

**IPSWICH BOROUGH COUNCIL
(OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2018**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Ipswich Borough Council proposes to make the above Order under Sections 32, 35 and 35A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (and all other enabling powers). The effect of the Order will be to regulate the use of and set the charges to be made at the Council's off street car parks.

The proposals incorporated in the draft Order and the reasons for the proposals are set out in the table below:

Proposal	Reason
To increase the Council's short-stay car park tariff to £1.30 per hour.	To help meet the financial targets for the Council's car parking functions.
To increase the charging hours (Monday to Saturday) at Crown car park to 11.30pm.	To discourage inappropriate use.
To change the name of some of the Council's car parks	To simplify the current naming structure.
To introduce new or expanded parking places for the general public at Upper Orwell Street (North) [Upper Barclay Street], Bourne Park, St. Peter's Dock, Portman Road B, and Portman Road C car parks	To help prevent and relieve the congestion of traffic.
To vary the number of spaces allocated to specific classes of vehicle at the Council's Portman Road B, Portman Road C and Norwich Road Shoppers car parks.	To help prevent and relieve the congestion of traffic and to meet the financial targets for the Council's car parking functions.
To remove the 'Early Bird' offer within the long-stay tariff.	
To increase the charge of some of the Council's season ticket offers on the long-stay tariff.	
To vary the tariff and tariff structure on Fore Street, Smart Street and Norwich Road Shoppers car parks.	To help meet the financial targets for the Council's car parking functions, to simplify the Council's tariff and to improve the flexibility of the Council's parking offer.
To introduce more flexible payment methods.	

Proposal	Reason
To vary the opening times of Athena Hall car park so that the car park closes at 8pm.	To help prevent inappropriate use of the car park.
To incorporate Council housing parking places at Mountbatten Court (Prospect Road & Stopford Court), Sallows Close, Alderman Road, Bulwer Road, Victoria Street, Rendlesham Court (Beaufort Street), Fitzgerald Court (Kemball Street), and Council parks parking place at Christchurch Park into the Council's Off-Street Parking Places Order.	To enable the enforcement of these parking places and therefore to improve the parking availability to permitted users.
To change the times at which the Council housing parking places at Bell Close, Bell Lane, Christchurch Street/Blanche Street, Cumberland Towers Norwich Road, Roper Court Foxhall Road, Samuel Court, Shaftesbury Square, Wells Close and Woodhouse Square shall only be for the use of holders of a valid residents or visitors permit to be at all times (currently Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm).	To provide consistency, ease of enforcement and as there are no overriding reasons why anyone who is not a tenant or a visitor of a tenant should be allowed to park in these car parks at any time.
To vary the charges for season tickets for parking places at Cobbold Street, Richmond Road, Fore Street and Norwich Road Shoppers.	To provide consistency with other charges and to help meet the financial targets for the Council's car park functions.

The proposed Order will revoke the existing Ipswich Borough Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2017, the Ipswich Borough Council (St.Peter's Dock) Off-Street Parking Places Order 2017, the Ipswich Borough Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Coniston Square) Order 2017, and the Ipswich Borough Council (Princes Street) Off-Street Parking Places Order 2018.