

THE EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL (NORTH BERWICK) (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER No: 1

Statement of Reasons

The Traffic Regulation Order introducing off street car park charging in North Berwick as made looks to improve the management of parking within the off street car parks.

In line with the East Lothian Council, Parking Strategy 2018 – 2024, the introduction of off street car park charging in North Berwick meets the following objectives and policies.

Objective 1 – to provide balanced and appropriate parking facilities that support the economic, environmental and accessibility requirements of towns in East Lothian.

Objective 2 – to maximise the efficient use of parking provision.

Parking Policy 5 – The council will assess the demand on town centre parking supply and appraise, where appropriate, the introduction of charging for off street car parks and/or for on-street parking places. The introduction of restrictions and charging has the potential to boost the financial viability and community/business prosperity on an area by increasing turnover. All parking regimes would require annual monitoring.

The introduction of off street car park charging will:

- Address representations outlining the deterrent that the lack of available parking has on short term visitors to the town centre made in respect of the advertised order THE EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS – NORTH BERWICK) (PROHIBITION & RESTRICTION ON WAITING, LOADING & UNLOADING ETC), VARIATION ORDER No: 2.
- Enable better management of the limited parking space available in the town.
- Provide convenience and improved parking opportunity for visitors to the town affected by high demand for parking spaces.
- Increase turnover of vehicles parking in the town, providing easier access to, and helping to preserve, businesses, shops and facilities.
- Prevent unlimited free parking.
- Reduce inappropriate and indiscriminate parking within the off street car parks so reducing inconvenience and congestion.
- Reduce vehicle cruising, vehicle miles and vehicle emissions so enhancing air quality and improving public health.
- Raise income for the maintenance and enforcement of off street parking provision.

The general effect of the order will be to:

- Designate existing car parks as pay and display car parks, with charges introduced to reflect the use of the car parks.

Along with the proposed charges the Council will employ additional enforcement officers who will enforce over-stays, non-payment and parking outside of the designated parking bays.