

**THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM
(THE STORY, MOUNT OSWALD)
(OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES)
ORDER 2024**

On 21/6/2024 the Council made an Order under Sections 32,33,34,35, 35A, 35B, 35C and 38 & Part IV of Sch. 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the Act”), as amended, and comes into operation on 4/7/2024. The effect of the Order is **To introduce** off street parking at The Story, Mount Oswald, Durham with the introduction of designated parking bays for motor cars, motorcycles, coaches, electric vehicle charging only, Disabled Badge Holder, staff and visitor permit holders. Full details are contained in the sealed Order, which may be inspected at Durham Clayport Library during normal opening hours and via the council’s website. Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by “the Act”, as amended, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or of any regulation made under it has not been complied with may, within six weeks from 27/6/2024, apply to make an application for that purpose to the High Court.

Dated: 27/6/2024

Helen Bradley
Director of Legal and Democratic Services
County Hall, Durham
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**PART I
GENERAL**

Commencement and Citation

1. This Order may be cited as The County Council of Durham (The Story, Mount Oswald) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2024 and shall come into operation on the day of 20

Interpretation

2. In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings respectively assigned to them:

"authorised officer" means any person authorised by or on behalf of the Council to supervise any parking place.

"civil enforcement officer" means a person authorised by or on behalf of the Council pursuant to the provisions of Section 76 of The Traffic Management Act 2004.

"Coach" means a public service vehicle as defined by Part 1 of the Public Passenger Vehicle Act 1981 and passenger vehicle adapted to carry more than 8 passengers exclusive of the driver in respect of which a public service vehicle operators licence is in force and such other vehicles as authorised by the Council.

"council" means The County Council of Durham;

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"driver" in relation to a parking place means the person driving the vehicle at the time it was left in the Parking Place;

"electric vehicle" means an automobile that is powered entirely or partially by a special rechargeable electric battery, rather than an internal combustion engine;

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- (i) in the case of a vehicle fitted with a dashboard or fascia panel, the badge is exhibited thereon so that Part 1 (the front of the badge), is legible from outside the vehicle; or
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PART II

DESIGNATION AND USE OF PARKING PLACES

Designation

6. Each parking place specified in column 2 of Schedule 1 to this Order may be used, subject to the provisions of this Order, as a place to leave only those vehicles of such classes as specified in column 4 of Schedule 1 on such days and during such hours as identified in columns 5 & 6 of Schedule 1.
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9. no person shall cause or permit any vehicle, other than the permitted vehicles, specified in column 4 of Schedule 1 to this order to use the parking place specified in column 2 of Schedule 1 to this order;
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Power to Close or Suspend Parking Places

15. Nothing in this Order shall prevent the Council by notice, sign or barrier displayed in a parking place from temporarily closing or suspending the use of a parking place or part thereof for any class of vehicle for any period for the purpose of preventing obstruction of the parking place or maintaining public order therein.
16. Any person closing or suspending the use of a parking place or part thereof in accordance with the provisions of Article 14 shall thereupon place or cause to be placed in or adjacent to that parking place or that part thereof a notice or sign indicating that the use of that parking place or that part thereof is closed or suspended and that parking by vehicles is prohibited.
17. No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to be left in a parking place or any part thereof during such periods that the use of that parking place or that part thereof is closed or suspended or during such period as there is in or adjacent thereto a notice or sign placed by or on behalf of the Council in pursuance of Article 16.

Use of Parking Place

18. No person shall use any part of a parking place or use any vehicle in a parking place:
 - (i) to carry out any work of construction, overhauling, cleaning or repair in respect of the vehicle except as may be necessary to enable the vehicle to be moved from the parking place;
 - (ii) for sleeping, camping or cooking; or
 - (iii) for the playing or taking part of any sport; or
 - (iv) to engage in any unlawful activity; or
 - (v) to congregate with others with or without vehicles; or

