
Proposed changes to The Borough of Warrington (Off-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Consolidation Order 2018

Statement of Reasons

1. Purpose of Statement

This Statement of Reasons is to explain the proposed increase to parking charges across the Borough along with an increase in staff and contract parking charges.

2. Introduction and background

A number of district and town centre car parks have had parking charges in place for many years and in October 2022, a review was undertaken which introduced an increase to these charges following a lengthy period of them remaining unchanged.

At the time, several pricing options were considered; however, as charges had not altered since 2014, it was thought the most equitable option was to increase charges in line with the Consumer Price Index (rounded up to the nearest 10p), which between 2014 and 2022 was 17.6%. As part of the 2022 review, contract parking charges were also increased by the same percentage increase in CPI.

At the time, staff parking charges were not considered and have remained unchanged since 2015 apart from minor amendments such as the removal of 'salary sacrifice' in 2017 and the introduction of 'pay & go' at the end of 2020 as a consequence of the pandemic and the introduction of 'hybrid working'. As part of this savings proposal, an increase in staff parking charges will be considered, along with the introduction of an additional charging band for staff who are G4 or below.

3. Rationale and options

As part of the 24/25 budget setting process, the councils Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) was approved at Cabinet and Full Council on February 27th 2024. Within this plan, a number of savings were approved; one of these savings being an increase in parking charges – a savings target of £60K per annum was attached to this proposal in line with what saving was considered to be achievable from price increases (taking into account the fact income targets are automatically increased by 3% per annum).

Inflation has continued to rise over the last two years and the cost of providing the enforcement service along with the cost of managing, maintaining and operating all car parks has also risen accordingly.

Within this savings proposal, it has been assumed that any increase would commence in December 2024, two years after the last increase. If a similar, equitable rationale is applied as in 2022, using CPI as the inflationary factor, the forecasted increase in CPI between 2022 and 2024 is 10.8%.

For staff parking, approval has been given of the following:

- a). Apply the same CPI increase of 10.8% as is proposed for parking charges, across the board. Included within this option, an increase in contract parking charges at the same percentage increase in CPI is also considered - see Annex 2.

4. Summary

Annex 1 provides summary tables of existing parking charges across all car parks along with tables showing the 'new' proposed increased charges.

5. Conclusion & Recommendation

Parking Charges

In undertaking this review of prices, we have recognised how important it is to residents, visitors and shoppers who use the car parks that parking remains accessible and affordable; but it must also be recognised that to continue to provide high-quality parking provision; the operation, maintenance and management costs which have all kept pace with inflation, must also be paid for. It is important to note that the planned increases have been kept to a minimum and in line with the increase in Consumer Price Index (CPI) between 2022 - 2024 which equates to 10.8%, rounded up to the nearest 10p. The existing and proposed charges are shown in Annex 1.

Staff and Contract Parking Charges

Approval has been given to increase Staff Parking charges by 10.8% in CPI.

As contract parking prices were increased in the last review in 2022, it is recommended that a 10.8% increase in CPI is adopted for contract parkers.

Annex 1 - car park charges

Proposed charges based on a 10.8% increase in CPI on all tariffs (rounded up to the nearest 10p)

Forge car park **existing** tariffs

| Forge car park | | |
|---|--------------------|-------|
| Charging 9 am – 3pm Mon- Sat (Free on Sundays & Bank Holidays) | 0 – 15 mins | Free |
| | 15 mins – 3 hrs | £1.20 |
| | Over 3 hrs | £2.40 |

Forge car park **proposed** tariffs

| Forge car park | | |
|---|--------------------|-------|
| Charging 9 am – 3pm Mon- Sat (Free on Sundays & Bank Holidays) | 0 – 15 mins | Free |
| | 15 mins – 3 hrs | £1.40 |
| | Over 3 hrs | £2.70 |

Davies Way & Henry Street **existing** tariffs

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|--|-----------|-------|--------------------------|
| Davies Way/Henry Street car parks | | | |
| Charging 9am – 5pm Mon- Sat (Free on Sundays & Bank Holidays) | 0 – 1hr | Free | No return within 2 hours |
| | 1 – 2hrs | £1.20 | |
| | 2 – 3hrs | £2.40 | |
| | Over 3hrs | £3.60 | Return any time of day |
| Charging 5pm – 10pm (Free on Sundays & Bank Holidays) | 0-1 hr | Free | No return within 2 hours |
| | Over 1 hr | £1.20 | Return any time of day |

Davies Way & Henry Street **proposed** tariffs

| | | | |
|--|-----------|-------|--------------------------|
| Davies Way/Henry Street car parks | | | |
| Charging 9am – 5pm Mon- Sat (Free on Sundays & Bank Holidays) | 0 – 1hr | Free | No return within 2 hours |
| | 1 – 2hrs | £1.40 | |
| | 2 – 3hrs | £2.70 | |
| | Over 3hrs | £4.00 | Return any time of day |
| Charging 5pm – 10pm (Free on Sundays & Bank Holidays) | 0-1 hr | Free | No return within 2 hours |
| | Over 1 hr | £1.40 | Return any time of day |

Pepper Street existing tariffs

| Pepper Street car park | | | |
|--|-----------|-------|----------------------------|
| Charging 9am – 5pm, Mon - Sat (Free bank holidays) | 0 - 1hr | Free | No return within 2 hours |
| | 1 – 2hrs | £1.20 | |
| | 2 – 4hrs | £2.40 | |
| | Over 4hrs | £12 | Return any time of day |
| Charging 5pm – 10pm (Free on bank holidays) | 0-1 hr | Free | No return within 2 hours |
| | Over 1 hr | £1.20 | Return any time of evening |

