

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS)
(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING
PLACES) (CONVERSION) ORDER 2007

Staffordshire County Council in exercise of its powers under sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 47, 49, 53, 124 (1) (d) and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (the Act of 1984) as amended and the Road Traffic Act 1991 (the Act of 1991) and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order.

SECTION 1 – PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. This Order shall come into operation of the 1st day of October 2007 and may be cited as the Staffordshire County Council (Staffordshire Moorlands) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2007.
2. The Staffordshire County Council (Staffordshire Moorlands) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) Plans (the "Plans") are incorporated into this Order.

Interpretation

3. In this Order, except where the context otherwise required, the following expressions have the meaning hereby respectively assigned to them:

"Council" means Staffordshire County Council and includes any parking services contractors or authorised agent appointed by or acting on behalf of the Council for the purposes of any function under the provisions of this Order;

"clearway" means the main carriageway of any of the sides or lengths of roads specified in the plans where stopping is prohibited during the restricted hours provided that the expression clearway shall not include any parking place or lay-by;

"disabled person's badge" has the same meaning as in the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (England) Regulations 2000;

"disabled persons vehicle" means a vehicle displaying in the relevant position a disabled persons badge and which has been used immediately before or is about to be used by the person(s) in respect of whom the badge has been issued;

"driver" in relation to a vehicle waiting in a restricted area, means the person driving the vehicle at the time it was left in the restricted waiting area;

"enactment" means any enactment, whether public, general or local, and includes any order, byelaw rule, regulation, scheme or other instrument having effect by virtue of an enactment;

"goods" means goods of any kind whether animate or inanimate and includes postal packets of any description and "delivering" and "collecting" in relation to any goods includes checking the goods for the purpose of their delivery or collection;

"goods vehicle" means a motor vehicle which is constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of goods or burden of any description the weight of which does not exceed 1.5 tonnes, the length of which does not exceed 5.5 metres and the width of which does not exceed 2.0 metres and is not drawing a trailer;

"hackney carriage" has the same meaning as in Section 38 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847;

"invalid carriage" has the same meaning as that in S 136 of the Act of 1984;

"lay-by" in relation to a main carriageway means any area of a highway at the side of the main carriageway but not part of it and marked in accordance with the Traffic Signs and General Directions 2002 intended for the waiting of vehicles,

"loading area" means any of the sides or lengths of roads specified on the Plans where activities other than loading are prohibited;

"main carriageway" means that part of a public highway used primarily for through traffic provided that the expression main carriageway shall not include any lay-by;

"motor-cycle" has the same meaning as that in S136 of the Act of 1984;

"no loading hours" means in relation to any no loading road the hours during which loading and unloading is restricted on the Plans;

"no loading road" means any of the sides or lengths of roads specified on the Plans where loading is prohibited provided that the expression "no loading road" shall not include any parking place;

"no stopping hours" means in relation to any no stopping road the hours during which stopping is restricted on the Plans;

"no stopping road" means any of the sides or lengths of roads (including clearways) specified on the Plans where stopping is prohibited provided that the expression "no stopping road" shall not include any parking place;

"one-way street" means a highway in which the driving of vehicles otherwise than in one direction is prohibited;

"owner" in relation to a vehicle, means the person by whom such vehicle is kept and used. In determining who was the owner at any time it shall be presumed that the owner was the person named in the vehicle registration document as the registered keeper of the vehicle or the person who has the use of such vehicle in the course of his / her employment and who is entitled to use such vehicle as though he / she were the registered keeper thereof;

"parking attendant" means a person employed in accordance with section 63A of the Act of 1984 to carry out the functions therein;

"parking disc" has the same meaning as in the Local Authorities Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons)(England) Regulations 2000;

"parking place" means an area of a highway designated by this Order for the waiting of vehicles of specific classes and marked in accordance with the Traffic Signs and General Directions 2002;

"passenger vehicle" means a motor vehicle (other than a motor-cycle or invalid carriage) constructed or adapted solely for the carriage of not more than twelve passengers (exclusive of the driver) and their effects and not drawing a trailer;

"pay and display ticket machine" means an apparatus of a type approved by the Secretary of State for issuing a ticket indicating the payment of a charge, the date on which the ticket is valid and the time by which the vehicle is required to leave the parking place;

