

**THE MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL
((OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2006) (AMENDMENT NO. 1) ORDER 2018**

Statement of Reasons

The District Council in exercise of their powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 propose to amend its (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2006 to allow more flexibility in types of payments accepted for the payment of parking charges

The Council will introduce a pay by phone, website and mobile app system, and the facility for the pay and display machines to accept credit or debit card payments, alongside its current payments by coin. This will allow motorists to park correctly without the need to 'go for change' or to carry lots of loose change. It will also allow motorist to extend their stay in the car parks up to the maximum time of stay.

Pay by phone, credit, and debit card systems have been used elsewhere in the County and this process is to include the appropriate descriptions in the District Council's Off Street Parking Places Order.

In addition to cashless parking, the District Council is amending its Order to allow the use of virtual season tickets within the car park. This is to allow the customer to make updates to their Season Tickets without the need to contact the Parking Offices, and will reduce the production of paper Season Tickets

It is also proposed to amend the (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2006 so that only plug-in Electric/Hybrid Vehicles will be permitted to use reserved bays for recharging as advertised in the relevant car park. This is to prevent non-electric/hybrid vehicles that do not need plugging in for recharging taking up vital spaces.

The District Council proposes to add small areas to the extent of some car parks to include verges etc that were previously not included within its extent.