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IN THE COUNTY COURT

Claim No.: xxxxxxxx

Between

xxxxxxx

(Claimant)

-and-

xxxxxxx

(Defendant)

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF DEFENDANT
FOR COURT HEARING ON xxxxxx**

1. I am xxxxxxxx and I am the defendant against whom this claim is made. The facts below are true to the best of my belief and my account has been prepared based upon my own knowledge.
2. In my statement I shall refer to exhibits within the evidence supplied with this statement, referring to page and reference numbers where appropriate. My defence is repeated and I will say as follows:

Sequence of Events

3. I attended the Three Spires car park on Backcester Lane, Lichfield on xxxxxx (according to the ANPR image) with the intention of spending time and money in the shopping centre. As it had been some time since I visited this car park due to the covid pandemic. I was unaware the car park was under new management having previously been operated by the council and that there were different terms and conditions and means of payment.
4. At the time of the alleged contravention the claimant had been operator of this car park less than 8 months and due to the abnormality of the typical order of things due to the pandemic, I would therefore contend that it makes it even more important to display appropriate and sufficient signage at the entrance to and around the car park. The signage at the entrance was insufficient to form a contract. **(Please refer to Exhibit AE-01)**
5. I believe I paid via contactless card payment but was unaware that my payment had not been accepted or that the keypad failed to record the full VRN during the payment process. I left the car park assuming that my payment had been made and that I had complied with the terms and conditions. However no proof of payment was given automatically.
6. This is not an isolated incident and many other motorists have experienced similar problems with this car park and the car park opposite at Gresley Row also managed by the same operator. Even though there have been numerous similar issues at both car parks the claimant has done nothing to investigate these issues but has continued to issue Parking Charge Notices and aggressively chase motorists including very vulnerable people. As no tickets were issued there was no proof of payment and many people just paid these PCN's when they started receiving threatening letters from debt collection agents.

7. I disputed this claim via email explaining I made all the best attempts to pay for a parking ticket and CCTV would be able to show me at the machine performing payment. The claimant requested my card number to check their data, however, it was apparent on my bank account the payment was never taken by the card issuer and I did not feel comfortable providing my card number to an aggressive ex- clamper now operating as a private car parking operator. The claimant denied my dispute and proceeded to send another Parking Charge Notice now demanding the sum of £100 for failure to pay for a parking ticket.
8. There have been occurrences where motorists using these two car parks have also been under the impression that they have paid but their card payments do not appear to have been captured by the system. I am adamant that I made all the best attempts to pay the correct parking tariff but received no ticket as evidence that I have paid. **(please refer to Exhibit AE-04 stating that no tickets are issued).**

I also cite Jolley v Carmel Ltd [2000] 2 –EGLR -154, it was held that a party who makes reasonable endeavours to comply with contractual terms should not be penalised when unable to fully comply with those terms. I believe that I made reasonable endeavours to comply with the claimants terms and conditions.
9. I refused to accept liability as I don't believe I was in the wrong but continued to receive a Letter Before Claim demanding the sum of £170. Following this letter I again received further letters, from ELMS Legal under instruction from the claimant to recover an outstanding debt of £170 and again from Excel Parking Ltd. demanding the sum of £230.
10. I requested a Subject Access Request from the claimant to include all data recorded from the parking machines at the time of the alleged contravention. The PDF supplied **(please refer**

to exhibit AE-02) showed Machine D only recorded one VRN, machine C only showed 2 VRNs and my VRN was not on that list. This suggests some machines were not functioning correctly. The document is also unsigned, undated, there is no header, no provenance to make it a useful piece of evidence and no-one has stated it is a 'true copy' of all data from all machines during that time period. It was merely a saved PDF of an otherwise blank sheet word document that anyone could have altered as the claimant were found to have done in Excel v Ambler (**please see exhibit AE-03**).

11. It is believed that these meters are solar powered and work on a 3g or 4g network.

Depending on signal or battery strength depends how good or bad they work. The solar power is backed up by a battery, however the solar power in the UK does not provide sufficient energy and the power of the machine drains the battery. This has proved to be a problem with this type of parking meter even in places like San Francisco. It is likely that this is the cause of the machine failure which has caused many motorists in Lichfield to receive a PCN and in some cases several PCN's. As no tickets are issued there is no proof of payment.

