

Statement of Reasons.

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

The Borough Council Of Sandwell (Off Street Parking Places Order No. 25) (Free Parking Experimental Legal Order) 2026

The additions and amendments to existing restrictions made in this order are intended to facilitate the changes at Great Bridge and Wednesbury town centres and has been designed to test whether temporary changes to parking charges and market stall fees can contribute to increased footfall, market activity and wider town centre vitality.

The pilot will also generate evidence to inform the development of the Council's wider Town Centre Strategy and future policy decisions relating to regeneration, parking and markets.