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Update notification: Buckinghamshire councils lift all parking charges and relax on-street restrictions to support communities during Coronavirus outbreak

****Update to PR 10992 issued on 26.03.20** For clarification please note that, for health and safety reasons, motorists must not park on double yellow lines. Wherever the location, motorists should park sensibly and safely and avoid their vehicles creating any obstruction.**

Amended release below:

All council car park charges have been lifted and on-street parking restrictions relaxed across Buckinghamshire.

The five existing councils have taken the unprecedented step to help support communities, key workers and volunteers during the Coronavirus outbreak.

The changes will mean all council car parks across the county will be completely free to use and most parking restrictions lifted. This includes parking on single yellow lines, limited waiting areas and in pay and display bays. Residents permits will also be extended by a month.

Restrictions on disabled parking and on double yellow lines will however remain in force and penalty tickets will continue to be issued for these offences.

Parking officers will continue patrolling the main routes, car parks, and residential areas to help deal with any obstructions to support emergency services, key workers, essential food deliveries and residents.

If any vehicle does cause an obstruction, officers will attempt to locate the owner via the permits database so that the vehicle can be moved to a safer place. If owners can't be located, vehicles will be towed to the nearest safe position. This will only be used as a last resort and will be to relocate vehicles, not remove them completely.

Leader of Buckinghamshire's Shadow Executive, Martin Tett said the new measures were sensible and appropriate given the circumstances. "With most people working from home, parking is at a premium, so this gives everyone more flexibility and should help keep routes clear. If you live near to a council car park, please feel free to use it if it's suitable.

"It should also make it easier for those key workers and volunteers who need to get around to help those most vulnerable in our communities."

Martin added: "My only plea to motorists is to park sensibly and safely for the benefit

of everyone and maintain social distancing. If we all pull together and use our common-sense, we can make a huge difference for those needing to get around in these testing and difficult times."

These changes will be regularly reviewed and may be amended in line with further government guidance.

Some car parks are closed overnight, so please check the following links for further details. Specific questions or queries can be sent to the relevant area e-mail addresses.

Aylesbury Area

<https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/car-parks>

Email: parking.ay@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Chiltern Area

<https://www.chiltern.gov.uk/carparks>

Email: parking.csb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

South Bucks Area

<https://www.southbucks.gov.uk/carparks>

Email: parking.csb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Wycombe Area

<https://www.wycombe.gov.uk/pages/Parking-and-transport/Parking/Car-park-map.aspx>

Email: parking.wyc@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

For information regarding on street parking, please contact parkingqueries@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

For assistance and the latest advice on coronavirus, please visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus

For further information please contact: For further information please contact: Aidan Shutter, on 01296 382444 or out of hours on 07825430978

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