STATEMENT OF REASONS

# City of Newcastle upon Tyne

**(Off Street Parking Places) Order 2021**

**(Electric Vehicles Variation) Order 2025**

The Council’s reasons for proposing to make the above Order are as follows:-

It is proposed to introduce maximum stay restrictions for the use of Rapid Charging bays in car parks, in order to generate a turnover of bays. The length of time for the restriction may vary from car park to car park and will be indicated by signage but is anticipated that the maximum stay will be 2 hours, which is more than sufficient to ensure a full charge for most vehicles using a Rapid Charger. The sign within each Rapid Charger bay will specify the time restriction.

As more and more owners move to electric vehicles, the requirement to provide adequate charging facilities becomes more important. Rapid Chargers are helping to instil confidence in motorists that they can fully charge in a short period of time. However, as car parks will not have unlimited numbers of Rapid Chargers, it is important that their use is maximised.