



**Policy Finance and
Development
Committee**

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Matter for Decision

Title: **Revision of The Borough of Oadby & Wigston (Off-Street
Parking Places) Order 2008**

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1. Introduction

1.1 At its meeting on 8 July 2014 Service Delivery Committee approved a scheme to improve the infrastructure of the Borough's town centre car parks. The improvements included for re-lining blue parking bays (chargeable) in white to enable drivers to park in any bay whether they are staying for under 3 hours (free) or over 3 hours (chargeable). In order to make this change the current Parking Order needs to be amended to remove reference to blue bays. The opportunity has also been taken to ensure the new Order reflects current legislation, parking arrangements and penalty fees as well as removing ambiguity over the length of time given for payment of fines.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That committee approve an amended Parking Order to be drafted by the Legal Team to enable a statutory consultation to take place.

3. Information

- 3.1 Members are asked to approve the drafting of a Parking Order which:
- removes reference to blue marked bays. The effect of this will be to allow drivers who wish to park in Sandhurst Street, Oadby and Paddock Street and Aylestone Lane, Wigston (the car parks which currently have blue marked bays) to be able to park in any bay; free for up to 3 hours or to purchase and display a ticket if parking for over three hours. This should reduce the number of complaints received from drivers who wish to park for less than three hours but cannot find a white space in which to do so. They can see empty blue bays but do not park in them as, if they do they either have to pay the over 3 hour fee or risk being issued with a penalty notice for not purchasing a ticket.
 - has been updated to reflect current parking legislation, penalty fees and enforcement arrangements.
 - removes the ambiguity in the present Order over the length of time given for payment of a Penalty Charge Notice.
 - removes the specific parking charge and allows the council to increase parking charges for over 3 hours each year in line with the scale of charges without having to amend the Order.
 - resolves and makes clearer ownership issues in specific car parks (Paddock Street and Junction Road, Wigston and East Street, Oadby) to avoid potential disputes.
 - to give the Council flexibility in developing a parking permit scheme in relation to its car parks.

3.2 Assuming Members approve the drafting of a Parking Order then a period of public consultation will take place which includes consultation with The Chief Officer of Police and Leicestershire County Council as well as advertising in the Leicester Mercury and on the Council's web site.

3.3 Twenty one days must be allowed for objections following which a report will be brought back to Policy Finance and Development Committee on 3rd February 2015 for consideration of any objections and confirmation of the Order. The Order will then come into effect on 1 April 2015.

3.4 For clarification, there is no intention to remove the green (20 minute) spaces provided in East Street Car Park, Oadby.

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Background Papers:- Improvements to Town Centre Car Parks – Service Delivery Committee, 8.7.14

Implications	
Financial (PL)	No significant implications
Risk (KG)	CR6; Regulatory Governance
Equalities (KG)	An EIA will be carried out prior to the making of this Order.
Legal (KG)	The Order will be made in pursuance of the Council's powers under Sections 32 and 35 of the Road Traffic Act 1984 and in compliance with the provisions thereof.