

## **APPENDIX C**

### **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Breckland District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2019

The Breckland District Council (“the Council”) has given notice that it proposes to make the Breckland District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2019 (“the Amending Order”).

#### **The Effect**

The effect of the Amending Order, if made, will be to amend the Breckland District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2014 so as to restrict vehicles other than electric vehicles from parking in electric vehicle charging bays, and to require electric vehicles to move out of electric vehicle charging bays once they have been charged.

#### **Reasons for Making the Amending Order**

The amendment is required because it is the Council’s intention to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure in four of its car parks being Cowper Road, Dereham, St Nicholas Street, Thetford, Queens Square, Attleborough and Pedlars off Market Place, Swaffham. The Council may also wish to install such infrastructure in further car parks in the future. This is to support both current and future electric vehicle users and allow for enforcement against incorrect use of these spaces by non-electric vehicles or vehicles that are not recharging. This would prevent electric vehicles that need to charge, being unable to use these spaces.

The number of electric vehicles bought in the UK has risen in the last two years. The Government has committed to ending the sale of new conventional petrol and diesel cars and vans by 2040, and it is necessary to ensure that the right infrastructure is in place to support drivers of electric vehicles. The provision of electric charging bays within the car parks detailed above will go some way to providing this infrastructure, and will assist in the reduction of carbon emissions and tackle air quality