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Dear Owner / Occupier

Parking Charges – Discontinuation of the ‘Band A’ vehicle discount

Following a boroughwide parking review carried out by the Council in 2022/23, it was decided that the discount on parking permit charges and on street and Council car park parking charges for ‘Band A’ vehicles would be phased out.

In recent years, the number of ‘Band A’ vehicles registered in the borough qualifying for this discount has rapidly increased, placing additional pressure on the resources used to maintain and enforce Controlled Parking Zones, and requiring a higher proportion of this cost to fall on owners of other, often older, vehicles.

The phasing out of the discount first reduced it from 100% to 50% from July 2023. In line with the Government’s introduction of vehicle tax duty on ‘Band A’ vehicles, which became effective from 1 April 2025, the Council has now decided to complete the phasing out of the discount from **Tuesday 1 July 2025**.

Whilst the Council continues to support the take-up of more environmentally friendly vehicles (electric, hybrid and other low emission vehicles), the discount on the purchase of parking permits is no longer considered necessary in encouraging electric vehicle adoption.

Parking permits issued / renewed or parking time purchased on street and at Council car parks on or after Tuesday 1 July 2025 will no longer have the discount applied. All permits currently in force are valid until expiry. If you are a Band A permit holder, you will, as usual, receive a reminder prior to the expiry of your current parking permit to advise you of the new charges.

Further information on these and other changes in parking charges including the decision to implement them can be viewed by visiting the webpage below or by emailing the Parking Policy Team (address provided at the top of this letter).

www.richmond.gov.uk/parking_charges_review

The Council has a policy which encourages the wider use of more sustainable forms of transport such as cycling and walking and has a number of initiatives to support a move away from car use. Find out more at www.richmond.gov.uk/active_travel.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Potter', followed by a horizontal line.

Michael Potter
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