- (vi) to erect or cause to be erected any tent, booth, stand, building or other structure; or
 - (vii) to light or cause to be lit any fire; or
 - (viii) to shout or otherwise make a loud noise to the disturbance or annoyance of users of the parking place or residents or occupiers of premises in the neighbourhood; or
 - (ix) to play music or other recorded sound to the disturbance or annoyance of users of the parking place or residents or occupiers of premises in the neighbourhood; or
 - (x) in connection with the sale of any article to persons in or near the parking place or in connection with the selling or offering for hire of his or another person's skills or services in any capacity; or
 - (xi) for the purposes of offering a vehicle for sale.
19. No person shall affix or cause to be affixed any advertising material to any vehicle left in a parking place.
20. No person shall drive any vehicle in a parking place other than for the purpose of leaving that vehicle in the parking place or for the purpose of departing from the parking place in accordance with the provisions of this Order.
21. No person shall leave an engine running except for the sole purpose of entering, departing or manoeuvring the vehicle in the parking place.
22. Nothing in this order shall apply to anything so approved by an authorised officer of the Council.

Maximum Period of Stay

23. Where a parking place or part thereof is described by a notice displayed within as being available for use on specified days during specified hours or as being available for use for a maximum period of stay no person shall be permitted to stay for a period longer than that specified.

Parked Causing an Obstruction

24. The driver of a vehicle using a parking place shall not park the vehicle in such a manner or place where it causes an obstruction to any other users of the parking place.

PART III

RELOCATION AND REMOVAL OF VEHICLES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT

25. If a vehicle is left within a parking place in a position other than in accordance with the provisions of this Order, the Council may alter or cause to be altered the position

of that vehicle so that it is in accordance with those provisions. This shall apply equally to any other equipment deposited in the parking place which in the opinion of an authorised officer of the Council constitutes a contravention of the provisions of this Order and these provisions are extended to include for the disposal of the equipment where it is deemed appropriate by the Council.

26. If a vehicle is left in a parking place in contravention of any of the provisions of this Order a person authorised by the Council in that respect may remove the vehicle from the parking place or arrange for such removal.
27. Any person altering or causing the alteration of the position of a vehicle or removing or causing the removal of a vehicle may do so by towing, lifting or driving the vehicle or using such other manner as he may think reasonably necessary to enable the position of the vehicle to be altered or the vehicle to be removed.

Emergencies

28. A person authorised by the Council or a Police Constable in uniform may, using such measures as are appropriate, move or cause to be moved in the case of an emergency to any place he thinks fit, any vehicle left in a parking place.

Safe Keeping

29. Any person removing a vehicle from a parking place under Article 25 shall make such arrangements as may be reasonably necessary to provide for the safe keeping of the vehicle.

Part IV

STAFF PERMITS

30. Staff Permits

- (1) The Council may at its discretion, and subject to such conditions as the Council may stipulate, issue Staff Permits to any person who is an employee of the Council and whose ordinary place of work is The Story, Mount Oswald to authorise the staff member to cause or permit a vehicle to wait or be left in the Parking Place listed at item 5 of Schedule 1 to this Order (The Story, Mount Oswald) in the circumstances provided for in paragraphs (4) to (6) inclusive of this Article, provided that such permits shall only be issued upon receipt of any written particulars required by the Council.
- (2) A Staff Permit may be issued in writing and if so issued shall include the following particulars:
 - (a) The Parking Place to which the permit relates, namely the Parking Place listed at item 5 of Schedule 1 to this Order (The Story, Mount

Oswald);

- (b) An authentication that the permit has been issued by the Council;
 - (c) The date on which the permit will expire;
 - (d) The Registration Mark of the vehicle on which the permit is authorised to be displayed; and
 - (e) The permit number.
- (3) The Staff Permit may be issued virtually by means of the Council entering the information set out at sub-paragraphs (2)(a) to (e) inclusive of this Article into the Virtual Permit System and upon the Council confirming to its relevant staff member that such information has been entered into the Virtual Permit System
 - (4) Any vehicle on which a valid Staff Permit is displayed in the Specified Position shall be authorised to wait or be left on any day in any permit parking bay at The Story, Mount Oswald
 - (5) Any vehicle which is registered in the Virtual Permit System as being a vehicle which has the benefit of a valid Staff Permit shall be authorised to wait or be left on any day in any permit parking bay at The Story, Mount Oswald
 - (6) The issue of a Staff Permit shall not guarantee that any Parking Bay in the Parking Place will be available for the use of any vehicle displaying the Staff Permit or any vehicle registered in the Virtual Permit System as having the benefit of a valid Staff Permit.

