

WATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF WATFORD
(WATFORD CENTRAL LEISURE CENTRE OFF STREET PARKING PLACE)
ORDER 2025

Watford Borough Council, pursuant to arrangements made under Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Arrangement for discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2000 with Hertfordshire County Council, and in exercise of powers conferred on that Council under Sections 32 & 35 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 of that Act, hereby makes the following Order:

PART ONE - INTRODUCTION

CITATION

- 1.1.** This order shall come into operation on XXX and may be cited as The Borough of Watford (Watford Central Leisure Centre Off Street Parking) Order 2025.

INTERPRETATION

- 1.2** In this Order, except where otherwise stated, any reference to an Article or Schedule shall be construed as a reference to that Article or schedule in this Order.
- 1.3** In this Order any reference to an Act, Statutory Instrument, Regulation or Order shall be construed as a reference to that Act, Statutory Instrument or Order as amended.
- 1.4** The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
- 1.5** In this Order the following expressions shall have the respective meanings assigned to them:

“The 1984 Act” means the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended

“Access Way” means an access way that enables vehicles to gain access or egress from the parking place.

“Approved Method of Payment” mean method of payment including but not limited to payment by debit or credit card facilitated by on-site verification through the Parking Terminal where the full correct vehicle registration number is entered during the activation process, or any other method of payment approved by the Council details of which are displayed at the Parking Place.

“Council” means Watford Borough Council

“Civil Enforcement Officer” means a person appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 76 Traffic Management Act 2004

“Disabled Persons Vehicle” has the same meaning as in Section 142(1) of the Act of 1984

“Disabled Persons Badge” has the same meaning as in The Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (England) Regulations 2000.

“Motor Car” has the same meaning as in Section 136 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

“Motorcycle” has the same meaning as in Section 136 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

“Relevant Position” means

- a) In relation to the display on a vehicle of a disabled persons badge which it is displayed in accordance with the provisions of The Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (England) Regulations 2000.
- b) In relation to the display on a vehicle of a valid ticket or permit on the front or nearside of the vehicle as specified in relation thereto in the definition of “valid” hereafter

“Valid” in relation to a disabled person’s badge means that

- a) badge is clearly displayed on the vehicle left within the marked area of the highway and
- b) The date of expiry of the badge has not elapsed
- c) The badge is clearly displayed on the dashboard or fascia of the vehicle.

“Driver” in relation to the vehicle. means the person driving the vehicle at the time it was left in the position within the areas set out in the Schedules in this order

“Central Leisure Centre Opening Hours” means the operational hours of Central Leisure Centre as advertised on their website and door.

“Penalty Charge” has the same meaning as given in Section 92 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 in respect of a penalty issued in contravention of the provisions of this order

“Penalty Charge Notice” means a notice issued or served by a Civil Enforcement Officer pursuant to the provision of the Traffic Management Act 2004 in respect of a contravention of a provision of this Order.

“Parking Place” means any area within the parking place which is provided for the parking of one vehicle at a time and is indicated by bay markings.

“Parking Period” or “Parking Session” means the period of time specified in Schedule 1, Column 6 of this order, for which payment of the parking charge or

for a free three hour, no return within two hours parking session the vehicle registration mark is inputted into the Parking Terminal, subject to the provisions of this Order that vehicle may be left in a parking place during the Central Leisure Centre Opening Hours

“Parking Terminal” means an apparatus or device installed within the grounds of Watford Central Leisure Centre, where the driver must input their Vehicle Registration Mark to confirm the start of their parking session.

“Payment Method” means a bank credit or debit card, e-purse card, discount card or pre-payment card to be used where such facility is advertised and provided for.

PART TWO – CONDITIONS OF USE OF PARKING PLACES

2 During the opening times of the parking place –

- a) No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter or be left in the parking place or part thereof unless the vehicle is of the class specified in Column 3 of Schedule 1 and either that person or a passenger of that said vehicle intends to be a user of Watford Central Leisure Centre at the time the vehicle entered or was left in the parking place.

Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall apply in relation to any vehicles being used for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes, or in the service of the Council whilst being used in the pursuance of statutory powers or duties.

