

STATEMENT OF REASONS

SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT NO. 2) ORDER 2020

The South Holland District Council (“the Council”) has given notice that it proposes to make the South Holland District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2020 (“the Amending Order”).

The Effect

The effect of the Amending Order, if made, will be to amend the South Holland District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2012 (as amended) (“the Existing Order”) so as to:

- (a) include as a Parking Place (car park) land at Gore Lane, Spalding and introduce new parking charges for this car park, and (b) include as a Parking Place land at Westlode Street, Spalding and introduce amended parking charges for this car park, so that the following information will be added to the Schedule in the Existing Order:

1. Situation of Parking Place	2. Position in which Vehicles may Wait	3. Class of Vehicle	4. Days and Hours of operation of Parking Place	5. Maximum period for which Vehicles may Park	6. Details of Charge
Gore Lane, Spalding	In spaces indicated by white lines (where provided)	Motor cars which are constructed for the carriage of passengers or adapted for the carriage of goods or burden of any description and which do not exceed 30 cwt. unladen weight	Daily. All Hours	Four hours (short stay) - 8am to 6pm Mondays to Saturdays inclusive but excluding Bank Holidays	up to 1 hour - £1.00 up to 2 hours - £1.50 up to 3 hours - £2.00 up to 4 hours - £2.50
				Unlimited - all other hours including Sundays and Bank Holidays	None
Westlode Street, Spalding	In spaces indicated by white lines	Ditto	Daily. All Hours	8am to 6pm on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive but excluding Bank Holidays	up to 2 hours - £1.00 up to 4 hours - £2.00 All day - £3 Season tickets - £60 per quarter
				Unlimited - all other hours including Sundays and Bank Holidays	None

- (a) include land at the rear of the Castle Sports Complex bowling green as part of the existing Albion Street Castle Sports Complex car park (dry side), and (b) introduce new parking charges for the whole of the dry side car park between 8am and 6pm Mondays to Saturdays. This will require the following amendments to the Schedule to the Existing Order (amendments shown in underlined italics):

Situation of Parking Place	Position in which Vehicles may Wait	Maximum period for which Vehicles may Park	Details of Charge
Albion Street, Spalding (Castle Sports complex parking area - <u>dry side</u>)	<u>In spaces indicated by white lines (where provided)</u>	<u>Four hours (short stay) - 8am to 6pm Mondays to Saturdays inclusive but excluding Bank Holidays</u>	<u>up to 1 hour - £1.00</u> <u>up to 2 hours - £1.50</u> <u>up to 3 hours - £2.00</u> <u>up to 4 hours - £2.50</u>
		<u>Unlimited - all other hours including Sundays and Bank Holidays</u>	<u>None</u>

- allow users of the Castle Sports Complex and swimming pool to obtain appropriate permits to park within the Castle Sports Complex and swimming pool car parks without being charged (details of how to obtain a permit will be advertised in the Castle Sports Complex and the swimming pool);
- ensure that all of the following Spalding car parks are available for use daily all hours, with parking charges operating from 8am to 6pm Mondays to Saturdays inclusive, and with no charges at all other times and on Bank Holidays EXCEPT Herring Lane, Spalding where charges will continue to apply from 8am to 8pm (rather than 8am to 6pm) on the relevant days;
- amend the existing charges for the use of the Sheep Market car park, Spalding;
- the following amendments will be required to the Schedule to the Existing Order (changes are shown crossed through, and in underlined italics):

Situation of Parking Place	Days and Hours of Operation of Parking Place	Maximum period for which Vehicles May Park	Details of Charges
Herring Lane, Spalding	Daily. All Hours	Four hours (short stay) - between 8am and 8pm on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive <u>but excluding Bank Holidays</u>	Previously advertised
		<u>Unlimited - Twelve hours between 8pm to 8am Mondays to Saturdays inclusive all other hours including Sundays and Bank Holidays</u>	None
Holland Road, Spalding	Daily. All Hours	Twenty four <u>Ten</u> hours (long stay) - between 8am and 6pm on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive but excluding Bank Holidays	Previously advertised
		<u>Unlimited - all other hours including Sundays and Bank Holidays</u>	<u>None</u>
Pinchbeck Road, Spalding - Swimming pool car park and Castle Field parking area	Daily. All Hours	<u>Four hours (short stay) - between 8am and 6pm on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive but excluding Bank Holidays</u>	Previously advertised