31.Visitor Permits

- (1) On any day when there are available Parking Bays in the permit parking area within the Parking Place listed at item 6 of Schedule 1 to this Order (The Story, Mount Oswald), the Council may at its discretion, and subject to such conditions as the Council may stipulate, issue Visitor Permits to any person who is working at The Story, Mount Oswald to authorise that person to cause or permit a vehicle to wait or be left in that Parking Place in the circumstances provided for in paragraphs (4) to (6) inclusive of this Article, provided that such permits shall only be issued upon receipt of any written particulars required by the Council.

- (2) A Visitor Permit may be issued in writing and if so issued shall include the following particulars:
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- (6) The issue of a Staff Day Permit shall not guarantee that any Parking Bay in the Parking Place will be available for the use of any vehicle displaying the Staff Day Permit or any vehicle registered in the Virtual Permit System as having the benefit of a valid Staff Day Permit.

PART V

LIABILITIES

32. The Council accepts no liability for the loss or damage to vehicles or other property left in any of the parking places to which this Order applies.

PART VI

DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES

Disposal of Vehicles Abandoned in Parking Places

33. The Council may sell or otherwise dispose of a vehicle which has been, or could at any time be, removed from a parking place pursuant to Article 27 if the vehicle appears to have been abandoned, provided that this power of disposal shall not be exercisable unless the Council has taken such of the following steps as are applicable to the vehicle in question, and there has elapsed a period of six weeks beginning with the taking of the first of those steps.
34. Where the vehicle carries a registration mark the Council shall ascertain from the appropriate body the name and address of the person who is the Registered Keeper of the vehicle pursuant to the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971, unless the Council is satisfied that the true owner of the vehicle has identified themselves to them.
35. The Council shall, by virtue of Articles 32, 34 and 35, send a notice to the name and address of a person who it appears may be the owner of the vehicle, stating that it is the intention of the Council to sell or otherwise dispose of the vehicle (which shall be sufficiently described in the notice) on or after a specified date (which shall not be less than two weeks from the date of the notice and in any event not earlier than six weeks from the date of the first step taken by the Council under this Part of this Order) unless it is in the meantime removed by or on behalf of that person from such place as is specified by the Council in the said notice or from such place as may be subsequently notified in writing by the Council to that person.
36. If any person to whom a notice is sent in accordance with Article 33 informs the Council of the name and address of some other person who he/she alleges may be the owner of the vehicle, a notice stating the particulars mentioned in the last preceding Article shall be sent to that other person and to any further person who the Council may in consequence of the sending of the notice to the said other person be led to believe may be the owner of the vehicle.
37. Where a vehicle does not carry a registration mark the first step to be taken by the Council shall be to apply in writing to the Chief Officer of Police in whose area the parking place is situated enquiring whom that officer considers is the owner of the vehicle and the address of that person.
38. The Council shall then make such further enquiries as to ownership as it thinks fit.
39. Upon the sale of a vehicle by the Council, the Council shall apply the proceeds of sale in or towards the satisfaction of any costs incurred by it in connection with the disposal thereof and of any charge or payment to which it is entitled.
40. In the event that any such costs incurred by the Council in connection with the disposal of the vehicle are not satisfied by virtue of the last preceding Article, the Council may recover those costs from the person who was the owner of the vehicle

immediately before it was removed from the parking place, provided that that person was sent by the Council a notice under Article 33.

41. Any sums received by the Council on the sale of a vehicle shall, after deducting any sum applied by virtue of Article 37, be payable within a period of one year from receipt thereof to any person to whom, but for such sale, the vehicle would have belonged and insofar as any such sums are not claimed within the said period they shall be paid into the General Rate Fund of the Council.
42. Where under the foregoing provisions of this Order a notice is required to be or may be sent to a person the notice shall be sent by recorded delivery post.

