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## PRESS RELEASE

# Charges suspended in Mid Sussex car parks

**Mid Sussex District Council is suspending parking charges in its car parks from Monday 30 March until further notice due to the Covid-19 outbreak.**

The move follows an announcement by West Sussex County Council on Thursday that social care and NHS workers can now park free-of-charge in West Sussex County Council on street spaces.

Regular parking patrols will continue to ensure public safety and the free movement of traffic, especially for the emergency services, carers and deliveries. People are strongly advised to be mindful of this and not to park on yellow lines, loading bays and clearways.

Councillor Stephen Hillier, Cabinet Member for Economic Growth said: "We are suspending parking charges in Mid Sussex District Council car parks to help our residents park safely, support key workers and avoid road congestion during the Covid-19 situation.

"These are difficult times for everyone but particularly for those who live in areas with limited space to park. Key workers who return home at night after work are struggling to find free spaces and we want to do all we can to support them.

"Civil Enforcement Officers will continue to patrol the streets but their focus will very much be on enforcing yellow lines and loading bays so that essential vehicles can still travel freely on the network and not have to contend with dangerously parked cars."