"pay and display ticket" means a ticket issued by a pay and display ticket machine relevant to the parking place in which a vehicle has been left;

"pensionable age" means in the case of a woman, the age of 60 and in the case of a man, the age of 65;

"permit" means a permit issued by the Council under the provisions of this Order;

"permit holder" means a person to whom a permit has been issued under the provisions of this Order;

"permitted hours" means the periods specified for each parking place during which waiting by vehicles of a specific class is permitted as specified on the Plans;

"prohibited hours" means in relation to any prohibited road the hours during which waiting or loading is prohibited as specified on the Plans;

"prohibited road" means any of the sides or lengths of roads specified on the Plans where waiting is prohibited provided that the expression "prohibited road" shall not include any parking place;

"relevant position" in respect of: -

- (a) a disabled person's badge and parking disc has the same meaning as in the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (England) Regulations 2000;
- (b) a permit means exhibited on the windscreen, dashboard or fascia of the vehicle or, where the vehicle does not have a windscreen, dashboard or fascia, in a conspicuous position on the vehicle so that the whole of the information on the front of the permit is clearly legible from outside the vehicle; and
- (c) a pay and display ticket means exhibited on the windscreen, dashboard or fascia of the vehicle or, where the vehicle does not have a windscreen, dashboard or fascia, in a conspicuous position on the vehicle so that the whole of the information on the front of the ticket is clearly legible from outside the vehicle;

"restricted hours" means in relation to any restricted road the hours during which waiting is restricted as specified on the Plans;

"restricted road" means any of the sides or lengths of roads specified on the Plans where waiting is restricted or specific activities are restricted during the restricted hours provided that the expression "restricted road" shall not include any parking place;

"taxi rank" means an area of carriageway which is comprised within and indicated by a road marking complying with diagram 1028.2 in the Traffic Signs and General Directions 2002;

"telecommunication system" has the same meaning as in the Telecommunications Act 1984 (c.12);

"waiver certificate" means a certificate issued by or on behalf of the Council for the purposes of this Order permitting a specified vehicle to wait in specified circumstances on a length or lengths of road where the waiting of that vehicle would otherwise be restricted or prohibited.

4. Any reference in this Order to a numbered Article shall, unless the context requires otherwise, be construed as a reference to the Article bearing that number in this Order and any reference to a Plan is a reference to a Plan incorporated into this Order.
5. Any reference in this Order to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended, applied, consolidated, re-enacted by or as having effect by virtue of any subsequent enactment.

SECTION 2 – PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING

Prohibition of waiting

6. Save as provided in Articles 13 to 18, and 20 no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police officer in uniform, cause or permit any vehicle to wait at any time on any prohibited road as specified on the Plans.

Restriction of waiting

7. Save as provided in Articles 13 to 18, and 20 no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police officer in uniform, cause or permit any vehicle to wait on any restricted road during the restricted hours as specified on the Plans.

Limited waiting

8. Save as provided in Articles 13 to 17, 19 and 20 no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police officer in uniform, cause or permit any vehicle to wait on any restricted road in respect of which there is specified on the Plans a period during the restricted hours in which waiting is allowed,
- (a) for a period longer than specified on the Plans, or
 - (b) if a period less than that specified on the Plans as being the period in which the vehicle shall not return has elapsed since a previous period of waiting by the same vehicle on the same side of length of road.

Loading areas

9. Save as provided in Articles 13 to 15 and 17 no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police officer in uniform, cause or permit any vehicle to wait during the restricted hours in any loading area specified on the Plans unless it is of the specified class and except for the loading or unloading of goods in connection with adjoining trade or business premises.
10. Where there is specified in the Plans a maximum period during the restricted hours for which loading or unloading is permitted, no person shall, except upon the

direction or with the permission of a police officer in uniform, cause or permit any vehicle to wait on any loading area,

- (c) for a period longer than specified on the Plans, or
- (d) if a period less than that specified on the Plans as being the period in which the vehicle shall not return has elapsed since a previous period of waiting by the same vehicle on the same side of length of road.

