

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR MAKING
THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (PERMIT PARKING) ORDER 2018
(AMENDMENT) ORDER 2020**

The Borough of Stevenage (Permit Parking) Order 2018 (Amendment) Order 2020 amends The Borough of Stevenage (Permit Parking) Order 2018 in order to:

- Introduce permit parking places in Albert Street, Basils Road, Church Lane, Grove Road, Southend Close, Stanmore Road, Victoria Close and Walkern Road except for marked bays and allow residents to be eligible for permits and set appropriate parking permit and visitor voucher fees for this area;
- enable the use of virtual parking permits and visitor vouchers in these streets and in Burymead, rather than only allowing physical permits/vouchers to be used, and set appropriate fees for virtual parking permits and vouchers; and
- allow the issue of Caring Visitor Parking Permits free of charge; as set out in the Order and accompanying plans.

At present non-residential parking in the streets where new permit parking controls are proposed places those streets under a high level of parking pressure, with a significant effect on residents' quality of life. This is particularly the case for residents, including elderly residents, who do not have off-street parking and are reliant on regular care visits, which is impeded by the lack of available parking. The hindrance of other visitors is also considered to be detrimental to some residents' quality of life.

The periodic renewal of the Council's parking enforcement arrangements has offered the opportunity to access a virtual parking permit system without incurring the significant setup costs that would otherwise be encountered. Being able to offer virtual parking permits and visitor vouchers will let residents obtain permits and vouchers more quickly and easily, and enable a cost saving that the Council can then pass on to residents through lower fees, and by doing so improve the amenity of the permit parking scheme for residents.

Allowing Caring Visitor Permits free of charge will minimise the impact of the permit parking area both residents requiring care and on the ability of care suppliers such as GPs to deliver care to their patients living in the permit area, and by doing so improve the amenity of the permit parking area for residents.

The Borough of Stevenage (Permit Parking) Order 2018 (Amendment) Order 2020 also provides minor clarifications to The Borough of Stevenage (Permit Parking) Order 2018 in line with best practice.

Therefore, it appears to the Borough Council as Order making Authority, that it is necessary and expedient to make the Order -
in order to relieve and prevent congestion; and

in the interest of preserving or improving the amenities of the area.

**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR MAKING
THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (OLD TOWN, STEVENAGE) (DISABLED
PERSON'S PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2020**

The introduction of a permit parking area in Albert Street, Alleyns Road, Basils Road, Grove Road, Southend Close, Stanmore Road, and Victoria Close allows the opportunity to formalise advisory disabled parking bays placed in those streets previously as enforceable Disabled Person's Parking Places as set out in the Order and accompanying plans.

Formalising these bays as enforceable Disabled Person's Parking Places ensures that they are not misused by drivers who do not hold a blue badge, and also allow disabled residents the opportunity to park within the permit area without necessarily needing to purchase a parking permit, minimising the financial burden of permit parking for residents who may have no option but to use a car and thereby improve the amenity of the area for disabled residents.

Therefore, it appears to the Borough Council as Order making Authority, that it is necessary and expedient to make the Order -

in order to relieve and prevent congestion; and

in the interest of preserving or improving the amenities of the area.

**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR MAKING
THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (OLD TOWN, STEVENAGE) (PARKING
PLACES) ORDER 2020**

The introduction of a permit parking area in Albert Street, Alleyns Road, Basils Road, Church Lane, Grove Road, Southend Close, Stanmore Road, Victoria Close and Walkern Road has the potential to affect parking relating to services and businesses in the area. In order to facilitate parking relating to these services and businesses it is therefore intended to create limited waiting parking places close to them in Albert Street, Letchmore Road, Sish Lane and Stanmore Road as set out in the Order and accompanying plans. This will help service users and customers to still be able to access these premises, and thereby preserve the amenity of the area for service providers, businesses, and their visitors.

This also presents the opportunity to maximise parking availability for both customers of local businesses and residents, improving the amenity of the area for both groups. To this end, limited waiting parking bays in Church Lane are proposed to be amended to exempt vehicles with a parking permit or visitor voucher to park from the limited waiting restrictions. At the same time, additional parking bays will be created on similar terms of limited waiting with

an exception for vehicles displaying a permit/voucher in Church Lane, Drapers Way, Primett Road and Walkern Road as set out in the Order and accompanying plans.

Therefore, it appears to the Borough Council as Order making Authority, that it is necessary and expedient to make the Order -

in order to relieve and prevent congestion; and

in the interest of preserving or improving the amenities of the area.

**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR MAKING
THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (OLD TOWN, STEVENAGE) (RESTRICTION
OF WAITING) ORDER 2020**

The creation of permit parking and limited waiting parking places in the area has the potential through the displacement of long stay parking to create new difficulties due to parking in inappropriate locations, such as close to junctions or obstructing entrances.

The Borough of Stevenage (Albert Street, Church Lane, Stanmore Road and Walkern Road, Stevenage) (Restriction of Waiting) Order 2019 is therefore proposed to prevent such parking taking place at the junction of Albert Street and Church Lane, the eastern end of Drapers Way, on the north-eastern bend of Stanmore Road and at property entrances in Church Lane and Walkern Road as set out in the Order and accompanying plans. This will ensure premises can be accessed, thereby preserving the amenity of the area, and that obstructive parking does not occur, thereby facilitating the passage on the road of any class of traffic.

Therefore, it appears to the Borough Council as Order making Authority, that it is necessary and expedient to make the Order -

In the interest of preserving or improving the amenities of the area; and
facilitating the passage on the road of any class of traffic (including
pedestrians)

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