



**THE BOROUGH OF FAREHAM (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES)  
(AMENDMENT 5) ORDER 2022**

**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING THE ORDER**

There are a number of off-street car parks in the Borough which have not seen their terms of parking amended since 2017. Over the period from then until now a number of issues have arisen and there is a need to amend the terms for a number of the car parks. These issues have been brought to the Council's notice by its own property team, members of the public and elected members. The affected car parks are Portchester Precinct Car Park, Holly Hill Car Park, Barnes Close Car Park, Broadcut Retail Park Car Park, BurrIDGE Village Hall Car Park (Main), Leigh Road Car Park and Cams Alders Car Park.

**Portchester Precinct**

In July 2017, the Executive approved a Regeneration Vision for Portchester Village Centre entitled 'Putting the Village Back in Portchester' (the Vision). After extensive consultation, the Vision was finalised and set out a future strategy to help regenerate Portchester Village Centre. Following the approval of the Vision in January 2018 an Executive Report was presented giving details of opportunities to change parking arrangements in the Council's car parks to the south of the village centre.

The Vision identified potential changes to the car park, which reflected the views of local people to have free and accessible parking that meets the needs of local residents and village centre users, including young families.

The effects of these proposed amendments are: -

- The proposed car park improvements would provide more short stay spaces (maximum stay 3 hours) closer to the pedestrian precinct, with fewer long stay spaces but well orientated to the surrounding community uses. Overall, there will be no net loss of public car parking spaces, whilst facilitating the redevelopment of Assheton Court and maintaining the existing Long Stay East car park for future short-term parking.
- Relocate and increase the number of disabled parking bays, again to the smaller Short Stay car park close to the pedestrian precinct.
- It would remove the Lorry Park, but offer 24-hour parking for all types of vehicles unrestricted by vehicle type. The existing lorry park would be converted into car parking spaces to increase the capacity.
- The former Lorry Park and the smaller Long Stay car park (south of the Lorry Park) would be combined to provide a single Long Stay car park.

**Holly Hill Park Car Park, Barnes Lane, Sarisbury**

Currently parking is allowed for 24 hours, this needs to be amended to 4 hours maximum stay with no return for 4 hours.

The Council has received complaints from customers and a children's nursery nearby that work vans working in the area are staying in the car park all day taking up valuable parking bays for other customers visiting the location and country park.

### **Barnes Close Car Park, Sarisbury**

Introduce 4 hours limited wait with no return within 4 hours.

This car park is located on the other side from Holly Hill Park with 4 disabled bays and 6 normal parking bays. If limited waiting is introduced in Holly Hill Car Park, this will push vehicles into this car park where there are currently no restrictions.

### **Broadcut Retail Park**

Introduce a 3 hours limited wait with no return within 5 hours.

This is a new car park for the parking order to cover. Complaints have been received from retailers that lease the units in this retail park, including Pure Gym, and customers that vehicles are being left in the car park all day and vehicles are parking in disabled parking bays with no valid Blue Badge.

### **Cams Alders Car Park**

Introduce a 4 hour limited wait with no return within 4 hours

This is by the Rainbow Centre in Cams Alders, it is a new car park for the parking order to cover. Complaints have been received from residents in Highfield Avenue that vehicles are being stored in the small section of the car park, and the Council has evidence of vehicles without road tax frequently being stored there. This will also support the football club, the Rainbow Centre and other visitors who wish to make use of the car park.

### **Leigh Road Car Park**

Introduce a 4 hour limited wait at all times (currently 24 hour wait on Saturdays).

This to ensure a good turnover of spaces when the car park is busy.

### **Burridge Village Hall Car Park (Main)**

Currently parking is allowed for 4 hours with no return within 2 hours.

Complaints have been received from users of this car park that it is used by non-Village Hall users for long periods of time. To reduce the opportunity for this it is proposed to introduce a maximum period of stay of 2 hours with no return to the car park within 2 hours.