

A Parking update – 18 September 2024

This note comments on the latest situation (at 18 September) in relation to parking in Winslow

- Buckinghamshire Council's parking charges for Market Square
- Buckinghamshire Council's parking charges for Greyhound Lane
- Consultation about parking restrictions related to the new Station
- Information about EV chargers to be installed in Public Hall car park.

This note was previously issued in August and is unchanged save for a correction to the two-hour charge in Market Square and for the confirmation received from Buckinghamshire Council on 3 September that charges for parking in Greyhound Lane car park will not take effect until 1 April 2025. This is now reflected in the section related to Greyhound Lane below.

Market Square

Buckinghamshire Council (BC) did not change its proposals for parking charges in Market Square following representations from the Town Council, and so – with effect **from 18 September – BC is charging for Market Square parking between 7am and 7pm every day of the week.** On **Mondays to Saturdays one hour costs 50p**, whilst **two hours costs 70p**. No return is allowed within 4hrs and there is no parking from midnight Tuesday to 7pm Wednesday except Permit Holders (for the market). **On Sundays there will be a charge of £1.70** for an unlimited period.

Greyhound Lane

Buckinghamshire Council's proposals for car park charges in its Greyhound Lane car park have also been approved despite representations made by the Town Council. The Town Council reminded Bucks Council that the Town Council has paid for a contract with them to allow free parking in that car park until 31 March 2025. Bucks Council confirmed on 3 September that they accept this to be the position, and accordingly **charges will not apply in Greyhound Lane car park until 1 April 2025.** From then, however, the following charges will apply between 7am and 7pm Monday – Saturday including Bank Holidays

- Up to 1 hour - £0.50
- Up to 2 hour - £0.70
- Up to 3 hour - £0.90
- Up to 4 hour - £1.20
- Up to 5 hours - £1.70
- Over 5hrs - £2.70

On Sundays the charge will be £1.70 all day (between 7am and 7pm).

The consequence of this car park being charged from April 2025 will have to be considered by the Town Council as it will significantly affect demand for the Public Hall car park ... and it seems likely that charges similar to those BC have set for Greyhound Lane will have to be applied to the Public Hall car park to protect the interests of those who rely on that car park (particularly users of the Public Hall, Bowls Club, RBL Hall, Sports Club and the various local shops and businesses in this part of the town).

The Town Council will also ask BC to make appropriate proposals for additional on-street parking restrictions on roads near the town centre which might otherwise be attractive as alternative free parking locations.

Railway Station

Responses to Buckinghamshire Council's initial informal consultation about the possibility of parking restrictions on roads near the railway station, which took place at the turn of the year, are still being considered by Buckinghamshire Council.

Public support for some form of residents' parking scheme, at least on streets near the station, has led to more detailed proposals being drawn up for restrictions initially within 500m walking distance of the station. In the next few weeks Buckinghamshire Council expects to write with more details to residents of streets that may be included in this zone, seeking an indication of support for what is being suggested. In the absence of sufficient support from residents of those streets, BC is unlikely to take these proposals to the formal consultation stage.

Bucks are also expected to propose Clearway or double-yellow lines on other non-residential roads close to the station – the A413, Great Horwood Road and Furze Lane. A 3 hour limit (with no return within 1 hour) will be proposed for verge parking near the allotments.

The details of all these matters will be built into a proposed Traffic Regulation Order about which the Town Council and the public at large will be consulted formally later this year or early next year.

Electric Vehicle charging

The Town Council has partnered with EZ Charge to provide four EV charging points in the Public Hall car park, with installation of these expected to take place towards the end of 2024. Two of these EVCPs will be rapid chargers offering a speed of up to 120 kW/hr DC and two will be fast chargers offering up to 22 kW/hr AC.

The new station car park will also be equipped with EV charging points which it is understood will charge at a maximum rate of 7 kW/hr. It is understood that BC is also considering installing some chargers in Greyhound Lane car park but there is no detail available about this yet.