



Elmbridge

Borough Council

STATEMENT OF REASON

ELMBRIDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2026

Proposal

- To introduce 30 minute free parking in all remaining Town Centre Parking Places
- To change the chargeable hours of Town Centre Parking Places to 8am until 6pm Monday to Saturday
- To re-introduce Sunday parking charges at Town Centre and Station Commuter Parking Places
- To remove car parks from the Order that are not subject to parking restrictions

Reason

Following the Council's review of its parking orders and processes, we have identified that the Elmbridge Borough Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Consolidation Order 2019 ("the 2019 Order") and subsequent variations, had not been lawfully implemented. As such, the Council could not lawfully issue Penalty Charge Notices to vehicles for contraventions of these provisions during certain periods.

Pursuant to the internal review of parking processes by the Council, the Council has sought to bring into force this new Order to resolve the errors and lawfully implement the changes that it had intended to do so by way of the Notices of Variation that came into effect on 06 January 2020 and 28 February 2022 to ensure that enforcement is carried out effectively and legally. The proposed Order will replace the 2019 Order. Therefore, the 2019 Order and any variations thereto attached will be revoked in their entirety.

By implementing this new Order and bringing into force all previous and proposed changes lawfully, the Council will facilitate effective regulation and enforcement of parking restrictions and controls, to ensure that the Council continues to provide high quality parking services and facilities for the community.

The Council has also proposed introducing 30-minute free parking in all the Town Centre Parking Places to meet the needs of the local community. It is further proposed that the charging hours in the Town Centre car parks will now apply between 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday.

For this reason, and to ensure a fair and proportionate contribution from all users, it is proposed that charging is extended to Sundays. This will enable the Council to support the ongoing maintenance, management and improvement of its car parks, ensuring they remain safe, accessible and fit for purpose for residents, visitors and local businesses.

A reduced charging period of 10:00am to 5:00pm is proposed, reflecting current trading patterns and maintaining an appropriate balance between supporting the local economy and generating income to reinvest in the service.

A later start time will apply at Churchfield Road car park on Sundays, taking account of attendance at St James's Church.