PART VI

CONTRAVENTION AND EXCESS CHARGES

43. (1) If a vehicle is in contravention of a provision of this Order, a penalty charge shall be payable.
- (2) In the case of a vehicle in respect of which a penalty charge is payable, a penalty charge notice may then be issued by a Civil Enforcement Officer in accordance with the requirements of Section 78 of the Traffic Management Act 2004, as amended.

Restriction on removal of notices

44. A Penalty Charge Notice attached to a vehicle in accordance with Article 35 shall not be removed or interfered with except by or under the authority of:
 - (i) the Owner or person in charge of the Vehicle;
 - (ii) the Council for the parking place in which the Vehicle in question was found.

Retrieval of Data

45. The particulars referred to in paragraph 3 of Article 35 may be stored electronically via the hand-held data capture devices referred to in paragraph 4 of Article 35 on a central database as approved by the Council. This information may be retrieved at a later date from the central database and produced as a facsimile of the original excess ticket. As such information so produced may be used as evidence that an excess charge was so incurred and may be used in any proceedings taken under the Act.

PART VI

SAVING

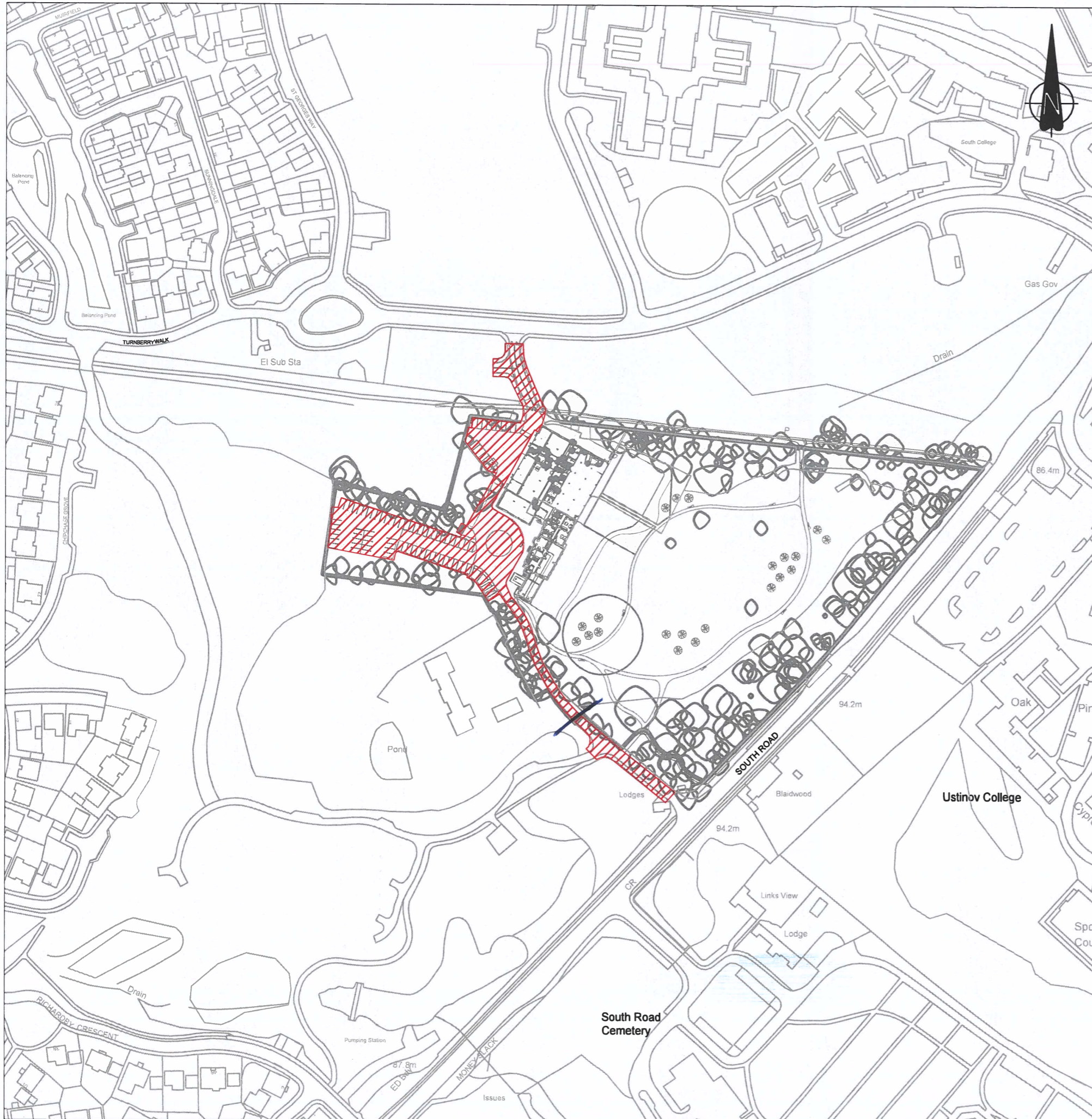
46. The prohibitions and restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation from any restriction or requirement imposed by any regulations made or having effect as if made under the Act or by or under any other enactment.

