

**IPSWICH BOROUGH COUNCIL
(OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2020**

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 £1.40 per hour and to increase the Council's long-stay car park tariff to £1.20 per hour (£5.50 for 5 hours and, where allowed, £6.20 all day) with associated increases in the tariff for season tickets (including at Cobbold Street and Richmond Road).	To help meet the financial targets for the Council's car parking functions.
To remove the '2 after 2' (£2 after 2pm Monday to Friday) offer from the formal tariff structure (note: this would remain indefinitely as a promotional offer).	To enable the Council to more quickly introduce a replacement offer at a later date if required.
To increase the number of parking places for the general public at Upper Orwell Street (North) and Upper Orwell Street (South) [both on Upper Barclay Street] car parks.	To help prevent and relieve the congestion of traffic.
To introduce a new class of vehicle (electric vehicle), prescribe the number of spaces allocated to this class on various parking places covered by the Order and prescribe the conditions that apply to parking in a space allocated to this class.	To help ensure that spaces allocated for electric vehicles (as defined) are only used for parking those type of vehicles.
To allow for the method of payment for any individual parking place(s) covered by the Order to only be by electronic ticket or electronic season ticket	To enable the Council to introduce this at a later date if required.
To allow for all permits and waivers issued under the Order to be issued electronically	For customer convenience and to reduce costs.

To introduce a convenience fee where payment of the parking charge is made electronically utilising any electronic programme as the Council may make available for the purpose	As the Council is charged for the use of such an electronic programme
--	---

The proposed Order will revoke the existing Ipswich Borough Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2018 and the Ipswich Borough Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Beaufort Street and Fitzwilliam Close) Order 2019.