

**BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL
(OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2024**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Babergh District Council proposes to make the above Order under Sections 32, 35 and 35A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (and all other enabling powers). The effect of the Order will be to regulate the use of and set the charges to made at the Council’s off-street parking places.

The proposals incorporated in the draft Order and the reasons for the proposals are set out in the table below:

Proposal	Reason
To increase the Council’s short-stay parking places tariff to £1.00 for 1 hour, £1.50 for 2 hours, £2.00 for 3 hours and £2.50 for 4 hours. To increase the Council’s long-stay parking places tariff to £1.00 for 2 hours, £1.50 for 3 hours and £2.00 for 4 hours.	To help meet the financial targets for the Council’s car parking functions.
To decrease the Council’s long-stay all day parking places tariff to £2.50	To help commuters and encourage longer stays in our towns.
To introduce parking charges at Stonehouse Road Car Park (Hadleigh), The Cock Inn Car Park (Lavenham), and Prentice Street Car Park (Lavenham). £1.00 for 2 hours, £1.50 for 3 hours, £2.00 for 4 hours and £2.50 for all day.	To help meet the financial targets for the Council’s car parking functions.
To vary the charging hours on the Council’s parking places to 08:00 to 18:00 Monday to Saturday (Monday to Sunday in Lavenham).	To help meet the financial targets for the Council’s car parking functions.
To introduce a £10.00 coach tariff at The Cock Inn Car Park, Lavenham.	To help meet the financial targets for the Council’s car parking functions.
To introduce a Season Ticket for the car parks in Lavenham for £95.00 for 12 months (£50.00 for 6 months or £9.50 for 1 month).	To assist residents who have no off-street parking.
To introduce an Overnight Season Ticket for the car parks in Hadleigh and Sudbury, valid from 17:00 to 09:00 (Monday to Saturday).	To assist residents who currently use these car parks overnight and

	would be affected by the proposed charging hours.
To expand the number of parking places at which the 'electric vehicle' class of vehicle applies.	To reflect the intended expansion in the number of parking places with electric vehicle charging points.
To add Toppesfield Gardens (Hadleigh), Cavendish Way (Sudbury), Elizabeth Court (Sudbury), and Tenter Piece (Lavenham) to the Order.	To protect these car parks for the exclusive use of residents.
To add Belle Vue Park (Sudbury) to the Order.	To enable enforcement of a new Disabled Badge Holders only parking area.
To add Hadleigh Pool & Leisure Car Park to the Order and introduce a maximum stay of 3 hours.	To protect the car park for the use of Leisure Centre customers.
To introduce a maximum stay of 3 hours at Railway Walk North Car Park.	To protect the car park for the use of walkers.
To publish the charges for parking waivers and suspensions in the Order.	To help meet the financial targets for the Council's car parking functions.
To introduce a convenience fee where payment of the parking charge is made electronically utilising any electronic programme as the Council make available for the purpose.	As the Council is charged for the use of such an electronic programme.

The proposed Order will revoke the existing Babergh District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2022 and the Babergh District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Consolidation Order 2020.