

## **LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON**

### **CHANGES TO ON-STREET PARKING PLACES PAY AND DISPLAY CHARGES CHANGES TO RESIDENTS PERMITS, BUSINESS PERMITS, TEACHER PERMITS, TRADER PERMITS, ANNUAL VISITOR PERMITS AND TEMPORARY VISITOR PERMITS CHARGES**

#### **Statement of Reasons**

#### **THE MERTON (PARKING PLACES) (PARKING CHARGES) ORDER 202\***

Merton's key transport objectives are to; reduce the vehicular emissions that contribute to climate change and poor air quality; minimise traffic congestion; ensure safety for all road users; improve public health through increasing the use of active travel modes and; ensure good accessibility to employment, education and key services for all residents. To achieve these objectives the Council will aim to reduce journeys particularly by car, encourage the use of sustainable modes of travel and where vehicle use is necessary support a switch to lower emissions model.

Merton already manages parking in the Borough in a way that contributes towards our strategic transport objectives including through the use of parking charges. These proposals seek to further strengthen our approach to parking by introducing an emissions based charging model that will aim to address the vehicular emissions that contribute towards poor air quality and climate change at a time when the current situation has described as a public health and climate emergency. The principle of emission-based charging is that the less polluting the vehicle, the less the charge, and the more polluting, the higher the charge.