

Kirklees Council

(Off Street Parking Places) (No.2) Order 2024

Statement of Reasons for proposing to make the Order

The Council has recently advertised proposals to introduce parking charges in the public car park in New Street, Slaithwaite. There are concerns that once introduced drivers visiting Slaithwaite may use the KAL car park at Colne Valley Leisure Centre as a free alternative which would compromise the effectiveness of the car park for users of the Leisure Centre.

To ensure the future effectiveness of the car park KAL and the Council have agreed that the car park will fall within the council's portfolio to enable enforcement of the restrictions operating in the car park to take place as well as to introduce parking charges.

The first 2 hours parking will be free which will mean that users of the Leisure Centre will benefit from this but beyond 2 hours then a parking charge will be payable and it has been agreed that the charges will be set at a slightly higher rate than those proposed for New Street Car Park thereby making that car park more attractive for visitors to Slaithwaite.

It is acknowledged that some residents use the car park and so residents of 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 40, 42 & 44 New Street will qualify for a permit to use in the car park.

This proposal will ensure the effectiveness of both car parks whilst also ensuring that the Leisure Centre remains a vibrant facility for users.