

WEST SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL STATEMENT OF REASONS



The West Somerset District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2016

West Somerset District Council in exercise of its powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, propose to make an Order revoking The West Somerset District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2015 together with its variations and make a number of changes to the provision of off street parking places within the District of West Somerset.

The Council's reasons for making this Order are as follows:

- 1) To allow the Council to take action against vehicles parking without payment.
- 2) To allow the Council to remove vehicles and generally administer the car parks more effectively.
- 3) To prevent unauthorised vehicles parking and protect the amenities of nearby properties.
- 4) To retain a winter and summer tariff for off-street parking for the Council's Pay & Display car parks whilst amending some summer tariffs to discourage commuter parking in main tourist areas.
- 5) To remove the three hours zero tariff for valid Blue Badge holders and introduce an allowance of an additional 60 minutes to the expiry time if a valid blue badge is correctly displayed in a vehicle and appropriate payment is made.
- 6) To increase the cost of 'Named', 'District', 'Business' and 'Shoppers' permits and increase the number of car parks in which the 'Shoppers' permit can be used.
- 7) To regulate the use of coach bays for coaches within the provision of Section 1 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 and not being used to provide a local service.

The proposals are detailed in the Public Notice and are contained in the proposed draft order.