**The Borough of Great Yarmouth**

**(Off-Street Parking Places) (Lorry and Coach Parking Places) and (Residential Parking Places)** **Consolidation and Variation Order 2025**

**Statement of Reasons for Making the Order**

The Borough Council of Great Yarmouth propose to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which will consolidate The Borough of Great Yarmouth (Off-Street Parking Places) (Lorry and Coach Parking Places) and (Residential Parking Places) Civil Enforcement (No 2) Order 2014 (hereinafter the 2014 Order) and all related orders and variations (which will become revoked on the commencement of this Order). This consolidation and variation aim to:

1. **Revise the designation and use of parking places**: This includes the addition of new Electric Vehicle Parking Bays and the introduction of charging points at several car parks in Great Yarmouth and Gorleston-on-Sea.
2. **Implement staff parking**: Staff parking will be introduced at the Great Yarmouth Borough Council offices at Catalyst House and Novus Centre, with specific provisions for public use.
3. **Update legislative references and definitions**: The Order will make typographical corrections, remove superfluous wording, update legislative references, and clarify existing definitions to comply with current legislation.
4. **Update charges and maximum periods of stay**: The scale of charges and the maximum period of stay for different types of parking bays will be updated, with specific provisions for Electric Vehicle Parking Bays.
5. **Introduce new prohibitions and restrictions**: Prohibitions on activities such as cooking, advertising, and skateboarding in parking places will be added. Restrictions on the use of parking places by specific types of vehicles will be clarified.
6. **Revise procedures for suspension and relocation**: Procedures for the suspension of parking places and the relocation or removal of abandoned vehicles will be revised.
7. **Clarify Council's liability and responsibilities**: The Council's liability and responsibilities regarding the use of parking places will be clarified, including provisions for the display and retention of electronic documentation as evidence of payment.
8. **Amend charging period at Caister Car Park:** The charging period for Caister Car Park to be amended to between 08:00am and 04:00pm. This would replace the current charging period which is between 08:00am and 09:00pm
9. **Middlegate Car Park to be removed from the Order**

The proposal to make the Order is therefore made because it appears to the Borough Council that it is expedient to do so in accordance with Sub-Section 1(c) of Section 32(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984.

1 (c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians);

“32(1) Where for the purpose of relieving or preventing congestion of traffic it appears to a local authority to be necessary to provide within their area suitable parking places for vehicles,”