

# Statement of Reasons

## Westmorland and Furness Council (Off-street parking places) (Appleby-in-Westmorland Library) (Appleby Horse Fair) Order 2026

Westmorland and Furness Council in accordance with the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and other enabling attachments, makes provision for off-street parking places within its council area and propose to make the above Order to support the safe and effective management of Appleby Horse Fair. The Fair is a nationally significant annual gathering that causes substantial and predictable pressure on the highway network each year. The Council, working in partnership with the Appleby Fair Multi-Agency Strategic Co-ordinating Group (MASCAG), has a responsibility to ensure that movement on the highway is safe, orderly and appropriate for the character and capacity of affected roads.

The proposed 2026 Order intends to;

- (i) Designate parking on the Library car park in Appleby-in-Westmorland on the three days before the Appleby Horse Fair, inclusive annually and as and when the associated signage is displayed, prohibit parking for all traffic other than horse drawn vehicles and ridden or accompanied horses.
- (ii) Designate parking on the Library car park in Appleby-in-Westmorland on four days of the Fair, inclusive annually and as and when the associated signage is displayed, prohibit parking for all traffic other than those vehicles displaying a blue badge.