

Via Email

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Councillor Andrew Gant
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17th March 2023

Dear Clerk to the Parish Council,

Transfer of on-street enforcement in West Oxfordshire

I am writing to inform you of changes to on-street parking enforcement in West Oxfordshire, which will come into effect on the 1st of April 2023. From this date, services for on-street enforcement in the district currently undertaken by West Oxfordshire District will transfer back to the responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council.

This transition follows a cabinet decision in March 2022, which approved bringing to an end the current agency agreement with the district council with the aim of re-integrating enforcement into our countywide service. The background and reports can still be viewed online using the following link:

<https://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?Id=9213>

We are now writing to elected members and parish/ town councils regarding the changes and set out below is key information, which we hope will be useful in explaining how the service will operate.

With the effect of the 1st April:

- We are aiming to provide a smooth transition with a continuation of on-street enforcement and deployment of civil enforcement officers for areas currently patrolled under the existing arrangement.
- Any car parks operated by West Oxfordshire District Council or Town Council will continue to remain their responsibility, including enforcement.
- The back office appeals and payment processing will also transfer to the County Council and this service will be accommodated by our existing teams that currently cover all other on-street areas in the County.

- There will be updates to both County and District websites with information on who to contact for payments, appeals and enforcement issues.
- The public will be able to report parking offences in West Oxfordshire to the County Council via our website or by phone. Note that this only applies to contravention of parking restrictions (e.g. double yellow lines) Details are below:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/parking/illegal-parking>

We have worked with the district council to understand sensitive locations for enforcement and local hotspots. Initially, we intend to maintain the existing approach to enforcement in these areas, however, we would welcome local feedback which will be key to building intelligence and allowing us to refine and improve the service.

If you would like to provide feedback on enforcement in your area or have further questions, please submit your comment by email to:

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Yours sincerely,



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