12. The claimant is put to strict proof to provide evidence of the strength of the signal at the time and day of the transgression and at the time of the parking event that the signage was evident, correct and clearly visible on the road and car park in question.

13. **I refer to exhibit AE-01** - clearly showing insufficient signage on either side of the approach road to the car park and clearly showing insufficient signage once entering the car park to

form a contract.

14. **I refer to exhibit AE-04** - Clearly showing the solar-powered ticket machines and signage stating the machines are ticketless.

15. Such are the issues at Three Spires Shopping Centre Short Stay Car Park since the claimant has taken over this site, a petition has been set up calling for the site to be returned to the management of Lichfield District Council. **I refer to exhibit AE-05** - A screenshot and web address of the online petition, showing over 1000 people who have signed a petition to the landowner to have the claimant removed from the management of these car parks due to the harm being done to local and national businesses by actions of these unregulated parking companies. I have also provided a number of comments on 'reason for signing' by angry and upset customers.

16. In light of this issue I contacted my local Member of Parliament (MP) Amanda Milling explaining the situation to which I received a response.

17. **I refer to exhibit AE-06** - a letter from MP of Cannock Amanda Milling, informing me she had contacted the executive of the claimant regarding this issue stating "it is clear there is a lot of strength of feeling from other motorists who have had similar experiences" and has therefore written to the claimant highlighting how many people have been issued unfair and incorrect Parking Charge Notices as a result of faulty machines and has requested the claimant look into how they can ensure this does not happen going forward. The claimant failed to respond to the issue.

18. Since the claimant's contract has been terminated a new operator has taken over and similar issues are occurring which would indicate that there are some problems with the supply of power to the parking meters. They may have been sited where there was inadequate sunlight.
19. **I refer to exhibits AE-07, AE-08** - An article from Lichfield Live documenting on the removal of Excel Parking Ltd from management of Backcester Lane and Gresley Row car parks by Three Spires Shopping Centre, Lichfield.
20. Included in the above article, a quote from MP of Lichfield, Michael Fabricant.

"This is seriously good news – I have never before had to deal with a company that has so little interest in engaging with genuine concerns of the customers it is meant to serve.

"Even when I have taken up miscarriages of justice with the company concerning constituents who have been served parking penalty notices by them because their machines were faulty, they have shown no interest in righting obvious wrongs.

"Good riddance to a company that damaged the good name of Lichfield by their unwillingness to engage with the community. Their lack of engagement is a testimony to how a company should not be run.

"I feel sorry for other towns who have to endure them."

Michael Fabricant

21. It is for all of the reasons above, I contest the highly egregious sum of £230 the Claimant is attempting to recover, as well as the costs they are demanding and ask the Court to dismiss this claim without merit.

Abuse of process - the quantum

22. This Claimant continues to pursue a hugely disproportionate fixed sum (routinely added per PCN) despite knowing that this is now banned. It is denied that this is recoverable (authorities: two well-known ParkingEye cases where modern penalty law rationale was applied).
23. My stance regarding this punitive add-on is now underpinned by the Government, who have now stated that attempts to gild the lily by adding 'debt recovery costs' were 'extorting money'. The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities ('DLUHC') published in February 2022, a statutory Code of Practice, found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/private-parking-code-of-practice>.
24. Whilst it is known that the rogue parking industry have just filed Judicial Reviews and have delayed the new Code of Practice, the Government is pressing ahead and has conceded to undertake a final Public Consultation and Impact Assessment, as the latter was missing from their rationale. Going by the damning words of the Minister, and the fact that two consultations and an industry and consumer represented Steering Group have already informed the DLUHC's decision over the past two years, I believe there is no reason to think the Government's view will significantly change about adding unconscionable costs that were not incurred and which merely exist as a mechanism to enhance already-doubled parking charges, to fuel the roboclaim race to court and to side-step the £50 legal fees cap set in the Small Claims Track.
25. Adding debt recovery/costs/damages/fees (however described) onto a parking charge is now banned. In a section called 'Escalation of costs' the incoming statutory Code of Practice

says: "The parking operator must not levy additional costs over and above the level of a parking charge or parking tariff as originally issued."

