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The image shows the exterior of The National Archives building. A prominent curved sign above a glass-enclosed entrance reads "The National Archives". The building features large white columns and a modern architectural style. The sky is clear and blue.

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## Visitor car park changes

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# Changes to car parking

- Car park charges will apply to visitor parking from 3 April 2018.
- Administered through an ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) system, with visitors paying before departure at a pay point located inside the building.

- Charges and hours:

Parking time	Charge
Up to two hours	£2.50
Up to four hours	£4.50
Over four hours	£7.00

Day	Building hours	Car park hours
Monday	Closed	08:30-20:00
Tuesday	09:00-19:00	08:30-20:00
Wednesday	09:00-17:00	08:30-20:00
Thursday	09:00-19:00	08:30-20:00
Friday	09:00-17:00	08:30-20:00
Saturday	09:00-17:00	08:30-20:00
Sunday	Closed	Closed

- Under this scheme 'Blue Badge' holders will continue to be able to park without charge in designated parking bays.

# Rationale for change

Two key reasons for implementing charges:

- **Asset protection:** To ensure that the option to park on site continues to be available for as many of our visitors as possible. By introducing charges we hope to be able to deter parking unconnected with our organisation and to accommodate more of our own visitors.
- **Costs:** We have maintained a free car park over many years. Unfortunately, this comes at a cost to us and we need to balance the needs of a minority of visitors who arrive by car, against our need to invest in services for the majority who arrive by public transport or use our services online.

# Other information

- Public announcement and Q & A published on Thursday 1 March.
- We will review the impact of the new scheme during its initial period to ensure it meets its objectives and to assess the impact on visitors.
- Questions or comments?  
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