

## APPENDIX C

### STATEMENT OF REASONS

#### **SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT NO. 1) ORDER 2018**

The South Holland District Council (“the Council”) has given notice that it proposes to make the South Holland District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment No. 1) Order 2018 (“the Amending Order”).

#### **The Effect**

The effect of the Amending Order, if made, will be to amend the South Holland District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2012 so that payment may be required for parking by coin, or card, or mobile phone as appropriate and as advertised at each parking place. The amendment is required because the Council:

(a) has introduced card and cash machines at the Vine Street car park, Spalding to replace the existing cash only machines;

(b) proposes to introduce [card only] [card and cash] payment machines at the following car parks to replace the existing cash only machines:

Sheep Market - Spalding, PE11 1BE  
Victoria Street - Spalding PE11 1EA  
Holland Road - Spalding PE11 1UL  
Westlode Street - Spalding PE11 2AF (on behalf of Broadgate Homes)  
Winfrey Avenue - Spalding PE11 1DA  
The Vista - Spalding PE11 2RA  
Swimming Pool - Spalding PE11 1QD

(c) and may wish to add the option to pay parking charges by ‘any means advertised’ such as mobile phone in the future.

#### **Reasons for Making the Amending Order**

In December 2017 the car parking machine in Vine Street, Spalding was stolen with the loss of the car parking charges deposited within the machine. Providing other payment options reduces the risk of large amounts of cash being stolen from payment machines.

[The cost to the Council of collecting cash from the car parking machines throughout the District is approximately £20,000 per annum. Introducing card only payment machines will reduce the cost of cash collection.]

[Audit recommendations were raised for SHDC to ensure that ‘the level of unders and overs from car park income be monitored to ensure that they are not excessive’ and the provisions of card only machines will facilitate this recommendation with card payments which will ensure exact payment of car parking fees.]

It is considered that [card only payment machines] [giving an option to pay by card] will provide a more convenient way for car park users to pay without the need for users to carry loose change for the car park. As card machines also allow for payment by an app, users

can manage their car parking time better and stay longer as necessary without fear of car parking enforcement.

[It is acknowledged that some car park users may not have access to credit or debit cards and will therefore be unable to use car parks which require card only payment. The Council provides car parks in Spalding, Holbeach and Long Sutton. Car parks in Long Sutton and Holbeach are either free to use or currently remain cash inclusive and therefore no issues will arise from the proposals. In Spalding the card and cash machines will remain in the Vine Street, Herring Lane and Victoria Street car parks providing parking for those who do not have access to credit or debit cards, and parking in the Priory Road car park will remain free on Saturdays which will assist to mitigate the impact of the proposed changes.]