Restriction on loading and unloading

- 11. Save as provided in Articles 13 to 14 and 17 no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police officer in uniform, cause or permit any vehicle to wait for the purpose of enabling goods to be loaded to or unloaded from the vehicle on any no loading road during the no loading hours as specified on the Plans.

Restriction on stopping

- 12. Save as provided in Articles 13 to 14 no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police officer in uniform, cause or permit any vehicle to stop on any no stopping road or clearway during the no stopping hours as specified on the Plans.

Emergencies

- 13. Nothing in Articles 6 to 12 of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to wait in any of the roads, lengths of road or on the sides of road or loading areas specified therein for so long as may be necessary to enable the vehicle to be used in an emergency for fire and rescue, ambulance or police purposes:

General exemptions

14. Nothing in Articles 6 to 12 of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to wait in any of the roads, lengths of road or on the sides of road or loading areas specified therein for so long as may be necessary to enable:
- (a) the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road, to be used in connection with any of the following operations, namely:-
 - (i) building, shop fitting, industrial or demolition operations;
 - (ii) the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
 - (iii) the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the said lengths or sides of road; and
 - (iv) the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or on land adjacent to the said lengths or sides of road of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telecommunications system,
 - (b) the vehicle, not being a passenger carrying vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purposes in any other road, to be used in the service of a local authority or its contractors in pursuance of that authority's statutory powers or duties;
 - (c) the vehicle of the Royal Mail or other universal service provider (as defined in section 4(3) and (4) of the Postal Services Act 2000) to be used for the purpose of delivering and/or collecting mail;
 - (d) in any case where the person in control of the vehicle,
 - (i) is required by law to stop;
 - (ii) is obliged to stop so as to prevent an accident, or
 - (iii) is prevented from proceeding by circumstances outside his/her control;

Loading and unloading

15. Nothing in Articles 6 to 9 of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to wait in any of the roads, lengths of road or on the sides of road or loading

areas specified therein for so long as may be necessary to enable goods to be loaded to or unloaded from a vehicle (or goods or merchandise to be delivered or collected).

Boarding and alighting

16. Nothing in Articles 6 to 8 of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to wait in any of the roads, lengths of road or on the sides of road specified therein for so long as may be necessary to enable a person to board or alight from the vehicle.

Waiver certificate

17. Nothing in Articles 6 to 12 shall prevent any person from causing or permitting a vehicle to wait in any prohibited or restricted road if it is displaying in the relevant position a valid waiver certificate issued by the Council and the vehicle is waiting in accordance with the terms and conditions of the said permit or certificate.

Waiting by disabled persons' vehicle

18. Nothing in Articles 6 to 7 shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a disabled person's vehicle which displays in the relevant position a disabled person's badge and a parking disc, on which the driver or other person in charge of the vehicle has marked the time at which the period of waiting began, to wait in a prohibited road or a restricted road for a period not exceeding three hours (not being a period separated by an interval of less than one hour from a previous period of waiting by the same vehicle in the same length of road or on the same side of road on the same day):
Provided that the vehicle immediately before or after the act of parking has been or is about to be driven or used by the person to whom the badge has been issued or, as the case may be, used for the carrying of disabled person(s) as passenger(s).

19. Nothing in Article 8 shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a disabled person's vehicle which displays in the relevant position a disabled person's badge to wait on the sides of roads where waiting is permitted:
Provided that the vehicle immediately before or after the act of parking has been or is about to be driven or used by the person to whom the badge has been issued or, as the case may be, used for the carrying of disabled person(s) as passenger(s).

Taxi ranks

20. Nothing in Articles 6 to 8 shall prevent any person from causing or permitting a licensed hackney carriage to wait in any duly authorised taxi rank during the period of operation specified on the Plans.
21. No person shall cause or permit a hackney carriage to wait on a hackney carriage stand during the period of operation other than for the purpose of plying for hire.
22. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait on a hackney carriage stand outside the period of operation of the hackney carriage stand as specified on the plans.

Waiver certificate

23. The Council may issue a waiver certificate on receipt of written application with at least 5 days working notice and may impose terms and conditions as appropriate.
24. A waiver certificate may be cancelled at any time at the sole discretion of the Council and shall thereupon immediately cease to be valid. Notification of such cancellation shall be in writing to the holder of the certificate at any address that the Council believes to be that person's address and the certificate shall forthwith be surrendered to the Council.

