

## **Statement of Reason**

**Location:** Knowle Village Centre Car Parks, Knowle

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The proposed car park management system for Knowle Village Centre Car Parks seeks to introduce a Pay and Display system.

Shoppers and users of the 6 car parks located in St Johns Close and behind the Greswolde Hotel can park for free for up to 3 hours. Motorists will have to obtain and display in their vehicle a free parking ticket from new machines that will be provided in each car park.

People wishing to park longer than 3 hours, will need to purchase a ticket costing 50p per hour after the first free 3 hour period. For example, 4 hours of parking will cost 50p; 5 hours - £1; 6 hours - £1.50 and over 6 hours - £2.00.

Anyone who does not display a valid ticket could be issued with a parking fine in accordance with the Council's Civil Parking Enforcement regulations and may be fined up to £70 (reduced to £35 if paid within 14 days).

### **Recommendations:**

Officers consider that the introduction of a 3 hour "Free and Display" system, unifying the operation and management of all 6 of the Knowle Shoppers Car Parks, is required to ensure all users access to the same, flexible parking systems.

Users will have the ability to obtain a ticket to park in the car park for free for up to 3 hours, or purchase a ticket should they wish to park for longer.

### **Ward Member Views:**

The Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways and the Knowle ward members have been informed of the proposal and in the main are supportive of the need to introduce the proposed management system.