

STATEMENT OF REASONS SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) (NO.1) ORDER 2026

South Oxfordshire District Council (the council) proposes to make the above order under Sections 32, 33(4) and 35 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act and the Road Traffic Management Act 2004, the effect of which will be to regulate the use of the Council's off-street car parks. The proposals are set out in full in the Notice of Proposal, Order and Schedule.

In January 2026 the Council agreed a small number of changes to its current parking arrangement. These are to:

- a) Change all South Oxfordshire District 'pay and display' car parks to 'pay on arrival' which will include a move to a ticketless operation without the need to obtain a ticket from the payment machine;
- b) Change the charging period to introduce all day parking at the Southern Road car park in Thame which is currently a short stay car park;
- c) Bring the charging regime in two car parks in Wallingford, namely Castle Street car park and St George's Road car park in line with all other council off-street car parks in Wallingford;
- d) Amend the layout of the parking bays in Cattlemarket car park in Thame to allow for a change in use of a commercial building adjacent to the car park. This will involve the loss of 15 car park spaces and the relocation of disabled bays although the current provision of disabled bays will be maintained.

The proposed changes referred to above require the Council to make a new parking order. The new parking order will provide for changes to the schedule and to the order, to allow for improved car park management, improved customer service, more efficient car park operations and bring the order up to date.

Under the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulations 1996 the council is required to publicise the proposals and accordingly you are invited to give your views on the draft order by 8 May 2026 in writing or by email to John Backley, Technical Services Manager, South Oxfordshire District Council, Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon OX14 3JE or technicalservices@southandvale.gov.uk . Alternatively follow the consultation link at southandvale.gov.uk/parkingorder-consultation

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