- b) No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to be left in the parking place other than wholly within the limits of a parking bay
- c) No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to be left in the parking place for longer than the parking period specified in Column 6 of Schedule 1.
- d) No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to be left in the parking place so as to cause an obstruction.
- e) No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to be left or to wait at any time including waiting for the purposes of loading and unloading that vehicle, in the parking place or access way other than in a parking bay.
- f) The driver of any vehicle using a parking place shall stop the engine as soon as the vehicle is parked in a parking bay and shall not start the engine unless necessary to change the position of the vehicle in the parking bay or when about to depart from the parking bay
- g) No person shall except with the permission of a designated Council officer, use a vehicle while it is in the parking place in connection with the sales of any article to persons in or near the parking place (except in a demonstration of goods given with the express consent of the Council at which no sale takes places) or in connection with the selling or offering for hire of that persons skills or services
- h) No person shall use any part of the parking place, or any vehicle left in a parking place for
 - a) Sleeping, camping or cooking purposes

- b) The purposes of servicing or washing any vehicle or part thereof other than is reasonably necessary to enable that vehicles to depart from the parking place
- c) No person shall except with the permission of a designated Council officer allow a vehicle to be left in the parking place outside of the opening times
- d) The Council shall not be liable for any damage to or theft of a vehicles or any of its parts or contents, while a vehicle is left in a parking place.

PART THREE – SUSPENSION OF PARKING PLACES

- 3.1 The Council may by notice or sign displayed at or near the parking place, close, suspend or reserve for vehicles the use of the parking place or any part thereof for any purpose
- 3.2 No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to be in the parking place or any part thereof if there is a notice or sign indicating that the use of the parking place or any part thereof is closed, suspended or reserved for particular vehicles, save for any vehicles being used for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes.

PART FOUR USE OF PARKING PLACE AND CONTRAVENTIONS

- 4.1 Upon parking within a designated parking bay, the driver or passenger of said motor car or motorcycle must immediately proceed to enter the vehicle registration mark of the vehicle at the Parking Terminal located within Watford Central Leisure Centre. Failure to do so will result in the issue of a Penalty Charge Notice.
- 4.2 If a vehicle is left in a parking place without complying with the provisions of this Order, then a contravention of this Order shall be deemed to have occurred and parking contravention within Part 1 of Schedule 7 to the Traffic Management Act 2004 in so far as that part is applicable shall be deemed to have occurred.

PART FIVE REVOCATIONS

- 5.1 In accordance with Part IV of Schedule 9 of the 1984 Act, the following Order is to be revoked: The Borough of Watford (Watford Central Leisure Centre Off Street Parking Place) Order 2009.

Dated this Day of 2025
THE COMMON SEAL of THE WATFORD)
BOROUGH COUNCIL was hereunto)
Affixed this day of 2025)
In the presence of:)
Authorised Officer
Town Hall, Watford, Herts WD17 3EX

Schedule 1

| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 | Column 4 | Column 5 | Column 6 |
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| Name of Off-Street Parking Place | Position in which vehicles may wait | Classes of vehicles | Day of operation of Parking Place | Hours of operation of Parking Place | Parking Period & Return Period. |
| Watford Central Leisure Centre Car Park <i>(Comprises of Parking Bays including those marked as blue badge holder bays as shown on drawing number WBC/OSCP/CENTRAL/25)</i> | Wholly within a marked parking bay | Motor cars Motorcycles with sidecars Invalid carriages, disabled persons vehicles | All Days | Between 6am and 10pm Monday to Friday inclusive and between 8am and 5pm on Saturdays and between 8am and 4pm on Sundays inclusive | Maximum 3 hours (No Return within 2 hours) |
| Watford Central Leisure Centre Car Park <i>(Comprises of Parking Bay labelled 31 as shown on drawing number WBC/OSCP/CENTRAL/25)</i> | Wholly within a marked parking bay | Motorcycles | All Days | Between 6am and 10pm Monday to Friday inclusive and between 8am and 5pm on Saturdays and between 8am and 4pm on Sundays inclusive | Maximum 3 hours (No Return within 2 hours) |