SCHEDULE 1

1	2	3	4	5	6
Item No	Name of Off Street Parking Place	Position in which vehicle may wait	Class of Vehicle	Days of Operation of Car Park	Hours of Operation of Car Park
1.	The Story, Mount Oswald	Wholly within designated parking place (within the extent of the off street car park shown on the plan referred to in Schedule 2 of this order)	Motor Cars Motorcycles	Monday to Sunday	All day (24 Hours)
2.	The Story, Mount Oswald	Wholly within designated parking place (within the extent of the off street car park shown on the plan referred to in Schedule 2 of this order)	Coaches	Monday to Sunday	All day (24 Hours)
3.	The Story, Mount Oswald	Wholly within designated parking place (within the extent of the off street car park shown on the plan referred to in Schedule 2 of this order)	Electric Vehicles Charging Only	Monday to Sunday	All day (24 Hours)
4.	The Story, Mount Oswald	Wholly within designated parking place (within the extent of the off street car park shown on the plan referred to in Schedule 2 of this order)	Disabled Badge Holders Only displaying a Disabled Persons Badge	Monday to Sunday	All day (24 Hours)
5.	The Story, Mount Oswald	Wholly within designated parking place (within the extent of the off street car park shown on the plan referred to in Schedule 2 of this order)	Staff Permit Holders Only	Monday to Sunday	All day (24 Hours)
6	The Story, Mount Oswald	Wholly within designated parking place (within the extent of the off street car park shown on the plan referred to in Schedule 2 of this order)	Visitor Permit Holders Only	Monday to Sunday	All days (24 Hours)

Schedule 2

Plan Reference TM/40038/24/042




LEGEND:



TRO boundary line (Extent of parking place)

Rev	Drawn By		Approved By			Description Of Amendments
	Name	Date	Name	Date	Sign	
0	D.Morgan	01/24	L.Mowbray	01/24	L.Mowbray	

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TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

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TRAFFPROJ06 REGULATION DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION/Off Street Car Parks/The Story @ Mount Oswald

**MADE THIS DAY OF 20 BY
THE AFFIXING OF THE COMMON SEAL OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF DURHAM BY ORDER:**

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**AUTHORISED SIGNATORY
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Power to Close or Suspend Parking Places

15. Nothing in this Order shall prevent the Council by notice, sign or barrier displayed in a parking place from temporarily closing or suspending the use of a parking place or part thereof for any class of vehicle for any period for the purpose of preventing obstruction of the parking place or maintaining public order therein.
16. Any person closing or suspending the use of a parking place or part thereof in accordance with the provisions of Article 14 shall thereupon place or cause to be placed in or adjacent to that parking place or that part thereof a notice or sign indicating that the use of that parking place or that part thereof is closed or suspended and that parking by vehicles is prohibited.
17. No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to be left in a parking place or any part thereof during such periods that the use of that parking place or that part thereof is closed or suspended or during such period as there is in or adjacent thereto a notice or sign placed by or on behalf of the Council in pursuance of Article 16.