SECTION 3 – PARKING PLACES

Pay and display parking places

Designation of pay and display parking places

25. The parts of roads identified as pay and display parking places on the Plans are hereby designated to be used subject to the following provisions of this Order as pay and display parking places and may be used subject to the provisions of this Order on such days and during such hours as are specified on the Plans.
26. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait in a pay and display parking place during the permitted hours unless it is of the specified class and there is displayed on that vehicle in the relevant position a pay and display ticket valid for that time and for that parking place.

Classes of vehicles for which parking places are designated

27. Subject to the provisions of this Order, parking places may be used during the permitted hours for the leaving of passenger vehicles, goods vehicles, motor cycles, disabled persons' vehicles and invalid carriages.

Maximum period of waiting

28. Save as provided in Articles 39 and 40, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to remain in a pay and display parking place for longer than the maximum period specified for that parking place in Schedule 1.

Ticket machines to be installed at pay and display parking places

29. The Council will –
 - (a) install in such positions at or in the vicinity of a parking place as it may think fit such pay and display ticket machines as are required by this Order for the purposes of that parking place; and

- (b) carry out such other work as is authorised by this Order or is reasonably required for the purposes of the satisfactory operation of a parking place.

Payment

- 30. The driver of a vehicle using a parking place shall, upon leaving the vehicle in the pay and display parking place, and on payment of a charge, purchase a pay and display ticket at the level of charge and for the period required in accordance with the scale of charges specified in Schedule 1.
- 31. If at the time when a vehicle is left during the permitted hours in a parking place and the nearest pay and display ticket machine is out of order, then a pay and display ticket shall be obtained from another pay and display ticket machine relative to that parking zone (where provided).

Means of payment

- 32. The charge referred to in the preceding Articles shall be payable by the insertion of an appropriate coin, coins or banknotes, or other approved method of payment together making up the amount of the charge into the pay and display ticket machine relative to the pay and display parking place in which the vehicle has been left.

Display of ticket

- 33. The driver of the vehicle shall
 - (i) display the pay and display ticket issued on payment of the charge in the relevant position on the vehicle in respect of which it was purchased, and
 - (ii) ensure that a pay and display ticket is displayed during the entire period that the vehicle is parked in the parking place.

Validity of Pay and Display Tickets

34. A pay and display ticket is not transferable from one vehicle to another.
35. A pay and display ticket is valid only in the parking zone in respect of which it was issued. This is defined by the identification on the pay and display ticket machine located in respect of that parking zone and the information printed on the pay and display ticket.

Expiry of parking period

36. The expiry of the period for which the charge has been paid shall be when the time shown on the clock of the issuing pay and display ticket machine is later than the time exhibited on the pay and display ticket displayed on the vehicle.

No ticket displayed

37. If at any time while a vehicle is left in a parking place no pay and display ticket is displayed on that vehicle in the relevant position, it shall be judged that the charge has not been paid.

Restriction on removal of tickets and permits

38. Where a pay and display ticket or residents permit has been attached to a vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Article 33 no person, not being the driver of the vehicle, shall remove the ticket from the vehicle unless authorised to do so by the driver.

Exemptions from payment of daily charge

39. No daily charge shall be payable in respect of a vehicle left during the permitted hours in a pay and display parking place when there is on all the ticket machines relative to that parking place a notice placed by any person duly authorised by the

Council indicating that the said ticket machine is out of order or that parking charges have been suspended for a specified period and on suspended days provided that the vehicle is removed within the maximum period of waiting specified for that parking place on the Plans and on street.

40. No daily charge is payable in respect of a vehicle displaying in the relevant position a valid disabled persons badge or waiver certificate provided that the vehicle is being used in accordance with the conditions applying to the said badge or certificate.

Motor cycle parking places

Designation of motor cycle parking places

41. The parts of roads identified as such on the Plans are hereby designated to be used subject to the following provisions of this Order as parking places for motor cycles and may be used subject to the provisions of this Order on such days and during such hours as are specified on the Plans.
42. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait in a motor cycle parking place during the permitted hours unless it is a motor cycle.

