

## **Proposed amendment to the Off-Street Consolidated Order in reference to Time Square Multi-storey car park's use of parking bays.**

### **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

#### **1. Introduction and background information**

- 1.1 TSMSCP was opened for public use in November 2017. The car park is a modern, state-of-the-art car park which has been 'Park Mark' accredited by the British Parking Association (BPA) which is a nationally recognised standard; giving users of the car park the confidence that it is a safe and secure place to park. The car park has 1,170 spaces across eight floors; 60 of which are dedicated to electric vehicle (EV) charging points and another 60 spaces for disabled parking bays. Both of these figures are in line with the councils Parking Standards which states that 5% of the total car park occupancy should be provided for disabled parking and further 5% for EV charging points.
- 1.2 There are two entrance points and three exit points based on the ground floor that are barrier controlled and accessed directly from Bank Street. The car park operates a pay on foot (POF) system which allows users to park their vehicles and pay for their parking on return to the car park; either by using cash, credit or debit card.

#### **2. Proposed introduction of Car Club bays.**

- 2.1 Car Club bays are being introduced nationwide to facilitate the use of shared vehicle rental within populated areas where there may be limited private residential parking. As the town centre has been identified as an area where limited parking is available, it is proposed to introduce this facility for town centre residents who may not own or currently have access to a vehicle. Time Square Multi-storey car park has been identified as an easily accessible location within the town centre for such a purpose.
- 2.2 It is proposed to initially introduce 2 Car Club Bays onto the ground floor of Time Square Multi-storey car park. These bays would replace existing EV charge point bays and would be signed and lined for the exclusive use of EV car club vehicles.
- 2.3 Vehicles other than Car Club vehicles parking in the designated bays would be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice. This conforms to powers pertained within the Traffic Management Act 2004 and associated regulations.

## **Proposed change to Maximum stay on Lexden Street car park.**

### **Introduction**

Lexden Street car park has a parking provision for 44 vehicles and is currently free to use with the addition of a maximum stay of 4 hours/7 days per week. The 4 hours maximum stay was introduced as the car park was regularly reaching capacity throughout the day due to Hospital staff/residents/visitors parking to avoid having to send details to obtain a residential/visitor permit or in the case of hospital staff to avoid car park staff fees.

The car park is situated next to Whitecross Community Centre and serves as additional parking for visitors to the Community Centre.

### **Proposed charges to the Maximum Stay on Lexden Street car park**

Recently the council, in partnership with an Electric Vehicle charge point supplier, has commenced the installation of on-street EV charge points within residential areas of the borough. As part of this project, Lexden Street car park has been chosen as a preferred location for the installation of 3 dedicated Electric Vehicle bays. It is proposed that local residents and users of Whitecross community Centre can utilise the bays for charging Electric/Hybrid vehicles.

Although the EV charge points would be available at all times, the car park restricts maximum stay to 4 hours. To ensure residents would be able to conveniently charge their vehicles overnight, it is proposed that the Maximum Stay is removed between the hours of 20:00hrs and 06:00hrs the following day.

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