Use of Parking Place

18. No person shall use any part of a parking place or use any vehicle in a parking place:
 - (i) to carry out any work of construction, overhauling, cleaning or repair in respect of the vehicle except as may be necessary to enable the vehicle to be moved from the parking place;
 - (ii) for sleeping, camping or cooking; or
 - (iii) for the playing or taking part of any sport; or
 - (iv) to engage in any unlawful activity; or
 - (v) to congregate with others with or without vehicles; or

- (vi) to erect or cause to be erected any tent, booth, stand, building or other structure; or
 - (vii) to light or cause to be lit any fire; or
 - (viii) to shout or otherwise make a loud noise to the disturbance or annoyance of users of the parking place or residents or occupiers of premises in the neighbourhood; or
 - (ix) to play music or other recorded sound to the disturbance or annoyance of users of the parking place or residents or occupiers of premises in the neighbourhood; or
 - (x) in connection with the sale of any article to persons in or near the parking place or in connection with the selling or offering for hire of his or another person's skills or services in any capacity; or
 - (xi) for the purposes of offering a vehicle for sale.
19. No person shall affix or cause to be affixed any advertising material to any vehicle left in a parking place.
20. No person shall drive any vehicle in a parking place other than for the purpose of leaving that vehicle in the parking place or for the purpose of departing from the parking place in accordance with the provisions of this Order.
21. No person shall leave an engine running except for the sole purpose of entering, departing or manoeuvring the vehicle in the parking place.
22. Nothing in this order shall apply to anything so approved by an authorised officer of the Council.

Maximum Period of Stay

23. Where a parking place or part thereof is described by a notice displayed within as being available for use on specified days during specified hours or as being available for use for a maximum period of stay no person shall be permitted to stay for a period longer than that specified.

Parked Causing an Obstruction

24. The driver of a vehicle using a parking place shall not park the vehicle in such a manner or place where it causes an obstruction to any other users of the parking place.

PART III

RELOCATION AND REMOVAL OF VEHICLES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT

25. If a vehicle is left within a parking place in a position other than in accordance with the provisions of this Order, the Council may alter or cause to be altered the position

of that vehicle so that it is in accordance with those provisions. This shall apply equally to any other equipment deposited in the parking place which in the opinion of an authorised officer of the Council constitutes a contravention of the provisions of this Order and these provisions are extended to include for the disposal of the equipment where it is deemed appropriate by the Council.

26. If a vehicle is left in a parking place in contravention of any of the provisions of this Order a person authorised by the Council in that respect may remove the vehicle from the parking place or arrange for such removal.
27. Any person altering or causing the alteration of the position of a vehicle or removing or causing the removal of a vehicle may do so by towing, lifting or driving the vehicle or using such other manner as he may think reasonably necessary to enable the position of the vehicle to be altered or the vehicle to be removed.

Emergencies

28. A person authorised by the Council or a Police Constable in uniform may, using such measures as are appropriate, move or cause to be moved in the case of an emergency to any place he thinks fit, any vehicle left in a parking place.

Safe Keeping

29. Any person removing a vehicle from a parking place under Article 25 shall make such arrangements as may be reasonably necessary to provide for the safe keeping of the vehicle.

Part IV

STAFF PERMITS

30. Staff Permits

- (1) The Council may at its discretion, and subject to such conditions as the Council may stipulate, issue Staff Permits to any person who is an employee of the Council and whose ordinary place of work is The Story, Mount Oswald to authorise the staff member to cause or permit a vehicle to wait or be left in the Parking Place listed at item 5 of Schedule 1 to this Order (The Story, Mount Oswald) in the circumstances provided for in paragraphs (4) to (6) inclusive of this Article, provided that such permits shall only be issued upon receipt of any written particulars required by the Council.
- (2) A Staff Permit may be issued in writing and if so issued shall include the following particulars:
 - (a) The Parking Place to which the permit relates, namely the Parking Place listed at item 5 of Schedule 1 to this Order (The Story, Mount

Oswald);

- (b) An authentication that the permit has been issued by the Council;
 - (c) The date on which the permit will expire;
 - (d) The Registration Mark of the vehicle on which the permit is authorised to be displayed; and
 - (e) The permit number.
- (3) The Staff Permit may be issued virtually by means of the Council entering the information set out at sub-paragraphs (2)(a) to (e) inclusive of this Article into the Virtual Permit System and upon the Council confirming to its relevant staff member that such information has been entered into the Virtual Permit System
- (4) Any vehicle on which a valid Staff Permit is displayed in the Specified Position shall be authorised to wait or be left on any day in any permit parking bay at The Story, Mount Oswald
- (5) Any vehicle which is registered in the Virtual Permit System as being a vehicle which has the benefit of a valid Staff Permit shall be authorised to wait or be left on any day in any permit parking bay at The Story, Mount Oswald
- (6) The issue of a Staff Permit shall not guarantee that any Parking Bay in the Parking Place will be available for the use of any vehicle displaying the Staff Permit or any vehicle registered in the Virtual Permit System as having the benefit of a valid Staff Permit.

