

**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING**

**THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (TOWN CENTRE, STEVENAGE) (ON STREET  
PAY AND DISPLAY AND PAY BY PHONE) ORDER 2016 (AMENDMENT) ORDER  
2023  
AND  
THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (MARSHGATE, STEVENAGE) (PAY-BY-  
PHONE PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2021  
(AMENDMENT) ORDER 2023**

Stevenage Borough Council proposes to make the above order to change the on-street pay and display operational hours in Town Centre, Stevenage from Mon-Sat 8am-6pm to Mon-Sat 8am-8pm. Furthermore, the parking machines will be upgraded by fitting them with 4G modems and replace the coins payment method with bank card payment method.

This will improve the amenity of the area, encourage turnover of vehicles and availability of parking spaces at those times, in line with the objectives of the original Orders regulating the parking places.

Therefore, it appears to the Borough Council as Order making Authority, having considered its duties under Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, that it is necessary and expedient to make the Order to update the management of parking places that are provided -  
In the interest of preserving or improving the amenities of the area; and  
For the purpose of relieving or preventing congestion of traffic.