



**The Borough Council of Calderdale (On-Street Waiting, Loading and Parking) Consolidation Order
2024 (Variation No. X) Order 20XX**

Statement of Reasons

The Borough Council of Calderdale proposes making the above Order to introduce a number of on-street parking restrictions on various roads in Hebden Bridge and Todmorden, in accordance with recommendations set out in a report approved by the Council's Cabinet in 2023.

The Review of Parking Charges report was approved by Cabinet on 7th August 2023. The report is in line with the Council's previous decision that two yearly reviews of car parking charges should be undertaken and sets out measures to respond to these issues. The contents of the report support the Parking Strategy, the Climate Emergency that was declared in 2019, and wider supporting strategies, including the Air Quality Strategy and ongoing Transportation initiatives to encourage active travel. These strategies all recognise the importance of good parking management and charging policy in positively influencing travel behaviour.

The above Order proposes the following restrictions:

Central Street area, Hebden Bridge: changes to existing parking restrictions

For some time now, Central Street, Hilton Street, Fielding Street and Salem Street have had some problems with parking. These problems are generally caused by vehicle congestion, often from businesses, shoppers, and/or commuters. Although a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) exists to control parking, some of the associated signing and lining has been missing for some time, hence some restrictions have not been enforced. Historically, these were missing due to the surface condition of the road, but some restrictions were not remarked following the resurfacing/adoption of the road(s), which was completed in 2017/18. As a result, indiscriminate parking takes place, which can make access difficult for other vehicles and unsafe for pedestrians, particularly school children attending the local infant & nursery school. To improve parking practices in this area, we are proposing to standardise restrictions in this area.

Following Cabinet's approval to introduce parking charges on some of these streets, the Council is also taking the opportunity to review the restrictions to ensure that they balance the needs for all road users and parking enforcement can be undertaken throughout this key town centre location. The removal of parking on Market Street itself in 2023 has also seen the demand for the existing space increase, resulting in the need for enforcement.

Holme Street, Hebden Bridge

Holme Street currently offers long stay pay and display parking along with a limited waiting bay. These restrictions have been in place since 2005 and don't necessarily fulfil the current local

demand for short stay visits to the immediate shops/post office/school. It is proposed to amend all these existing spaces to short stay pay and display spaces which will be more consistent with the surrounding streets (same restriction as Crown Street, Albert Street, Cheetham Street and Carlton Street). It is proposed to standardise these restrictions on both sides of the road.

Hangingroyd Lane, Hebden Bridge

It has been identified that there are a handful of access points on Hangingroyd Lane that are not protected against vehicle parking causing obstruction to private property. To improve access, the Council is proposing to standardise these areas with double yellow lines.

Also identified was a break in pay and display restriction due to a historic car park access point which is no longer required. The Council proposes to standardise this gap to fit with immediate pay and display restriction.

Station Approach, Todmorden

Station Approach currently offers free, unrestricted parking (without time limit) and is within very close proximity to Todmorden Rail Station. The Railway Station car park offers free parking for customers and is managed privately.

In support of wider transportation, environmental and active travel policies, and to be consistent with other public commuter car parks located near Railway Stations, the Council is proposing to introduce pay and display long stay parking restrictions to manage the supply of, and demand for kerb space.

The Council considers it expedient to make the above Order:-

- i. for facilitating the passage on the road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians);
- ii. for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs; and
- iii. for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality).

Thorough consideration has been given to the factors set out in Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in proposing the Order. This requires the local authority to secure the expeditious, convenient, and safe movement of traffic (including pedestrians). In carrying out this exercise the Council must have regard to the:

- a) Desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises.
- b) The effect on the amenities of any locality effected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the road(s) run.
- c) The strategy prepared under Section 80 of the Environment Act 1995 (the national air quality strategy).
- d) The importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles.
- e) Any other matters appearing to the local authority to be relevant.