

Dear Clerk to the Council,

**Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) is coming to South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse and Cherwell Districts.**

Over the past year, Oxfordshire County Council, in partnership with South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse and Cherwell District Councils has been progressing with a project to allow Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) to be implemented across South, Vale and Cherwell Districts. This is where powers to enforce parking contraventions transfers from the Police to the County Council. It is expected CPE will bring a number of benefits to residents, businesses and other road users, including increased compliance of parking restrictions and less blocking of major traffic routes by parked vehicles.

When the changes come into effect, parking enforcement in South, Vale and Cherwell Districts will be managed on the County Councils behalf by Conduent Parking Enforcement Solutions Ltd, who currently carry out on-street enforcement on behalf of the County Council within Oxford City. This service works well, and the County Council believes it can extend the current operations with minimal disruption and costs.

What can be enforced via CPE

Under the new powers, Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) will be able to enforce the majority of restrictions where traffic orders and regulatory signs and lines are in place, for example double yellow lines or disabled bays. It should be noted however, that currently problems such as footway parking are not automatically enforceable unless there are formal restrictions in place (via a traffic order). This may change in the future as the Department for Transport have recently consulted on the issue of whether to make footway parking an 'automatic' offence.

How can I feed into CPE?

With the rollout of CPE, local intelligence will be essential in ensuring enforcement is directed to the right locations and we welcome input from councillors, local residents and businesses on parking in their areas where vehicles parking illegally maybe causing a hazard or safety issue.

If you are aware of areas where parking enforcement is an issue, please contact the Parking Team via **CPEenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk** and Officers will pass the information across our enforcement teams who will be developing deployment plans for the new areas.

Request for Parking Restriction Amendments and New Restrictions

Our aim is to ensure the right restrictions, are in the right places and can be actively enforced. This may require changes to existing restrictions or new restrictions being considered. We expect that initially there will be high demand for amendments to be introduced and to manage this demand, requests will need to be prioritised.

A key aspect of proposals being successfully progressed is funding and any start-up costs would need to be externally funded through either the parish/town, district councils or via developer contributions.

At this stage we are logging interest to understand the level of resources required to bring forward schemes once CPE is operational. We would welcome your feedback and local knowledge on this, and if you believe there is support and interest for formal parking restrictions or changes to existing lines, please send the details to us by email, confirming whether any funding has been identified or prior consultations carried out with residents: **CPEenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk**

### Public Engagement

To make the public aware of the changes to parking enforcement, from September we will be rolling out a comprehensive publicity campaign. Our aim is to advise motorists ahead of time of the importance of complying with parking restrictions, so they avoid the risk of being issued with a parking ticket.

**Part of the campaign to raise awareness includes writing to key organisations across South, Vale and Cherwell districts, and in doing so we hope that you can also assist us in relaying information to the general public. We have attached a digital leaflet which you may wish to circulate, if you require physical leaflets please email us at: CPEenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk**

More information is available on the County Council's website however we expect that Civil Parking Enforcement in South, Vale and Cherwell districts will start from the **1<sup>st</sup> November 2021**. Warning notices will be issued from this date to raise awareness before full implementation takes place in January 2022.

If you would like further information or to discuss the matter, please do not hesitate to contact the parking team at [CPEenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:CPEenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,



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