

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Background

Monmouthshire County Council has undertaken a review of off street public car parking owned by the county council within the county. Following extensive consultation the review was reported to the county council's Cabinet in September 2014. The review can be found on the Council's website by following the link:

<http://democracy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/Data/Cabinet/20140903/Agenda/Full%20Cabinet%20Agenda.pdf>

The decision was taken, amongst other things, to draft a proposed new car park order that reflected the findings and recommendations of the report. Any decision taken to introduce a proposed new car park order requires that it be made available for public consultation for a minimum period of 28 days. The outcome of this public consultation exercise and any recommendations for further amendments to the order will be reported to the Council's Economy and Development Select Committee for scrutiny and subsequently to the Council's Cabinet at some time in the future.

The detail of the changes to the order is described below, in the notice of making a permanent order and in the car park schedule which should be read in conjunction with this document. However the intention is to create extra parking and some free parking, reflecting the priorities in each community, and to fund these changes and improvements through adjustments to the current car park charges .

The proposed Order will amend and consolidate certain of the provisions contained in the Monmouthshire County Council (Off Street Parking Places) Order 1996 as previously amended by the Monmouthshire County Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Amendment No.1) Order 2001 and (Amendment No.2) Order 2010.

1. It is proposed to designate all car parks as short or long stay, to limit the maximum stay in short stay car parks with a no return of two hours to achieve a much needed turnaround of spaces particularly in proximity to retail areas..
2. It is proposed to reduce the charge currently paid only on Tuesday at Byefield Lane car park, Abergavenny and introduce a reduced rate daily charge Monday to Saturday to encourage vehicles to park in the car park on Tuesdays when the car park is underutilised.

It is proposed to introduce car parking charges at Station Road and The Station car parks at Chepstow to fund car park improvements and changes to the charging regime elsewhere (e.g. a free hour in short stay car parks).

It is proposed to remove current tariffs at Drill Hall car park, Chepstow and introduce a daily tariff at a reduced rate to encourage drivers to park in this car park which is currently underutilised and which will be of benefit to workers within the town.

It is proposed to construct a new free car park at Rockfield Road, Monmouth and subsequently introduce a reduced rate charge at Cinderhill Street car park and Rowing Club car parks to increase the car parking capacity within the town.

3. It is proposed to extend the charging policy to include Blue Badge holders with a concession of an additional hour to the amount of time purchased. It is intended to position pay machines in close proximity to improved and suitably located disabled spaces.
4. It is intended to incorporate The Sports Ground Entrance car park, Monmouth into the order and introduce permit parking only in lieu of pay and display and take enforcement action where vehicles are currently parking inappropriately and obstruction access.
5. It is intended to extend the boundary of Chippenham car park Monmouth to regularise the physical boundary into the Order.
6. It is proposed to incorporate 8 free short term parking spaces (of no more than 30 minutes) into the Order for Glendower Street car park, Monmouth.
7. It is proposed to cease the charge for car parking after 4pm daily in all of Abergavenny's pay and display car parks to encourage business within the town.
8. It is proposed to offer the first hour free in any marked bay within the short stay car parks of Chepstow to encourage business within the town.
9. It is proposed to introduce a 5 day and 6 day pay and display ticket @ £15.00 and £18.00 respectively at the current parking charge. This will be on offer only when the new pay machines are installed as part of the aim to offer more payment options and an alternative to making daily cash payments.
10. It is proposed to incorporate parent and toddler spaces within selected car parks
11. It is the intention to introduce a maximum 20 minute period for loading/unloading at the loading bay situated at Glendower Street car park, Monmouth to enable recording and controls on use of the area.
12. It is proposed to offer season permits specific to long and short stay car parks along with season permits for the reduced charge car parks in the aim to offer more payment options and an alternative to making a daily cash payment and benefiting workers within the towns.
13. To create long stay parking at a charge of £2.00 per day at Rogiet Playing fields in order to create much needed parking and alleviate parking problems with the community generally.
14. That the new car parks at Rockfield Road, Monmouth Wyebridge Street, Monmouth and Chepstow Road Raglan be included within the Order.

15. The overstay charge will only be applicable in long stay car parks. There will no permitted return within two hours at any short stay car park.