

**CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL
(OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATED) ORDER 2015
(VARIATION NO 4: CLOSURE OF PRINCESS STREET CAR PARK - CONGLETON) ORDER 2018**

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR MAKING THE VARIATION ORDER

PROPOSAL

Having previously consolidated all the various car parking orders applying to car parks throughout the Borough in October 2015, the Council is now proposing a change to the consolidated Order so as to remove all reference to the parking place known as Princess Street Car Park, Congleton.

EFFECT

The effect of the proposed variation would be to remove all reference to the Parking Place known as Princess Street Car Park, Congleton as it will cease to be an operational car park under the management of Cheshire East Borough Council if planning permission for redevelopment of the car park for regenerative development is granted.

REASONS

On 9 May 2017, the Council's Cabinet endorsed a proposal to facilitate the comprehensive redevelopment of the Princess Street area of Congleton town centre, delegating authority to officers to proceed to a conditional sale of land at Princess Street, currently in the ownership of the Council, to enable its redevelopment. The land in question includes the Princess Street Car Park. The area occupied by the car park is shown on the attached plan edged in blue.

As the site is an operational car park, in order to enable the redevelopment of the site, it is appropriate to vary the Council's consolidated car park order, the Cheshire East Borough Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Consolidated) Order 2015, by removing Princess Street Car Park, Congleton from its provisions.

Whilst no planning application has yet been submitted relating to the redevelopment of the site, it is considered appropriate to commence the process of advertising the intended variation of the car parking order and to consider any representations.

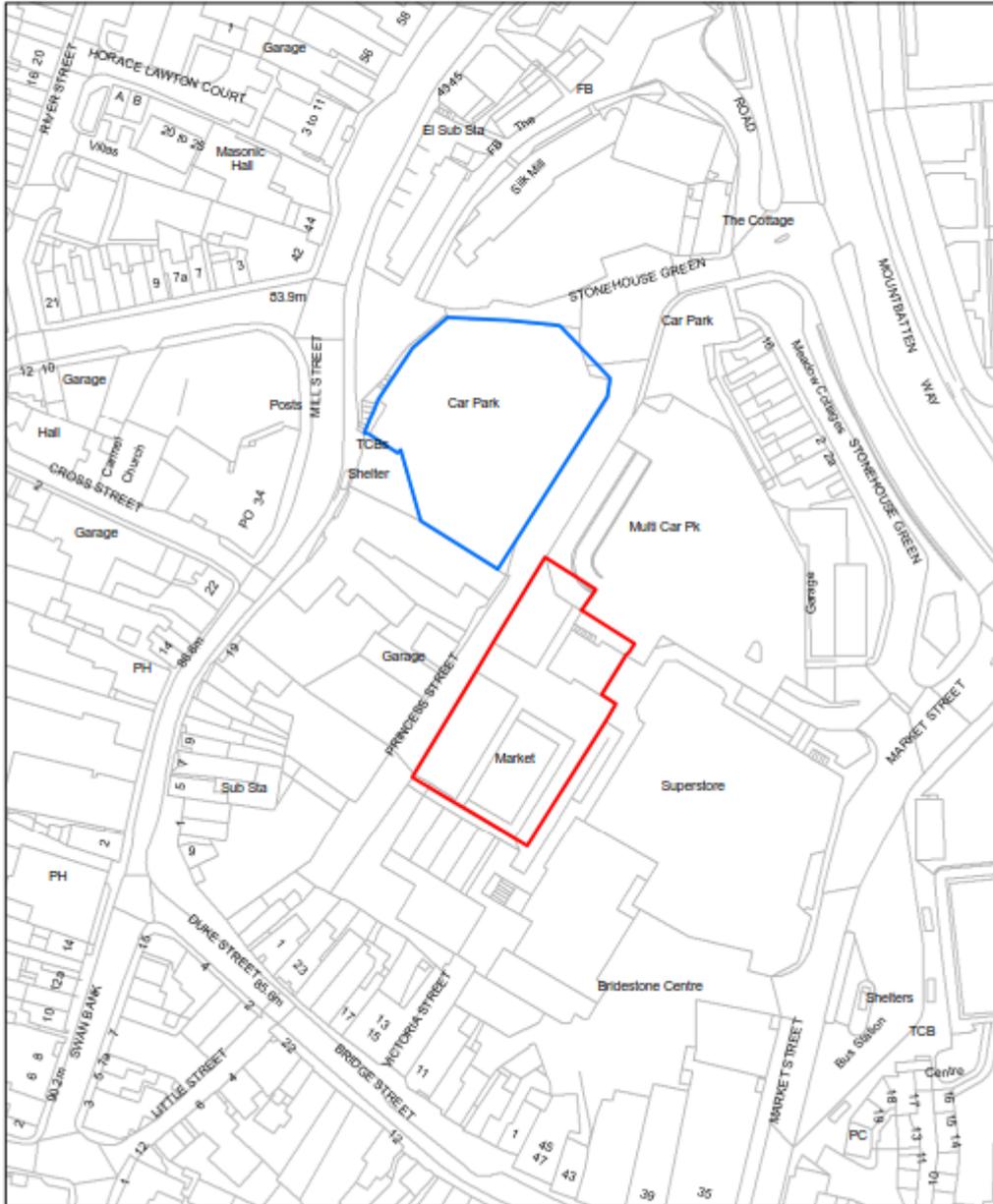
Subject to the consultation process, the variation would only be brought into operation if planning permission for redevelopment of the car park for regenerative development is granted.

WHEN WILL THE PROPOSED VARIATION COME INTO FORCE?

The proposed variation is intended to come into operation no sooner than three months after notice of the making of the Order is first published and 14 days after notice of closure is posted on site. Until that time, restrictions for use and penalties for non-compliance with parking provisions remain the same as detailed within the Off Street Parking Places Order.

However, in line with their duties under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, the Council will consider any objections or representations from the public and businesses before making the Order provided that they are received by the Council before **10am 1st March 2018**. Details of where to send representations are contained in the accompanying Notice of Proposal to make the Order. **Representations received after this date will not be taken into account.**

If the Order is made, a further Notice of Making will be published in good time to advise users of the car parks about the changes.



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