My fixed witness costs - ref PD 27, 7.3(1) and CPR 27.14

26. As a litigant-in-person I have had to learn relevant law from the ground up and spent a considerable time researching the law online, processing and preparing my defence plus this witness statement. I ask for my fixed witness costs. I am advised that costs on the Small Claims track are governed by rule 27.14 of the CPR and (unless a finding of 'wholly unreasonable conduct' is made against the Claimant) the Court may not order a party to pay another party's costs, except fixed costs such as witness expenses which a party has reasonably incurred in travelling to and from the hearing (including fares and/or parking fees) plus the court may award a set amount allowable for loss of earnings or loss of leave.
27. The fixed sum for loss of earnings/loss of leave apply to any hearing format and are fixed costs at PD 27, 7.3(1) "The amounts which a party may be ordered to pay under rule 27.14(3)(c) (loss of earnings)... are: (1) for the loss of earnings or loss of leave of each party or witness due to attending a hearing ... a sum not exceeding £95 per day for each person."

Claim Number: xxxxxxxx

xxxxxxxxx

Hearing Date: xxxxxxxx

Statement of Truth:

I believe that the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

SIGNATURE

NAME

DATE

(Exhibits on next pages)

Exhibit AE-01 - Entrance to Three Spires car park, Backcester Lane, Lichfield.

Showing the signage at the entrance was insufficient to form a contract.





Exhibit AE-02 - Screenshot of provided VRN list from the date of the alleged contravention

Date	Time	Sub Area	Pole	License Plate	Parking End Time
25/10/2021	15:02:12	Three Spires Short Stay	373A	AK***ZD	25/10/2021 16:02
25/10/2021	15:03:29	Three Spires Short Stay	373A	FN***KB	25/10/2021 16:03
25/10/2021	15:07:02	Three Spires Short Stay	373B	BJ***TK	25/10/2021 16:07
25/10/2021	15:08:52	Three Spires Short Stay	373A	YD***EK	25/10/2021 16:08
25/10/2021	15:11:20	Three Spires Short Stay	373B	BV***RX	25/10/2021 18:31
25/10/2021	15:12:12	Three Spires Short Stay	373B	DC***WK	25/10/2021 16:12
25/10/2021	15:16:06	Three Spires Short Stay	373B	W2***MY	25/10/2021 16:16
25/10/2021	15:24:16	Three Spires Short Stay	373A	BV***WW	25/10/2021 16:24
25/10/2021	15:24:38	Three Spires Short Stay	373B	BJ***XA	25/10/2021 17:24
25/10/2021	15:25:08	Three Spires Short Stay	373A	L2***OL	25/10/2021 16:25
25/10/2021	15:30:10	Three Spires Short Stay	373B	VE***02	25/10/2021 16:30
25/10/2021	15:31:28	Three Spires Short Stay	373A	BT***ZC	25/10/2021 16:31
25/10/2021	15:32:58	Three Spires Short Stay	373A	CF***HW	25/10/2021 16:32
25/10/2021	15:35:51	Three Spires Short Stay	373C	D6***JG	25/10/2021 16:35
25/10/2021	15:39:24	Three Spires Short Stay	373A	FE***UT	25/10/2021 16:39
25/10/2021	15:40:07	Three Spires Short Stay	373B	T6***YR	25/10/2021 17:40
25/10/2021	15:42:36	Three Spires Short Stay	373A	MP***JP	25/10/2021 16:42
25/10/2021	15:43:08	Three Spires Short Stay	373A	MT***TN	25/10/2021 16:43
25/10/2021	15:46:48	Three Spires Long Stay	373D	MV***70	25/10/2021 18:30
25/10/2021	15:49:11	Three Spires Short Stay	373B	YB***YR	25/10/2021 16:49
25/10/2021	15:50:00	Three Spires Short Stay	373B	YP***EZ	25/10/2021 16:50
25/10/2021	15:51:45	Three Spires Short Stay	373B	GU***XD	25/10/2021 16:51
25/10/2021	15:56:04	Three Spires Short Stay	373A	FL***LY	25/10/2021 17:56
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25/10/2021	16:04:29	Three Spires Short Stay	373B	RO***OT	25/10/2021 17:04
25/10/2021	16:18:22	Three Spires Short Stay	373A	BD***UJ	25/10/2021 17:18
25/10/2021	16:20:11	Three Spires Short Stay	373A	J4***XN	25/10/2021 17:20
25/10/2021	16:20:43	Three Spires Short Stay	373B	CP***UY	25/10/2021 18:20
25/10/2021	16:21:21	Three Spires Short Stay	373A	LP***KG	25/10/2021 17:21
25/10/2021	16:25:39	Three Spires Short Stay	373A	T9***DS	25/10/2021 17:25
25/10/2021	16:28:28	Three Spires Short Stay	373B	KO***KV	25/10/2021 17:28
25/10/2021	16:33:08	Three Spires Short Stay	373C	E1***DU	25/10/2021 17:33
25/10/2021	16:36:48	Three Spires Short Stay	373A	CE***DK	25/10/2021 17:36
25/10/2021	16:45:45	Three Spires Short Stay	373B	EE***KE	25/10/2021 18:30
25/10/2021	16:46:59	Three Spires Short Stay	373B	MV***OX	25/10/2021 17:46
25/10/2021	17:00:41	Three Spires Short Stay	373B	BV***HH	25/10/2021 18:00