immediately adjoining the swimming pool			
		<u>Unlimited - all other hours including Sundays and Bank Holidays</u>	<u>None</u>
Priory Road, Spalding (Council Offices Public Bay 1)	Mondays to Fridays 8am to 6pm <u>Daily. All Hours</u>	30 Minutes (short stay) - between 8am and 6pm on Mondays to Fridays inclusive but excluding Bank Holidays	None
		<u>Unlimited - all other hours including Sundays and Bank Holidays</u>	<u>None</u>
Sheep Market, Spalding	Daily. All Hours except on Tuesdays and Saturdays when there is a market	One hour (short stay) - between 8am and 6pm Mondays, Wednesday Thursdays and Fridays on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive but excluding Bank Holidays	up to half hour - 50p up to 1 hour - 80p <u>up to half hour - 50p up to 1 hour - £1.00</u>
		Twelve hours between 6pm Saturdays and 8am Mondays <u>Unlimited - all other hours including Sundays and Bank Holidays</u>	<u>None</u>
Vista, Spalding	Daily. All Hours	Twenty four hours <u>Ten hours (long stay) - between 8am and 6pm on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive but excluding Bank Holidays</u>	Previously advertised
		<u>Unlimited - all other hours including Sundays and Bank Holidays</u>	<u>None</u>
Victoria Street, Spalding	Daily. All Hours	Twenty four hours <u>Ten hours (long stay) - between 8am and 6pm on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive but excluding Bank Holidays</u>	Previously advertised
		<u>Unlimited - all other hours including Sundays and Bank Holidays</u>	<u>None</u>

Vine Street, Spalding	Daily. All Hours	Four hours (short stay) - <u>between 8am and 6pm on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive but excluding Bank Holidays</u>	Previously advertised
		<u>Unlimited - all other hours including Sundays and Bank Holidays</u>	<u>None</u>
Winfrey Avenue, Spalding			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> north of bus station 	Daily. All Hours	Twenty four hours <u>Ten hours (long stay) between 8am and 6pm on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive but excluding Bank Holidays</u>	Previously advertised
		<u>Unlimited - all other hours including Sundays and Bank Holidays</u>	<u>None</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> along eastern boundary of bus station 	Daily. All Hours	Twenty four hours <u>Ten hours (long stay) between 8am and 6pm on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive but excluding Bank Holidays</u>	Previously advertised
		<u>Unlimited - all other hours including Sundays and Bank Holidays</u>	<u>None</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> along western boundary of bus station 	Daily. All Hours	Twenty four hours <u>Ten hours (long stay) between 8am and 6pm on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive but excluding Bank Holidays</u> Twelve hours for lorries, buses and coaches	No change to charges for lorries, buses and coaches Charges for all other vehicles previously advertised
		<u>Unlimited - all other hours including Sundays and Bank Holidays</u>	<u>None</u>

Reasons for Making the Amending Order

Gore Lane, Spalding

The land at Gore Lane, Spalding has been used unofficially as a car park since the demolition of the former telephone exchange some years ago. The Council wishes to include this land within the Existing Order in order to regularise the use of the land. The land will then be subject to the conditions and restrictions contained within the Existing Order, and which relate to all other off-street parking places.

The car park will have a maximum parking period of 4 hours from 8am to 6pm so as to attract shoppers, rather than shop workers who can continue to use the long stay car park at Victoria Street. The car park will be subject to unlimited waiting at all other times.

The proposed charges will secure income which can then be used to improve the car park to a standard that attracts users to the town. This will also provide a better and safer experience for those using the car park. The proposed parking charges for this car park will align with other Spalding car parks.

Westlode Street, Spalding

The land at Westlode Street, Spalding has been managed by the Council as a car park since 2006. The terms of the management agreement are now being reviewed and amended, and it has been agreed that the car park be included within the Existing Order to enable the Council to enforce the provisions of the amended management agreement.

