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## **Plans to improve short stay car parking in Bingham**

Rushcliffe Borough Council is announcing plans to introduce short-stay parking in Bingham, building on research undertaken by the Town Council, which highlighted long term issues with the availability of parking spaces in the town.

The changes, which will come into effect in early September, will see both Union Street and Needham Street car parks designated as short-stay car parks, meaning that shoppers and visitors to the town will get 2 hours free parking, with a ticket from the parking machine. However to discourage long-stay parking, which can clog up spaces and cause problems for visitors in finding a space, a charge of £20 will be introduced for anyone parking for longer than 2 hours in these two car parks.

Leader of Rushcliffe Borough Council, Councillor Simon Robinson said:

“We know how difficult it can be to find a parking space in Bingham and we don’t want visitors to be put off from visiting this vibrant town centre because of long-stay parkers taking up spaces all day.”

“We’ve listened to Bingham Town Council, along with the views of local businesses and visitors to Bingham. We are hopeful that the introduction of more short-stay parking, which will be free of charge, will encourage visitors and support the economic growth of the town centre, which is a key priority for the Council.”

Rushcliffe Borough Council will be working with Nottinghamshire County Council and Bingham Town Council, and will also be talking to local businesses, key stakeholders and the public, before the plans are implemented. This will include exploring joint opportunities for the creation of additional long stay car parking in the area. The parking arrangements for the larger Newgate Street car park will remain unchanged.

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