Exhibit AE-03 - Excel v Ambler case**General Form of Judgment or Order**

In the County Court at Skipton	
Claim Number	
Date	18 September 2018



EXCEL PARKING SERVICES LTD	1 st Claimant Ref T0121092
	1 st Defendant Ref

Before His Honour Judge Gosnell sitting at the County Court Bradford on the 14 September 2018

IT IS ORDERED THAT

1. Appellant's application for permission to appeal is refused.
2. **REASONS :**
 - a) The appeal has no real prospects of success;
 - b) This was a small claim hearing with £154 at stake. The Claimant was claiming for parking charges allegedly due in contract, the Defendant contended that she had complied with the terms of the contract by swiping her details on a terminal in the gym but this was not mechanically recorded. The Judge found as a fact that she accepted the Claimant's account as truthful. This was a finding open to her on the evidence and one that cannot be successfully challenged on appeal whatever her findings were about the terminal records;
 - c) It transpires that the Claimant filed at court two conflicting schedules both purportedly recording the PDT log for the car park for the relevant period. In her witness statement Ms Brook exhibits the PDT log for the car park "on and around the times the vehicle was present on the contravention date". She does not explain that she has limited this disclosure to the time the Defendant's vehicle was in the car park. Had she done so clearly some of the discrepancies could have been explained. What remained unexplained was the fact that all the gym terminal entries save for one timed at 0625 were deleted from the PDT log attached to the witness statement.
 - d) The various discrepancies were pointed out by the Judge to the advocate for the Claimant at the hearing but she was unable to explain it;
 - e) The Claimant chose not to call Ms Brooks at the hearing when perhaps she could have explained the discrepancies (although this seems doubtful as she obviously did not notice them before attaching the schedule to her witness statement)
 - f) The Judge clearly felt the second schedule had been tampered with in some way and there was material to support that assumption in that computers do not normally selectively delete all entries but one from a previous schedule of entries (from the gym terminal). This was a finding which was open to her on the evidence;
- g) The decision to find that the claimant was guilty of unreasonable conduct was one open to the Judge on the evidence before her on the day. If the Claimant had produced accurate schedules or a witness who could explain the discrepancy and show it was innocent then such an order may not have been made but it does not mean the Judge was wrong on the evidence before her.
3. This decision has been taken without a hearing. The Appellant may apply for an oral reconsideration of the decision by making a request to the court to that effect within seven days of service of this order on it.