Disabled person's parking places

Designation of disabled person's parking places

43. The parts of roads identified as parking places for disabled person's badge holders on the Plans are hereby designated to be used subject to the following provisions of this Order as parking places for disabled person's badge holders and may be used subject to the provisions of this Order on such days and during such hours as are specified on the Plans.

44. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait in a parking place for disabled person's badge holders during the permitted hours unless there is displayed on that vehicle in the relevant position a valid disabled person's badge.

Maximum period of waiting

45. Save as provided in Article 60, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to remain in a parking place for disabled person's badge holders for longer than the maximum period specified for that parking place in the Plans.
Provided that the vehicle immediately before or after the act of parking has been or is about to be driven or used by the person to whom the badge has been issued or, as the case may be, used for the carrying of disabled person(s) as passenger(s).
46. Where as indicated on the Plans there is a limit on the time of stay on a parking place for disabled person's badge holders, the driver of a vehicle shall upon leaving the vehicle in the parking place for disabled person's badge holders, display in the relevant position a disabled person's badge and a parking disc, on which has been marked the time at which the period of waiting began and shall remove that vehicle from the said parking place within the maximum time specified.
47. Where a period within which a vehicle must not be left again in the parking place for disabled person's badge holders is specified in the Plans, no person shall permit or cause the vehicle to wait again in that parking place until the expiry of that specified period.

General conditions in respect of parking places

Manner of standing in a parking place

48. Every vehicle left in a pay and display, disabled person's and residents permit holders only parking place in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Order shall stand:

- (i) if the parking place is in a one-way street, so that the vehicle is facing according to the direction of the traffic flow and adjacent to the edge of the carriageway;
- (ii) if the parking place is not in a one-way street, so that the left or near side of the vehicle is adjacent to the left-hand edge of the carriageway;
- (iii) so that the distance between the edge of the carriageway and the nearest wheel of the vehicle is not more than 300mm;
- (iv) so that no part of the vehicle obstructs any vehicular means of ingress to or egress from premises adjacent to the side of the road on which the vehicle is waiting; and
- (v) so that every part of the vehicle is within the limits of the parking place as marked on the carriageway.

Alteration of position of a vehicle in a parking place

49. Where any vehicle is standing in a parking place in contravention of the provisions of the preceding Article, a parking attendant or police officer in uniform may alter or cause to be altered the position of the vehicle in order that its position shall comply with those provisions.

Removal of a vehicle from a parking place

50. Where a parking attendant is of the opinion that any of the provisions contained in this Order have been contravened or not complied with in respect of a vehicle left in any part of a parking place, he / she may remove or cause to be removed the vehicle from the parking place and, where it is so removed, shall provide for the safe custody of the vehicle.

Movement of a vehicle in a parking place in an emergency

51. A police officer in uniform may move or cause to be moved or remove or cause to be removed, in case of emergency, to any place he / she thinks fit, any vehicle left in a parking place and shall provide for the safe custody of the vehicle.

Suspension of use of a parking place

52. (1) Any person duly authorised by the Council may suspend the use of a parking place or any part thereof whenever they consider such suspension reasonably necessary:
- (a) for the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting its safety;
 - (b) for the purpose of any building operation, demolition or excavation adjacent to the parking place, the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the highway or the cleansing of gullies in or adjacent to the parking place, the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or adjacent to the parking place or any sewer or of any main, pipe, or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telecommunications system or the placing, maintenance or removal of any traffic sign;
 - (c) for the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the parking place on any occasion of the removal of furniture to or from one office or dwelling-house adjacent to the parking place from or to a depositary, another office or dwelling-house;
 - (d) on any occasion on which it is likely by reason of some special attraction that any street will be thronged or obstructed: or
 - (e) for the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the parking place at times of weddings or funerals, or on other special occasions.
- (2) A police officer in uniform may suspend for not longer than twenty-four hours the use of a parking place or any part thereof whenever he / she considers such suspension reasonably necessary for the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting its safety.
- (3) Any person or police officer suspending the use of a parking place or any part thereof in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) or, as the case

may be, paragraph (2) of this Article shall thereupon place or cause to be placed in or adjacent to that parking place or part thereof a traffic sign indicating that waiting by vehicles is prohibited.

