



STATEMENT OF REASONS

Wokingham Borough Council (Various Off-Street Borough Car Parks) (Civil Parking Enforcement) Consolidation Order 20XX

The effect of the proposed Wokingham Borough Council (Various Off-Street Borough Car Parks) (Civil Parking Enforcement) Consolidation Order 20XX would be to revoke the Wokingham Borough Council (Various Off-Street Borough Car Parks) (Civil Parking Enforcement) Order 2023 and all subsequent amendment Orders and replace them with a single consolidated Order incorporating the existing provisions together with the amendments set out below.

The purpose of the Order is:

- to consolidate the Council's off-street parking provisions into a single Order, revoking the existing 2023 Order and subsequent amendment Orders, thereby creating a single, up-to-date legislative document that is easier to administer, interpret and enforce;
- to amend the operational arrangements for specified Council car parks, including operational hours, no return periods and parking charges, to ensure they reflect current operational requirements and support the effective management of parking;
- to introduce and revise permit arrangements, parking tariffs and other operational provisions where necessary to improve the administration and management of the Council's off-street parking facilities;
- to introduce charges for parking suspensions and dispensations to recover the administrative costs associated with providing these services; and
- to increase the maximum permitted vehicle length from 5.0 metres to 5.2 metres to better reflect the dimensions of modern passenger vehicles.

The Council considers that these changes will improve the management, operation and enforcement of its off-street parking places, ensure the legal Order accurately

reflects current parking arrangements and support the effective use of parking facilities across the Borough.

The proposed Order will assist the Council in managing its off-street parking places efficiently, provide greater clarity for motorists, support effective civil parking enforcement and ensure that the parking provisions remain up to date and consistent across the Borough.

The Order is made pursuant to the powers contained in Sections 32, 35 and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, together with all other enabling powers.