



**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR
THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (COREY'S MILL LANE AND B197
NORTH ROAD, STEVENAGE) (ON STREET PAY-BY-PHONE AND PAY-
BY-PLATE PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2026**

Parking is at a premium in the vicinity of Lister Hospital, giving rise to congestion.

Hertfordshire County Council and Stevenage Borough Council have therefore provided parking places on Corey's Mill Lane and North Road, subject to a three-hour maximum stay, and requiring payment for parking, to help relieve this by enabling managed parking and encouraging turnover to maximise its availability. This also improves the amenity of the area by making it easier to park, including for disabled drivers who are able to park their cars without incurring a charge and with no limit on the duration of their stay.

However, the payment infrastructure at these parking places is now aging, and would benefit from replacement. Should payment facilities fail, it would not be possible to encourage the turnover of parking, making it harder for motorists to find a space. Updating the regulation of these parking places will mean that motorists making use of parking places in Corey's Mill Lane and North Road can benefit from modern technology, enabling payment methods that do not require a paper ticket, improving reliability and convenience for drivers as they do not have to return to their vehicle and the ticket cannot slip off the dashboard. This will smooth and speed up their experience, and the technology may also enable benefits such as reminders when their paid-for parking is running out in order that they can remove their vehicle or pay to stay for longer and avoid possible penalties. It also ensures that all parking places in the street are managed consistently, avoiding the potential for drivers being confused by or receiving a penalty due to different regulations.

It therefore appears necessary to Stevenage Borough Council to make the above-named Order for the purpose of relieving or preventing congestion of traffic, and to improve the amenity of the area for motorists.