31.Visitor Permits

- (1) On any day when there are available Parking Bays in the permit parking area within the Parking Place listed at item 6 of Schedule 1 to this Order (The Story, Mount Oswald), the Council may at its discretion, and subject to such conditions as the Council may stipulate, issue Visitor Permits to any person who is working at The Story, Mount Oswald to authorise that person to cause or permit a vehicle to wait or be left in that Parking Place in the circumstances provided for in paragraphs (4) to (6) inclusive of this Article, provided that such permits shall only be issued upon receipt of any written particulars required by the Council.

- (2) A Visitor Permit may be issued in writing and if so issued shall include the following particulars:
- (a) The Parking Place to which the permit relates, namely the Parking Place listed at item 6 of Schedule 1 to this Order (The Story, Mount Oswald);
 - (b) An authentication that the permit has been issued by the Council;
 - (c) The date on which the permit will expire;
 - (d) The Registration Mark of the vehicle on which the permit is authorised to be displayed; and
 - (e) The permit number.
- (3) The Visitor Permit may be issued virtually by means of the Council entering the information set out at sub-paragraphs (2)(a) to (e) inclusive of this Article into the Virtual Permit System and upon the Council confirming to its relevant staff member that such information has been entered into the Virtual Permit System
- (4) Any vehicle on which a valid Visitor Permit is displayed in the Specified Position shall be authorised to wait or be left on any day in any permit parking bay at The Story, Mount Oswald
- (5) Any vehicle which is registered in the Virtual Permit System as being a vehicle which has the benefit of a valid Staff Day Permit shall be authorised to wait or be left on any day in any permit parking bay at The Story, Mount Oswald.
- (6) The issue of a Staff Day Permit shall not guarantee that any Parking Bay in the Parking Place will be available for the use of any vehicle displaying the Staff Day Permit or any vehicle registered in the Virtual Permit System as having the benefit of a valid Staff Day Permit.

PART V

LIABILITIES

32. The Council accepts no liability for the loss or damage to vehicles or other property left in any of the parking places to which this Order applies.

PART VI

DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES

Disposal of Vehicles Abandoned in Parking Places

33. The Council may sell or otherwise dispose of a vehicle which has been, or could at any time be, removed from a parking place pursuant to Article 27 if the vehicle appears to have been abandoned, provided that this power of disposal shall not be exercisable unless the Council has taken such of the following steps as are applicable to the vehicle in question, and there has elapsed a period of six weeks beginning with the taking of the first of those steps.
34. Where the vehicle carries a registration mark the Council shall ascertain from the appropriate body the name and address of the person who is the Registered Keeper of the vehicle pursuant to the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971, unless the Council is satisfied that the true owner of the vehicle has identified themselves to them.
35. The Council shall, by virtue of Articles 32, 34 and 35, send a notice to the name and address of a person who it appears may be the owner of the vehicle, stating that it is the intention of the Council to sell or otherwise dispose of the vehicle (which shall be sufficiently described in the notice) on or after a specified date (which shall not be less than two weeks from the date of the notice and in any event not earlier than six weeks from the date of the first step taken by the Council under this Part of this Order) unless it is in the meantime removed by or on behalf of that person from such place as is specified by the Council in the said notice or from such place as may be subsequently notified in writing by the Council to that person.
36. If any person to whom a notice is sent in accordance with Article 33 informs the Council of the name and address of some other person who he/she alleges may be the owner of the vehicle, a notice stating the particulars mentioned in the last preceding Article shall be sent to that other person and to any further person who the Council may in consequence of the sending of the notice to the said other person be led to believe may be the owner of the vehicle.
37. Where a vehicle does not carry a registration mark the first step to be taken by the Council shall be to apply in writing to the Chief Officer of Police in whose area the parking place is situated enquiring whom that officer considers is the owner of the vehicle and the address of that person.
38. The Council shall then make such further enquiries as to ownership as it thinks fit.
39. Upon the sale of a vehicle by the Council, the Council shall apply the proceeds of sale in or towards the satisfaction of any costs incurred by it in connection with the disposal thereof and of any charge or payment to which it is entitled.
40. In the event that any such costs incurred by the Council in connection with the disposal of the vehicle are not satisfied by virtue of the last preceding Article, the Council may recover those costs from the person who was the owner of the vehicle

