

HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report To: Cabinet
11 February 2020

Subject: **AMENDMENT TO HAMBLETON OFF-STREET PARKING ORDER**

All Wards
Portfolio Holder for Governance: Councillor Mrs I Sanderson

1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 Cabinet recommended for approval at its meeting on 3 July 2018 and Council approved at its meeting 17 July 2018 a capital allocation of £550,000 to implement the Car Park Improvement Scheme.
- 1.2 The Car Park Improvement Scheme includes various elements to improve the quality of service offered to our residents, businesses and visitors. The scheme is currently being implemented and is due for completion by July 2020.
- 1.3 The Hambleton District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Consolidation Order 2013 is the current Parking Order that sets out the parking regulations that apply to the use of our off-street pay and display car parks.
- 1.4 For the changes to the Councils off-street car parks to be confirmed a Parking Amendment Order will be introduced which includes the following changes and clarifications to the current parking order:
 - a) Payment of a parking charge will be permitted by means of an online cashless parking system. This will support the introduction of payments via a cashless payment system application on a smartphone or mobile device.
 - b) In order to improve flexibility payment of a parking charge will be permitted by means of cash, debit/credit card and smartphone or mobile device at the ticket machines.
 - c) Vehicles will be required to display a parking ticket, permit, season ticket or have a current paid period of parking obtained via a cashless parking system application. This cashless option clarifies that a parking session purchased by means of a cashless payment system application is permissible as an alternative to a parking ticket obtained from a ticket machine or a permit or season ticket.
 - d) Allow the extension of a short stay parking session in the Applegarth and Forum short stay car parks Northallerton, Marage and Millgate car parks Thirsk and Showfield car park Stokesley. The extension to the short stay parking session can be until the end of the charging period. This change will allow visitors to dwell for longer than they anticipated completing their business and still comply with the parking regulations. In common with other town centre high street parking in the District the Market Place Thirsk will retain its two hour waiting limit.
 - e) A parking place means an area of land specified in the schedules of the parking order and described on a plan by means of a red line boundary. The revised plans in the parking order will not show the individual parking bays. The purpose of a parking place and parking bay will be indicated by means of a sign or surface marking. Removing the individual parking bays from the plans within the parking order will allow the Council to change the designation of parking bays without having to confirm that change with an amendment to the parking order. For example to introduce additional electric vehicle

charging bays or if there is a change in design guidance leading to an increase in the provision of designated disabled parking bays .

- f) A vehicle may occupy more than one parking bay on payment of the appropriate parking charge due for each parking bay occupied. This clarifies that a vehicle with a trailer or a larger vehicle can use our car park providing that they pay for the number of parking bays they occupy.
- g) Designated disabled parking bays with a maximum waiting period of three hours per charging period will be introduced. The waiting time applicable to a designated disabled parking bay will be indicated by means of a sign. These disabled parking bays (in the short stay car parks) will have a three hour waiting time limit in order to ensure that they are not occupied by a single user for a whole charging period, thereby allowing other motorists to also use the parking bay during the charging period.

2.0 LINK TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

- 2.1 The improvements to the Council's off-street pay and display car parks will support the Council's priority of driving economic vitality. Providing high quality off-street parking facilities is a key foundation to improving and supporting the vibrancy and vitality of our market towns and is intrinsically linked to the Vibrant Market Towns programme.

3.0 RISK ASSESSMENT:

- 3.1 There are no significant risks associated with approving the recommendations.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 4.1 There is no revenue effect associated with the introduction of the Parking Order Amendment.
- 4.2 The capital expenditure to introduce the Parking Order Amendment is included in the capital expenditure of £550,000 allocated to the Car Park Improvement Scheme.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The Parking Amendment Order will need the consent of North Yorkshire County Council. North Yorkshire Police must also be consulted but do not need to consent. The Parking Amendment Order procedure involves public consultation. The Council is required to consider any representation made during this process.

6.0 EQUALITY/DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 6.1 Equality and Diversity Issues have been considered, the implementation of the scheme will introduce improvements to the parking offer for users of the blue badge disabled parking scheme.

7.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

- 7.1 Health and Safety issues have been considered and all works undertaken as part of the scheme will comply with the relevant health and safety arrangements.
- 7.2 Two elements of the scheme will enhance health and safety. Changes to car park layouts will improve safety for pedestrians and the introduction of new CCTV cameras at Showfield, Stokesley, Auction Mart, Bedale and an additional camera at Applegarth, Northallerton will also assist safety.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION:

8.1 That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that:-

- (1) the making of a Parking Amendment Order is authorised to proceed subject to consultation and includes the following changes:
 - (i) Payments can be made by a cashless payment system
 - (ii) Payments can be made at the ticket machines by cash, debit/credit card and mobile phone or mobile device
 - (iii) Parking session validated by payment made via the cashless payment system
 - (iv) Extension of short stay parking period
 - (v) Parking place to be identified on a plan by a red line boundary
 - (vi) Vehicles can occupy more than one parking bay subject to payment for bays used and
 - (vii) The introduction of time limited disabled parking bays

- (2) any issues arising from the consultation process are delegated to the Director of Leisure and Communities to deal with.

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Background papers: The Hambleton District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Consolidation Order 2013

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