Castle Sports Complex (dry side) and swimming pool

Some time ago the Council provided an additional area of land for car parking at the Castle Sports Complex (dry side). The additional area of car park is situated to the rear of the bowling green, but this land is currently not included within the Existing Order. This means that the conditions and restrictions which apply to the remainder of the dry side car park do not currently apply to this additional area of land. The Council wishes to include this land within the Existing Order in order to regularise the use of the land which will then be subject to the same conditions and restrictions as the remainder of the dry side car park.

Currently the car park for the Castle Sports Complex (dry side) is free whilst the swimming pool car park is subject to charges. This causes disproportionate use at the free car park and limits the availability for those wishing to use the leisure facilities. The Council wishes to introduce charges at the dry side in order to overcome this problem, and has been working with the current leisure centre provider to establish fees at both car parks which are reasonable, and secure fair use of the car parks and the leisure facilities.

The amended fees for the swimming pool car park were publically advertised on 28 November 2019 and came into effect on 1 January 2020. The Council was able to amend the charges in this way because the law allows the Council to amend existing charges by way of notice. The amended charges are as follows:

Up to 1 hour - £1.00
Up to 2 hours - £1.50
Up to 3 hours - £2.00
Up to 4 hours - £2.50

The proposed fees for the dry side include an area of land, as described above, that is currently not included within the Existing Order. The law does not allow the Council to introduce new charges for a new area of land using the same process that was used for the swimming pool car park. Instead, the Council must go through a full consultation process before it can introduce new charges for this new area of land. The Council therefore considers it appropriate to make the proposed charges for the whole of the dry side (that is to say the new area of land referred to above and the existing dry side parking area included within the Existing Order) subject to the same consultation process. This statement of reasons is part of that consultation process.

The proposal is that the charges for the dry side be aligned with the charges for the swimming pool car park. That means that the Council wishes the parking charges for the dry side car park to be as follows:

Up to 1 hour - £1.00
Up to 2 hours - £1.50
Up to 3 hours - £2.00
Up to 4 hours - £2.50

Car parking charges have not been amended since 2009 despite increasing costs for the running and maintenance of the car parks. The charges at the dry side will align with new charges across Spalding. The new charges should ensure that the car park is available for leisure users and others, and that the car park is maintained to a standard that attracts users to the car parks and the town.

The Council wishes to introduce a permit scheme to allow users of the swimming pool and the Castle Sports Complex to park in the swimming pool and Castle Sports Complex (dry side) car parks without being subject to the new charges. This should ensure that members of the leisure complex are not adversely or disproportionately affected by the new parking charges.

Arrangements have already been introduced to allow leisure centre users who park in the swimming pool car park to obtain permits because the new charges at the swimming pool car park were introduced on 1 January 2020. The proposed amendments to the Existing Order will ensure that this process is formalised.

Arrangements will be introduced for users to obtain permits for the Castle Sports complex (dry side) car park if, following this consultation process, the Council agrees to introduce the new charges described in this statement.

Charging hours and maximum waiting times

With one exception, it is proposed that all Spalding car parks within the Existing Order will be available for use by members of the public "daily all hours". This means that members of the public may park on any car park at any time of the day or night, subject to the conditions and requirements within the Existing Order.

With one exception, the Council wishes to ensure that the hours during which parking charges and maximum waiting times apply are consistent throughout Spalding. This should ensure ease of enforcement, and also make the charging regime easier to understand for members of the public. The proposal is that all charges and maximum waiting times apply between the hours of 8am and 8pm Mondays to Saturdays inclusive, but always excluding Bank Holidays. Taking into account the previous paragraph this means that the car parks may be used outside of these hours free of charge and without a maximum waiting restriction. Users must however continue to comply with all other conditions and requirements of the Existing Order.

The exception referred to in the first paragraph above is the main Priory Road, Spalding car park which is currently only available for public use between the hours of 8am and 6pm on Saturdays.

Only Herring Lane, Spalding will be subject to a different charging period, where existing charging times of 8am to 8pm will continue to apply in order to fund the existing CCTV available at this car park.

