

## **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

### **SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT NO. 2) ORDER 2019**

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. 2) Order 2019 (“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 as to restrict vehicles other than electric vehicles from parking in electric vehicle charging bays, and to require electric vehicles to move out of electric vehicle charging bays once they have been charged.

The amendment is required because in the event the Council decides to add electric vehicle charging infrastructure to its car parks, it needs to ensure that such bays are used appropriately at sites which can support electric vehicle charging infrastructure:

- Vine Street
- Victoria Street
- Fishpond Lane

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

In the event the council decides it wishes to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure in its car parks, to support both current and future electric vehicle users, it would be unable to enforce against incorrect use of these spaces. This would mean individuals with electric vehicles would not be able to charge their vehicles in our car parks, causing a loss of income to the council.

The number of electric vehicles bought in the UK has risen in the last two years. The Government has committed to ending the sale of new conventional petrol and diesel cars and vans by 2040, and it is necessary to ensure that the right infrastructure is in place to support drivers of electric vehicles. The provision of electric charging bays within the car parks detailed above will go some way to providing this infrastructure, and will assist in the reduction of carbon emissions and tackle air quality