

LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON

INTRODUCTION OF A DIESEL SURCHARGE FOR ALL RESIDENT, BUSINESS AND TRADE PERMITS AND A DISCOUNTED RATE FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING PERMITS

THE MERTON (PARKING PLACES) (PARKING CHARGES) ORDER 201*

STATEMENT OF REASONS

(A brief statement of the general nature and effect of the Order)

Air pollution is increasingly recognised as a major cause of ill health and premature death. Although diesel cars produce low carbon dioxide emissions, they also produce disproportionately high emissions of local air quality pollutants such as nitrogen dioxides and particulates.

The proposals will encourage and incentivise diesel vehicle owners to consider adopting lower or zero emission technologies. This will lead to reduced harmful emissions, particularly nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter within the borough and thereby mitigate their adverse impact on the health of residents.