53. No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to be waiting in a parking place or any part thereof during which such period as the Council or a police officer has suspended that parking place or part thereof and exhibits notice of such suspension on or near that parking place.
54. Nothing in the preceding Article shall render it a contravention to cause or permit a vehicle to be left in a parking place which has been suspended, which displays in the relevant position a valid waiver certificate issued by the Council, and the vehicle is waiting in accordance with the terms and conditions of the said certificate.

Restrictions of the use of vehicles in a parking place

55. During the permitted hours no person shall use any parking place or any vehicle whilst it is in a parking place in connection with the sale or offering or exposing for sale any goods to any person in or near the parking place or in connection with the selling or offering for sale of their skill in handicraft or their services in any other capacity:
Providing that nothing in this Article shall prevent the sale of goods from a vehicle if the vehicle is a passenger vehicle, a goods carrying vehicle, a motorcycle or an invalid carriage and the goods are immediately delivered at or taken into premises adjacent to the vehicle from which the sale is effected and the vehicle does not wait for such longer period as a parking attendant may approve.
56. The driver of a motor vehicle using a parking place shall stop the engine as soon as the vehicle is in position in the parking place and shall not start the engine except when about to change the position of the vehicle in or to depart from the parking place.

57. No person shall use any part of a parking place or any vehicle left in a parking place:
- a. for sleeping or camping or cooking, or
 - b. for the purpose of servicing or washing any vehicle or part thereof other than is reasonably necessary to enable that vehicle to depart from the parking place.
58. The driver of a vehicle using a parking place shall not sound any horn or similar instrument except when about to change the position of the vehicle in or to depart from the parking place.
59. The driver of a vehicle shall not permit that vehicle to wait in a parking place unless the vehicle is licensed in pursuance of the provisions of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 and unless there is in relation to the use of the vehicle by the driver such a policy of insurance as complies with the requirements of Part VI of the Road Traffic Act 1988

Exemptions to restriction on waiting by a vehicle in a parking place

60. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Order any vehicle may wait during the permitted hours in any part of a parking place if the use of that part has not been suspended and if:
- (a) the vehicle is waiting for so long as may be necessary for the purpose of enabling any person to board or alight from a vehicle or load thereon or unload therefrom their personal luggage;
 - (b) the vehicle is waiting owing to the driver being prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond their control or to such waiting being necessary in order to avoid an accident;
 - (c) the vehicle is being used for fire and rescue, ambulance or police or, not being a passenger vehicle, is being used in the service of a local authority in pursuance of statutory powers or duties provided that in all the circumstances it is reasonably necessary in the exercise of such powers or

in the performance of such duties for the vehicle to wait in the place in which it is waiting;

- (d) the vehicle is waiting for so long as may be necessary to enable it to be used in connection with the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
- (e) the vehicle is waiting –
 - (i) while postal packets addressed to the premises adjacent to the parking place in which the vehicle is waiting are being unloaded from the vehicle or, having been unloaded therefrom, are being delivered; or
 - (ii) while postal packets are being collected for the loading on the vehicle from premises or posting boxes adjacent to the parking place in which the vehicle is waiting or, having been so collected, are being loaded thereon;
- (f) in any other case the vehicle is waiting for the purpose of delivering or collecting goods or loading or unloading the vehicle at premises adjacent to the parking place in which the vehicle is waiting and the vehicle does not wait for a period exceeding that as a parking attendant or police officer in uniform may approve.

Placing of traffic signs etc.

61. The Council shall:

- (a) place and maintain traffic signs indicating the limits of each parking place
- (b) place and maintain traffic signs of a design approved by the Secretary of State for the Department for Transport indicating that such parking places may be used during the permitted hours for the leaving only of the vehicles of the specified classes, and
- (c) carry out such other work as it reasonably required for the purposes of the satisfactory operation of a parking place.

SECTION 4 - CONTRAVENTION OF ORDER

Contravention

62. If a vehicle is left in a parking place during the permitted hours or in any road or length of road in contravention of, or without complying with, the requirements of this Order a contravention shall have occurred and a penalty charge shall be payable and/or the vehicle may be removed from that location.

