

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 as amended  
LOCAL AUTHORITIES' TRAFFIC ORDERS (PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND AND WALES)  
REGULATIONS 1996 as amended.**

**SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**THE SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES)  
ORDER 2008**

**STATEMENT OF REASONS.**

1. Suffolk Coastal District Council operates public car parks throughout its District, in exercise of and in accordance with powers contained in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.
2. The purposes of providing car parks is to assist traffic management, by providing facilities off-street for car parking and also to support and enhance the economic activity of the District, and to seek to protect its environment.
3. The management and operation of public car parks requires maintenance, the provision of lighting and safety features, as well as staff to monitor use. It is appropriate that those who use public car parks should generally pay to do so, but it is the Council's intention to keep charges as low as reasonably practicable.
4. Many car park users do so responsibly. A minority fail to pay the proper charges where they are due, or disregard directions for their use. For the sake of those who do pay the proper charges, and park thoughtfully and drive carefully within car parks, the Council retains powers to seek payment of excess charges, and to prosecute if necessary.
5. The Council may add further reasons for its proposals and elaborate or amend those set out above.

Dated 11 January 2008.

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