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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 21 March 2018 about the implementation of civil parking enforcement (CPE) in Suffolk.

On behalf of the Department for Transport (DfT), please accept my sincere apologies for our delay in formally responding to your letter; this was because we needed some time to explore the feasibility of your proposal.

We have now considered your proposal for Suffolk County Council to either approach private sector specialists or to provide its own legal resource to assist DfT with the drafting of the CPE designation order for Suffolk, which you suggest may enable us to expedite the making of this order in time for your desired commencement date of April 2019.

We thank you for this generous offer, but we regret that we are unable to accept. This is because additional legal resource would not affect the anticipated timescale for making the order.

As we have noted in previous correspondence, there are a number of exceptional pressures on the legislative timetable for this session of Parliament, including a very large number of essential Statutory Instruments which the Government has committed to delivering over the coming year and beyond.

The volume and urgency of this work has required the Department to make some difficult choices about what we will be able to deliver in the time available. The intense and competing demands on the Parliamentary timetable are such that there is simply not enough time for us to progress all of the legislation that we might ordinarily have done in previous years.

Suffolk County Council's request for a Statutory Instrument to enable the civil enforcement of parking contraventions across a number of Suffolk districts has been considered in that context, as has the impact you describe on Suffolk Constabulary, the county, district and borough councils, local businesses and the public. With regret, we have concluded that it will not be possible for us to bring forward this legislation in the timescale you seek, as doing so would require us to divert from essential and priority Statutory Instruments.

I would also like to explain that this approach has not been applied uniquely to Suffolk County Council. We have advised a number of other local authorities seeking CPE powers that we do not expect to be in a position to progress any applications during 2018. A range of other Statutory Instruments across the Department for Transport have also been postponed.

For the above reasons, the Department for Transport remains unable to progress your Statutory Instrument in time for April 2019.

As far as we are able to tell, this situation is unlikely to change in the coming months. We therefore recommend that Suffolk County Council should plan for alternative scenarios, if it has not already done so.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Ferguson', with a stylized, flowing script.

**Anthony Ferguson**

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