

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 as amended  
LOCAL AUTHORITIES' TRAFFIC ORDERS (PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND AND  
WALES) REGULATIONS 1996 as amended.**

**SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**THE SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL (OFF-STREET PARKING  
PLACES) (VARIATION) ORDER 2015**

**STATEMENT OF REASONS**

1. The car park known as "The Elms" in Framlingham is deleted as it is no longer managed and enforced by Suffolk Coastal District Council.
2. The Wickham Market Town Team have carried out extensive investigations and consultations and requested that the car parks are managed differently. Most of their requests have been granted resulting in:
  - The car park "Chapel Lane" being amended from tariff code 3 to 21. This has the effect of introducing short-stay charges. Capacity is insufficient and being uncharged the car park is often full. The lack of spaces causes problems for visitors to the amenities such as the Doctors, Library and Resource Centre. There will be 6 specially designated spaces for Doctors' vehicles and one space each for staff at the Library and Resource Centre. The residents of Richard Kitson Court who have cars will be issued with free permits. The spaces reserved for Richard Kitson Court residents will revert to unreserved as will no longer be necessary. For users who buy tickets the maximum stay will be 2 hours.
  - Tariff Code 21 being added set at free for the first hour then £1 for 1-2 hours.
  - Tariff code 15 being changed to free for the first half hour and £1 for up to 2 hours (the maximum stay permitted). This applies to The Hill short-stay. The charging times are to be brought back into line to the standard 8:00-18:00.
  - Tariff code 14 being changed to free for the first hour, £1 for up to 4 hours and £1.50 for 4+ hours. This applies to The Hill long-stay. The charging times are to be brought back into line to the standard 8:00-18:00.
  - A special monthly £10 season ticket to be made available, valid in The Hill long-stay car park only. It will be available to buy from local designated outlets. It is expected that this will be attractive to workers in the village who regularly park in various locations including Chapel Lane car park.
  - The Village Hall car park being added, with tariff code 3. The Village Hall and its car park are owned by the Parish Council. The car park should only be used by people using the village hall, the recreational and recycling facilities, but it is currently abused. Inclusion in the Traffic Regulation Order is to enable management to be performed as deemed necessary by the Parish Council.

3. Tariff code 1 is amended by the addition of a 1 hour period at a price of £1. A cheaper/shorter tariff is being introduced in response to requests to allow people to use the car parks for visits shorter than the current minimum of 4 hours for £2. This affects 3 car parks (Thorpe Road and Fort Green in Aldeburgh plus Thorpeness Beach).
4. The car park called "Felixstowe Leisure Centre Extension" is added with tariff code 8 (the same as Felixstowe Leisure Centre). The area that used to be a boating lake will be redeveloped as a car park with the intention it can be closed off and used for events when required.