

THE EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL (NORTH BERWICK) (COMMUNITY CENTRE & LIBRARY PARKING PLACES) ORDER No: 3

Statement of Reasons

The Traffic Regulation Order introduces maximum stay for vehicles parked in the Community Centre Car Park, Law Road and the combined Library & Museum car park, School Road, North Berwick. The introduction of a maximum stay and limiting the use of the car parks to visitors of the premises associated with the car park is to improve the management of parking within these off street car parks giving opportunity for visitors to the premises to park.

In line with the East Lothian Council, Parking Strategy 2018 – 2024, the introduction of parking restricted for Community Centre visitors only for the Community Centre car park and maximum stay parking within the combined Library & Museum car park, meets the following objectives and policies.

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

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

The introduction of maximum stay parking within the Library & Museum car park and user only parking within the Community Centre car park will:

- Enable better management of the limited parking space available within North Berwick.
- Provide convenience and improved parking opportunity for visitors to the Community Centre, Library & Museum affected by inappropriate use and high demand for parking spaces.
- Increase turnover of vehicles parking in the Community Centre, Library & Museum car park, providing easier access to, and helping to preserve, the viability of these facilities.
- Prevent unlimited free parking.
- Reduce inappropriate and indiscriminate parking within the Community Centre, Library & Museum car parks so reducing inconvenience and congestion.
- Reduce the occurrence of abuse towards staff due to inappropriate use of the car park.

The general effect of the order will be to:

- Designate the existing car park as short stay.
- Introduce a maximum stay for vehicles parking within the car park.
- Limit the vehicles able to park within the car park to motor cars.
- Give priority to staff and visitors to the Community Centre, Library & Museum.

As part of the proposed maximum stay limit on parking the Council will provide additional enforcement by ANPR and parking enforcement officers to enforce over-stays and parking outside of the designated parking bays.