Pepper Street proposed tariffs

| Pepper Street car park | | | |
|--|-----------|-------|----------------------------|
| Charging 9am – 5pm, Mon - Sat (Free bank holidays) | 0 - 1hr | Free | No return within 2 hours |
| | 1 – 2hrs | £1.40 | |
| | 2 – 4hrs | £2.70 | |
| | Over 4hrs | £13 | Return any time of day |
| Charging 5pm – 10pm (Free on bank holidays) | 0-1 hr | Free | No return within 2 hours |
| | Over 1 hr | £1.40 | Return any time of evening |

Winwick Street **current** tariffs

| | | | |
|---|----------|-------|------------------------|
| Winwick Street car park | | | |
| 24hrs/day (Including Sundays & Bank Holidays) | 0 – 1hr | £1.20 | Return any time of day |
| | 1 – 2hrs | £1.80 | |
| | 2 – 3hrs | £2.40 | |
| | All Day | £3.30 | |

Winwick Street **proposed** tariffs

| | | | |
|---|----------|-------|------------------------|
| Winwick Street car park | | | |
| 24hrs/day (Including Sundays & Bank Holidays) | 0 – 1hr | £1.40 | Return any time of day |
| | 1 – 2hrs | £2.00 | |
| | 2 – 3hrs | £2.70 | |
| | All Day | £3.70 | |

Town Hall **current** tariffs

| | | | |
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| Town Hall car park | | | |
| Charging 8am – 6pm (Including Sundays & Bank Holidays) | 0 – 1hr | £1.50 | No return within 2 hours Maximum stay 4hrs |
| | 1 – 2hrs | £2.00 | |
| | 2 – 3hrs | £3.00 | |

Town Hall **proposed** tariffs

| | | | |
|--|----------|-------|---|
| Town Hall car park | | | |
| Charging 8am – 6pm (Including Sundays & Bank Holidays) | 0 – 1hr | £1.70 | No return within 2 hours Maximum stay 4hrs |
| | 1 – 2hrs | £2.30 | |
| | 2 – 3hrs | £3.40 | |

Birchwood Station current tariffs

| | | | |
|---|-----------------|-------|------------------------|
| Birchwood Station car park | | | |
| 24hrs/day (Including Sundays & Bank Holidays) | 0 – 15 mins | Free | Return any time of day |
| | 15 mins – 24hrs | £2.00 | |

Birchwood Station proposed tariffs

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|---|-----------------|-------|------------------------|
| Birchwood Station car park | | | |
| 24hrs/day (Including Sundays & Bank Holidays) | 0 – 15 mins | Free | Return any time of day |
| | 15 mins – 24hrs | £2.30 | |

Warrington West Station **current** tariffs

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|---|-----------|-------|------------------------|
| Warrington West Station car park | | | |
| 24hrs/day (Including Sundays & Bank Holidays) | 0 – 24hrs | £1.00 | Return any time of day |

Warrington West Station **proposed** tariffs

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|---|-----------|-------|------------------------|
| Warrington West Station car park | | | |
| 24hrs/day (Including Sundays & Bank Holidays) | 0 – 24hrs | £1.20 | Return any time of day |

Time Square multi-storey car park **current** tariffs

| TSMSCP | | |
|---|-----------|-------|
| Charging 6am – 6pm Mon-Fri | 0 – 1hr | £1.20 |
| | 1 – 2hrs | £1.80 |
| | 2 – 4hrs | £2.30 |
| | Over 4hrs | £6.40 |
| Charging 6pm – 6am (Free on bank holidays) | 0-1 hr | £1.20 |
| | 1-2 | £1.80 |
| | Over 2 hr | £2.30 |
| Saturday | 0-3 hr | £1.20 |
| | Over 3 hr | £3.50 |

Time Square multi-storey car park **proposed** tariffs

| TSMSCP | | |
|---|-----------|-------|
| Charging 6am – 6pm Mon-Fri | 0 – 1hr | £1.40 |
| | 1 – 2hrs | £2.00 |
| | 2 – 4hrs | £2.60 |
| | Over 4hrs | £7.00 |
| Charging 6pm – 6am (Free on bank holidays) | 0-1 hr | £1.40 |
| | 1-2 | £2.00 |
| | Over 2 hr | £2.60 |
| Saturday | 0-3 hr | £1.40 |
| | Over 3 hr | £3.90 |

Time Square /Academy Street car park **current** tariffs

| Time Square/Academy Street car park | | | |
|---|----------|-------|---|
| 24hrs/day (Including Sundays & Bank Holidays) | 0 – 1hr | £1.50 | No return within 2 hours Maximum stay 3hrs |
| | 1 – 2hrs | £2.00 | |
| | 2 – 3hrs | £3.00 | |

Time Square /Academy Street car park **proposed** tariffs

| Time Square/Academy Street car park | | | |
|---|----------|-------|---|
| 24hrs/day (Including Sundays & Bank Holidays) | 0 – 1hr | £1.70 | No return within 2 hours Maximum stay 3hrs |
| | 1 – 2hrs | £2.30 | |
| | 2 – 3hrs | £3.40 | |