

CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL

(OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES, NORTHWICH)

(ANDERTON AND MARBURY PARK CAR PARK VARIATION) ORDER 2026

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council proposes to make the above Order in exercise of its powers under sections 32 and 35 of, and Part IV of Schedule 9 to, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The Council considers that it is appropriate to vary the Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council (Off-Street Parking Places, Northwich) Order 2018 in respect of Anderton Car Park and Marbury Park Car Park for the following reasons.

1. Effective Management of Parking Places

The Council has a duty to ensure that its off-street parking places are managed effectively, fairly, and consistently. The proposed variation will formalise charging arrangements and operational controls at Anderton Car Park and Marbury Park Car Park, ensuring that parking provision is managed in an orderly manner for the benefit of all users.

2. Turnover and Availability of Parking

Introducing clearly defined charging periods and controls assists in regulating the demand for parking spaces, promoting appropriate turnover and helping to ensure that spaces remain available for visitors, residents, and local activity.

3. Consistency, Clarity, and Enforceability

The proposed Order will provide clarity as to the conditions under which vehicles may park, including hours of operation, charging periods, and applicable exemptions. Formalising these provisions within a Traffic Regulation Order supports consistent enforcement and provides transparency to users of the car parks.

4. Disabled Parking Provision

The Order will support the appropriate use of disabled persons' parking bays and ensure these spaces remain available for those who are entitled to use them. This contributes to accessibility objectives and the fair allocation of parking resources.

5. Safety and Amenity

By enabling the enforcement of designated bays, including those for specific uses or vehicle classes, and addressing vehicles parked outside marked bays, the Order helps to maintain safe circulation within car parks and protects the amenity of the parking places.

6. Proper Use of Council Assets

The introduction and management of charging arrangements also ensure that Council-managed assets are operated responsibly and sustainably, contributing to the maintenance and operation of parking facilities.

For these reasons, the Council considers that the proposed variation to the Order is necessary and expedient.