Dated 14 September 2018

The court office at the County Court at Skipton, The Court House, Otley Street, Skipton, BD23 1RH. When corresponding with the court, please address forms or letters to the Court Manager and quote the claim number. Tel: 01756 692650 Fax: 01264 347921. Check if you can issue your claim online. It will save you time and money. Go to www.moneyclaim.gov.uk to find out more.

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Exhibit AE-04 - Solar powered machines with signage stating ticketless machines.

Image 1 showing Gresley Row machine with solar panel

Image 2 showing Backcester Lane signage explaining machine are ticketless



Exhibit AE-05 - Petition on Change.org with over 1000 signature for Three Spires Car Park to be Returned to Lichfield City Council Management

(website -

<https://www.change.org/p/three-spires-shopping-centre-car-park-retained-to-council?signed=true>)

In the article it clearly states Excel Parking Ltd. are in management at the time of the petition.

I have also added numerous comments from the 'reason for signing' section of the angry and upset customers using these car parks.

https://www.change.org/p/three-spires-shopping-centre-car-park-retained-to-council?signed=true

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Three Spires Car Park Returned to Lichfield City Council Management



Chris Gill started this petition to Three Spires Shopping Centre

From 1 March 2021 Backcester Lane car park and Gresley Row car park in Lichfield city centre was returned to Three Spires Shopping Centre management. Three Spires Shopping Centre outsourced the car parks ticketing system to Excel Parking.

Since Excel Parking took over there have been numerous complaints regarding their conduct and aggressive tactics for enforcement. Furthermore blue badge holders are now required to pay for parking where as they do not in the council run car parks around the city.

Numerous online groups have reported machine failures and ticketing issue that have resulted in fines that are issued outside of the 14 day notice period required for enforcing a fine. Excel Parking fail to acknowledge these issues and scare people into paying £100's of pounds of tickets for fear of being taken to court.

As a result of these fines and the poor ethics of Excel Parking fewer people are using these car parks further reducing visitors to the city centre and congesting the other car parks in the City.

We propose that Three Spires Shopping Centre return the enforcement of car parks ticketing system to Lichfield City Council who operate in a fair and ethical manner and who also maintain the ticketing machines effectively.

1,051 have signed. Let's get to 1,500!

At 1,500 signatures, this petition is more likely to get picked up by local news!

Sign this petition

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☐ Yes! Tell me if this petition wins, and how I can help other relevant petitions

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Report a policy violation

Paul Mee 1 year ago

I have a blue badge for my son and need to park near the centre and near his favourite shops. They didn't make it clear blue badge holders now have to pay. Taking a lot of money in fines from those who can't afford it. These particular car park will soon be left empty.

3 · Report

Richard Harborne 1 year ago

My daughter is one of the many victims of aggressive enforcement by this shoddy company. She paid the parking fee but her vehicle number was not correctly registered on the machine so despite having the ticket to prove payment she was forced to pay £100 fee under threat of court action and CQ. Absolute disgrace.

3 · Report

Maureen Tinsley 12 months ago

This parking company (ex clamber) with their aggressive tactics has no place in Lichfield. I will never set foot on a car park managed by them again.

3 · Report

Dave Dalley 1 year ago

My niece received 4 tickets, even though she had paid. The automated fine system had been configured incorrectly. Many of her colleagues paid fines unnecessarily. It took many letters and appeals to resolve. I attempted to use the parking a few weeks ago and would not accept my card had to find alternative parking.

2 · Report

Susan Ball 6 months ago

I know I paid but I can't prove it with no ticket they have you don't they I paid in cash, I remember where I went shopping as well makes my blood boil I have never not paid in my life x

0 · Report

Louise Bird 6 months ago

I was given a £100 fine for driving into the car park to pick up my daughter. If you go into this car park for over zero minutes without getting a ticket you will be fined under their aggressive policy! BEWARE! I am appealing for a 2nd time but they have so far upheld their fine.

0 · Report

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Exhibit AE-06 - Letter from MP of Cannock, Amanda Milling

Thank you for your email regarding Excel Parking and your experience at Three Spires Shopping Centre car park in Lichfield.

