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**My Ref:** Off Street Parking Places Order

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Clerk to Starcross Parish Council

Dear Sir/Madam

### **Review of car parks for Off Street Parking Places Order**

I am currently reviewing all car parks in preparation for the Off Street Parking Places Order to be completed as part of our fees and charges process. This includes the car parks which are currently are free in the Winter period, one of which is within your parish/town.

For some considerable amount of time the Council have subsidised this car park by providing the car park free of charge in the Winter. Unfortunately, so that we are consistent in our charging approach, due to current budget pressures and resourcing issues, this is something that we can no longer provide. For your information, I have included below some facts and figures below as to why we have identified The Strand, Starcross as a car park that we now need to introduce fees and charges for the Winter period.

- The income for this car park in 2019/2020 was £9,111,63 with expenses of £7,478.53
- I am contacted by users of the car park in the Winter complaining that the area is being used for storage of camper vans, people sleeping in vehicles and people overstaying the 48 hour rule. My team also experience aggression when enforcing this location.

The proposal for this car park is shown below and I am of course available to answer any questions that you may have.

Currently the area does not have any charges in the Winter and the for this location would be to extend the current charges to include the Winter period. This also brings it in line with other rural car parks where charges apply all year around.

Alternatively, if the Parish Council are unable to support the introduction of charges in the Winter period as suggested then, would the Parish Council be in a position to contribute towards these running costs to enable the car park to remain free during this period.



If you have any questions please can you let me have them within the next 14 days as the fees and charges need to be prepared by the end of November. Due to the tight timescales, I would be happy to meet with you

Yours faithfully

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