

## STATEMENT OF REASONS

### THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (DANESTRETE, STEVENAGE) (PEDESTRIAN ZONE AND PROHIBITION OF WAITING) AND (REVOCATION) ORDER 2022

Stevenage Borough Council is proposing to introduce a pedestrian zone in part of Stevenage.

The proposals will comprise of –

- A Pedestrian Zone with Prohibition of Waiting affecting Danestrete, Stevenage, prohibiting motor vehicles and pedal cycles being ridden and waiting, loading and unloading at all times except permit holders.
- Revocation in part of **The Borough of Stevenage (Town Centre) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) (Prohibition of Loading and Unloading) (Bus Stop Clearway) (Mandatory Movements) (Restriction of Use) and (One Way Traffic) Order 2003**

Following the relocation of the Bus Station located in Stevenage Town Centre the vacant area is being redeveloped to create a multi-use space for the local community. The proposed Pedestrian Zone with a Prohibition of Waiting, Loading or unloading, will ensure pedestrians can safely use these new facilities and will improve the amenity for local residents and preserve the character of the area.

As part of this scheme, revocation of certain existing Restriction of Use and One Way traffic provisions first introduced in 2003 will be necessary, to ensure a suitable alternative route is available for general vehicular traffic.

Exemptions will apply as set out within the Order in respect of Permit Holders, Emergency Service vehicles, Postal Deliveries, Market Traders vehicles being used on Market Days, Street Traders Vehicles being used in connection with events authorised by the Borough Council, and a Vehicle being used by a Statutory Authority in the course of fulfilling a statutory duty.

Therefore, having also considered the duty imposed under Section 122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, it appears to Borough Council that is necessary and expedient to make these Orders in the interests of avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using these roads or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property and for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the roads run.

The proposals have been subject to consultation with Council Members and Hertfordshire County Council. The local Police, Ambulance, Fire & Rescue Services, bus operators and local residents have also been consulted.