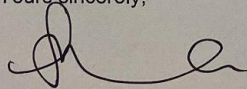
I was very sorry to hear that you received a Parking Charge Notice (PCN) from Excel Parking despite believing that you had paid for your ticket. I can certainly imagine the frustration this must have caused you. It is also clear from the petition you linked that there is a lot of strength of feeling on this issue from other motorists who have had similar experiences. I very much look forward to the Parking Code of Practice being reintroduced as soon as possible as I believe it is right to ensure that private parking companies apply fair practices.

Despite the area in question being in Lichfield, I am more than happy to look into this matter on your behalf. There is a strict parliamentary protocol which dictates that MPs must only represent their own constituents, and as you live in my constituency, this means it is for me to make enquiries on your behalf.

I have therefore written to Simon Renshaw-Smith, Managing Director of Excel Parking, to highlight how many people have been issued unfair and incorrect PCNs as a result of faulty machines and lack of payment confirmation. I have requested that Excel Parking look into how they can ensure that this does not happen going forward. I will of course let you know as and when I have any update.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything further I can do to assist you with this, or any other matter.

Yours sincerely,



The Rt Hon Amanda Milling MP

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Exhibit AE-07 - Lichfield Live article on Three Spires Shopping Centre to end management of car park contract with Excel Parking Ltd.

(website -

<https://lichfieldlive.co.uk/2022/06/12/decision-by-shopping-centre-owner-to-end-contract-with-car-parking-company-welcomed-by-lichfield-mp/>)

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LICHFIELD LIVE

NEWS

Decision by shopping centre owner to end contract with car parking company welcomed by Lichfield MP

by Lichfield Live
12th June, 2022



The Backcester Lane car park. Picture: Google Streetview

Confirmation that a different operator will be used at Lichfield car parks in future has been described as "good news" by the city's MP.

The new owners of the Three Spires Shopping Centre [have confirmed that it will end a deal with Excel Parking](#) to run the facilities at Backcester Lane and Gresley Row.

The car parks had [previously been operated by Lichfield District Council](#) until the centre's previous owner brought in Excel last year.

But complaints over tickets issued to drivers saw [a campaign group set up with hundreds of members](#).

https://lichfieldlive.co.uk/2022/06/12/decision-by-shopping-centre-owner-to-end-contract-with-car-parking-company-welcome...

LICHFIELD LIVE

Lichfield MP Michael Fabricant said he was pleased to see the change of operator.

"This is seriously good news – I have never before had to deal with a company that has so little interest in engaging with genuine concerns of the customers it is meant to serve.

"Even when I have taken up miscarriages of justice with the company concerning constituents who have been served parking penalty notices by them because their machines were faulty, they have shown no interest in righting obvious wrongs.

"Good riddance to a company that damaged the good name of Lichfield by their unwillingness to engage with the community. Their lack of engagement is a testimony to how a company should not be run.

"I feel sorry for other towns who have to endure them."

Michael Fabricant

Evolve Estates were [confirmed as the new owners](#) of the shopping centre last month.

As well as the change to the parking provision, they have already begun work with the council in a [bid to convert the vacant former Debenhams unit into a cinema](#).

Cllr Doug Pullen, leader of Lichfield District Council, said he was looking forward to seeing a better experience for drivers using the car parks at the Three Spires Shopping Centre.

"The new owners have confirmed that they have given the required 30 days notice to terminate the contract with Excel Parking following review and feedback, and they are now in consultation with new suppliers.

"They've committed to upgrading the parking machines, ensuring that visitors get either a paper or e-mail receipt, and retaining the ability to pay by cash or card.

"I am really pleased that we have such a community-focused organisation now owning Three Spires Shopping Centre and we look forward to our continued engagement with them."

Cllr Doug Pullen, Lichfield District Council

Exhibit AE-08 - Quote from MP of Lichfield, Michael Fabricant on removal of Excel Parking Ltd. from management of car parks.

Noting the comment - *“Good riddance to a company that damaged the good name of Lichfield by their unwillingness to engage with the community.”*

Demonstrates the total lack of care or willingness to correct a clear issue that has affected the community of Lichfield as a whole.

