

Basingstoke and Deane (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2019 (Amendment No.2) Order 2021

Explanatory Note on Making of Order

The Council has re-consulted on this order following the advertising of the original proposals in June 2021. As a result of the original publication, the Council received 132 objections to the proposal from members of the public. The Council have therefore amended the proposals and re-advertised on 7 January 2022. The amendment to the proposals was to reduce the tariff and to amend the statement of reasons. Further objections/comments were received and have been considered and the Council has decided to make the order as advertised on 7 January 2022.

The Council considers that the change in the charging structure that reflects a fair tariff for parking at the car parks.

The statement of reasons was also amended as part of the statutory publicity process because the original statement of reasons suggested that the purpose of the charge would be to raise money for the maintenance and improvement of the park itself (and not the car parks), which is outside the scope of the Council's statutory powers.

To clarify, the reasons for making this order are to provide suitable and adequate provision of parking facilities off the highway and for the better maintenance, management and improvement of Eastrop Park car parks. The charges will encourage non-park users to use more appropriate car parks in the town centre, freeing up space for park users. The Council is keen to encourage more walking or cycling to support its climate change emergency actions. The Council has therefore decided to proceed with this order in its format as advertised on 7 January 2022.

The order and the parking charges will come into force on 7 May 2022.