



**WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Wokingham Borough Council (Park and Ride Parking Places) (Civil Parking Enforcement) Order 2024

Wokingham Borough Council proposes to make the above-named order to formalise park and ride car parks in the borough .

The effect of the Order will be to designate Thames Valley Park & Ride (Maiden Erleigh and Whitegates), Winnersh Park & Ride (Winnersh) and Coppid Beech Park & Ride (Wescott) as formal Park and Ride parking places within the borough. The order also seek to incorporate the parking restrictions at these locations into one Traffic Regulation to make them easier to enforce.

Winnersh Park and Ride was the first to be introduced, it was originally managed by Reading buses , following its successful operation, executive member decision was obtained in 2023 to expand it into Thames Valley Car park and also introduce a similar one in Coppid Beech, The use of these parking places for park and ride will help reduce traffic congestion in town centre locations, improve journey times and air quality in and around town centre locations, thereby supporting the Councils objective of promoting sustainable travel.

The changes are considered by the Council to be necessary to facilitate the passage of traffic. The measures have been subject to consultations with local councillors representing the areas and the Police.

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