

Statement of Reasons

For

The Borough Of Cheltenham (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2020

(Variation No. 4) Order 2024

In accordance with its general function as to the provision of off-street parking places within the Borough and its ongoing responsibility to review such arrangements the proposals detailed in the public notice and contained in the proposed Order are intended:

1. EV Charging points

To reduce the extent of each car park to remove areas as shown coloured in black on the plans attached to the draft order for the purposes of granting a lease of those areas to a private company to provide electric vehicle charging points to the public in support of the Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan.

2. Cheltenham Borough Council/Councillor permits (schedule 2 of the 2020 Order)

To increase available car parking to Members due to the limited spaces at the rear of the Municipal Offices and to bring the parking provisions in line with staff.

3. Cheltenham Borough Council/Staff permits (schedule 2 of the 2020 Order)

Following feedback from staff members the Council is increasing the number of available car parking spaces. Some of the feedback includes issues with height restrictions and some staff having to cross town to reach their designated car park (increasing air pollution for example). Staff were also previously allowed to purchase permits for car parks such as Chelt Walk at a slightly higher price than other permits. The Council has ended this policy as some parking places are high use car parks by the public. In addition the Council believes that standardising staff parking and allocating car parks and a flat fee is fairer.

4. Removal of Royal Well and Malvern Walk from schedule 2 of the 2020 Order

Both areas are not currently used for staff or councillor parking and it is not appropriate that those areas be included in any permit scheme.

5. Cheltenham Borough Homes/Staff

Complete removal of the parking provision due to the TUPE of CBH staff to the Council.

Dated this 30 day of May 2024

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