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The Highland Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and Consolidation)  
Order 2016.

Statement of Reasons

The Council has made an application to the Scottish Government under the Road Traffic Act 1991 for the Highland Area to be designated as “a permitted parking area and a special parking area”. The designation and the proposed order will enable the Council and its authorised officers to enforce off street parking, waiting and loading prohibitions and restrictions amongst others within the Highland Area. Parking Enforcement Officers will issue Penalty Charge Notices in respect of contraventions.

This above order will achieve continuity and equal standards of enforcement across the Highland Area, improving traffic management and car park regulation.

This order will:

- Introduce civil enforcement under the 1991 Act to the Highland Area for off-street parking, waiting and loading prohibitions and restrictions.
- Enable all existing prohibitions and restriction on waiting and loading and unloading currently in place in the local government area of Highland (“Highland Area”) to be made into a new Map-Based Traffic Regulation Order.
- Formalize the status of numerous, free to use car parks across the council.
- Remove some car parks which are no longer owned or maintained by the council.
- Add the Highland Council Headquarters car park to the list of regulated car parks.

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