places Order was made in 2019 and there have been a number of changes since then which means that Order is out of date and needs to be replaced.

**To introduce updated parking charges, to reduce the hours during which parking charges are applicable with the effect that charging will apply from 08:00 to 18:00 only and to remove the fee for 0 to 30 minute stays**

The existing scale of charges had been in place for more than 10 years. Following a review in early 2024 the Council has decided to adopt revised charges with effect from 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The changes will amend the hours during which charges are payable from 08:00 to 19:00 seven days a week to 08:00 to 18:00 seven days a week. The new scale of charges will introduce a free stay for car park users who do not stay longer than 30 minutes (subject to the display of a valid ticket). The remaining charges are being increased by 25% as set out in the table below. Windsor Street Car Park will be available for stays of up to 3 hours and new time bands will apply to Recreation Road South Car Park, where the maximum stay will be 10 hours.

**To remove parking charges for Blue Badge holders displaying a valid Blue Badge**

The Council wishes to offer free off-street parking to the holders of Blue Badges. This will be available subject to the vehicle displaying a valid Blue Badge.

**To update the terms and conditions for the issue of parking permits to reflect the use of Virtual Parking Permits**

The issuing of physical Parking Permits has now largely been replaced by the issue of Virtual Parking Permits. The order has been updated to reflect this as set out in Schedules 2 to 4. Changes have also been made to update which car parks are available for holders of Parking Permits to use given the removal from the Order of Churchfields Multi Storey Car Park as set out below.

**To remove Churchfields Multi Storey Car Park which is currently out of use from the Order as an interim measure pending the outcome of a review of town centre car parking**

This Parking Place has been subject to temporary closure for operational reasons since 2022. The Council is taking the opportunity to remove it from the Order given the length of time it has been closed. Further consideration to the future of the multi storey car park is ongoing as part of a car parking review and no final decision has been made. The option remains for it to be re-introduced to the Order at a future date depending on the outcome of the review.

## By making other amendments to the Order to update the operation of parking places in Bromsgrove

The new Order removes obsolete references to Pay on Exit and use of Smartcards and updates the definitions section by reference to electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging bays, together with other general updating.

<b>Car Parks</b>	<b>23/24</b>	<b>24/25</b>
<b>New Road, North Bromsgrove, Parkside, School Drive, Stourbridge Road</b>		
Up to 30 minutes	£0.40	0
Up to 1 hour	£0.80	£1.00
Up to 2 hours	£1.60	£2.00
Up to 3 hours	£2.40	£3.00
All day	£5.00	£6.00
<b>St John Street</b>		
Up to 30 minutes	£0.50	0
Up to 1 hour	£1.00	£1.30
Up to 2 hours	£2.00	£2.50
Up to 3 hours	£3.00	£3.80
<b>Windsor Street</b>		
Up to 30 minutes	£0.50	0
Up to 1 hour	£1.00	£1.30
Up to 2 hours	£2.00	£2.50
Up to 3 hours (new price band)	N/A	£3.80
<b>Recreation Road South</b>	<b>Former charges 23/24</b>	
Up to 30 minutes	£0.40	
Up to 1 hour	£0.80	
Up to 2 hours	£1.60	
Up to 3 hours	£2.40	
Up to 4 hours	£3.20	
Up to 5 hours	£4.00	
Up to 8 hours	£6.40	
Up to 11 hours	£8.80	
Up to 14 hours	£11.20	
<b>Recreation Road South</b>	<b>New charges 24/25</b>	
Up to 30 minutes	0	
Up to 1 hour	£1.00	
Up to 2 hours	£2.00	
Up to 3 hours	£3.00	
Up to 4 hours	£4.00	
Up to 5 hours	£5.00	
Up to 6 hours	£8.00	
Up to 10 hours (new maximum price band due to change to no charges from 18:00)	£11.00	
<b>Parking Permits</b>	<b>23/24</b>	<b>24/25</b>
Season Ticket long stay car parks	£320.00	£320.00
Season Ticket Aston Fields	£320.00	£320.00
Churchfields Multi Storey (not currently in use)	£215.00	Not available

Dated 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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