**South Ayrshire Council**

**(Off-Street Parking Places for Motor Caravans)**

**(Charging, Controlling & Decriminalised Enforcement) Order 2023**

**Statement of Reasons for Proposing to Make the Above Order**

**Following health and safety issues raised as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the increase in holiday staycations, d**edicated parking bays for Motor Caravans were first introduced in the summer of 2020.

The bays assisted in reducing **the unregulated use of South Ayrshire Council car parks and on-street shore front locations by visitors using campervan style vehicles for overnight and long stay parking during the summers of 2020 and 2021.**

**The £10.00 fee for overnight parking includes use of waste disposal facilities at each site and positive feedback has led the initial one night stay to be increased to allow a maximum three night stay at each car park. This helps to control the amount of vehicles using the car parks and the specially marked bays ensure vehicles are positioned a safe distance apart, whilst also maintaining adequate provision for cars.**

**Promoting an Order which makes the bays a permanent feature will allow improvements to be made at each site such as water taps, black waste facilities and, if possible, grey waste facilities.**

**At the Ayr site, if approval to make the site permanent is granted, a barrier can then be installed to help prevent anti-social activity of car enthusiasts.**

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