Penalty charge notice

63. In the case of vehicles in respect of which a penalty charge may have been incurred, it shall be the duty of a parking attendant to attach to the vehicle in a conspicuous position a notice which shall include the following particulars:
- (a) the registration mark of the vehicle or, where the vehicle is being used under a trade licence, the number of the trade plate carried by the vehicle;
 - (b) the grounds on which the parking attendant believes that a penalty charge is payable in respect of that vehicle;
 - (c) the amount of penalty charge required to be paid;
 - (d) that if the penalty charge is paid before the end of the period of 14 days beginning with the date of the notice, the amount of the penalty charge will be reduced by the specified proportion or amount;
 - (e) that if the penalty charge is not paid before the end of the 28 day period a notice to owner may be served by the Council on the person appearing to be the owner of the vehicle; and
 - (f) the address to which payment of the penalty charge must be sent.

Manner of payment of penalty charge

64. The penalty charge shall be paid to the Council in the amount and manner prescribed in the Penalty Charge Notice within 28 days of its issue. Provided that, if

the said twenty eighth day falls upon a day on which the said office is closed, the period within which payment of the said charge shall be made to the Council shall be extended until 4.30 on the next full day on which the said office is open.

65. If the penalty charge is paid before the end of the period of 14 days beginning with the date of the notice, the amount of the penalty charge will be reduced by the specified proportion.
66. If the owner fails to pay the penalty charge by the end of the 28 day period, a notice of owner may be served; and if the charge is not paid within a further 28 days it may be increased by 50% on the issue of a charge certificate in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6 of schedule 6 of the 1991 Act.
67. Continuing failure to pay the penalty charge may result in a judgement in the County Court against the owner to enable the Council to recover the payments due.

Indications as evidence

68. The particulars given in the penalty charge notice attached to a vehicle in accordance with Article 63 shall be treated as evidence in any proceedings relating to failure to pay such penalty charge.

Restriction on removal of notices

69. Where a penalty charge notice has been attached to a vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Article 63 no person, not being the driver of the vehicle, a police officer in uniform, a parking attendant or some other person duly authorised by the Council shall remove the notice from the vehicle unless authorised to do so by the keeper of the vehicle.

Immobilisation

70. If a vehicle is left after a penalty charge has been incurred, a parking attendant in uniform or a person acting under his/her direction may attach to the vehicle an immobilisation device and a notice in accordance with the requirements of section 69(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1991 and that vehicle shall only be released from the device on payment of the penalty charge, or as the case may be reduced penalty charge, along with such release fee as may be required by the Council

Removal of vehicle

71. Where a parking attendant has removed or caused to be removed a vehicle in accordance with Articles 49 and 50,
- (a) he / she shall provide for the safe custody of the vehicle;
 - (b) the Council shall be entitled to recover from the person responsible such charges in respect of the removal, storage and disposal of the vehicle as it might prescribe from time to time;
 - (c) the provisions of the 1984 Act as amended shall apply to the disposal of such vehicles removed by or on behalf of the Council pursuant to this Article.
72. Nothing in Articles 49 and 50 shall apply in respect of a vehicle displaying in a relevant position a valid disabled person's badge.
73. The restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation from any restriction or requirements imposed by any regulations made or having effect as if made under the Act or by or under any other enactment.

SECTION 5 - REVOCATIONS

74. The Staffordshire County Council (Staffordshire Moorlands) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2007 is hereby revoked.

The common Seal of **THE STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL** was hereunto affixed to this deed 4 day of September 2007 in the presence of :-



07/211

J. Egan

Authorised signatory

SCHEDULE 1
PAY AND DISPLAY PARKING CHARGES

Market Place, Leek

Days and hours of operation of parking places	Charging hours	Maximum period of waiting	Parking charges
Monday to Saturday 8.00am to 6.00pm except (i) every Tuesday after 3.30pm (ii) every Wednesday and (iii) every Saturday	Monday to Saturday (excluding Christmas Day and Bank Holidays) 8.00am to 8.00pm	3 hours	8.00am to 9.30am - 0p 9.30am to 3.30pm - Up to 1 hour - 30p 1 to 2 hours - 50p 2 to 3 hours - 70p 3.30pm to 6.00pm - 0p