immediately before it was removed from the parking place, provided that that person was sent by the Council a notice under Article 33.

41. Any sums received by the Council on the sale of a vehicle shall, after deducting any sum applied by virtue of Article 37, be payable within a period of one year from receipt thereof to any person to whom, but for such sale, the vehicle would have belonged and insofar as any such sums are not claimed within the said period they shall be paid into the General Rate Fund of the Council.
42. Where under the foregoing provisions of this Order a notice is required to be or may be sent to a person the notice shall be sent by recorded delivery post.

PART VI

CONTRAVENTION AND PENALTY CHARGES

43. (1) If a vehicle is in contravention of a provision of this Order, a penalty charge shall be payable.
- (2) In the case of a vehicle in respect of which a penalty charge is payable, a penalty charge notice may then be issued by a Civil Enforcement Officer in accordance with the requirements of Section 78 of the Traffic Management Act 2004, as amended.

Restriction on removal of notices

44. A Penalty Charge Notice attached to a vehicle in accordance with Article 35 shall not be removed or interfered with except by or under the authority of:
 - (i) the Owner or person in charge of the Vehicle;
 - (ii) the Council for the parking place in which the Vehicle in question was found.

Retrieval of Data

45. The particulars referred to in paragraph 3 of Article 35 may be stored electronically via the hand-held data capture devices referred to in paragraph 4 of Article 35 on a central database as approved by the Council. This information may be retrieved at a later date from the central database and produced as a facsimile of the original excess ticket. As such information so produced may be used as evidence that an excess charge was so incurred and may be used in any proceedings taken under the Act.

PART VI

SAVING

46. The prohibitions and restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation from any restriction or requirement imposed by any regulations made or having effect as if made under the Act or by or under any other enactment.

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Item No	Name of Off Street Parking Place	Position in which vehicle may wait	Class of Vehicle	Days of Operation of Car Park	Hours of Operation of Car Park
1.	The Story, Mount Oswald	Wholly within designated parking place (within the extent of the off street car park shown on the plan referred to in Schedule 2 of this order)	Motor Cars Motorcycles	Monday to Sunday	All day (24 Hours)
2.	The Story, Mount Oswald	Wholly within designated parking place (within the extent of the off street car park shown on the plan referred to in Schedule 2 of this order)	Coaches	Monday to Sunday	All day (24 Hours)
3.	The Story, Mount Oswald	Wholly within designated parking place (within the extent of the off street car park shown on the plan referred to in Schedule 2 of this order)	Electric Vehicles Charging Only	Monday to Sunday	All day (24 Hours)
4.	The Story, Mount Oswald	Wholly within designated parking place (within the extent of the off street car park shown on the plan referred to in Schedule 2 of this order)	Disabled Badge Holders Only displaying a Disabled Persons Badge	Monday to Sunday	All day (24 Hours)
5.	The Story, Mount Oswald	Wholly within designated parking place (within the extent of the off street car park shown on the plan referred to in Schedule 2 of this order)	Staff Permit Holders Only	Monday to Sunday	All day (24 Hours)
6	The Story, Mount Oswald	Wholly within designated parking place (within the extent of the off street car park shown on the plan referred to in Schedule 2 of this order)	Visitor Permit Holders Only	Monday to Sunday	All days (24 Hours)

Schedule 2

Plan Reference TM/40038/24/042



LEGEND:




TRO boundary line (Extent of parking place)



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