

The Occupier

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Dear Occupier(s),

Parking proposals in Ditchmore Lane, Gates Way and southern High Street, Stevenage

The council has received several requests to introduce parking controls on High Street, in the section between Trinity Road and Gates Way. The issues reported relate to vehicles parking for extended periods, resulting in low turnover of parking spaces, increased congestion, difficulties for residents wishing to park close to their homes, challenges for businesses receiving deliveries, and reduced parking availability for motorists (particularly those with disabilities) visiting the GP surgery and other local amenities.

To address these concerns, we propose introducing a disabled parking bay close to the surgery, a loading bay serving the businesses in the area, and a two-hour maximum stay free parking restriction on all remaining on-street parking bays, with an exemption for permit holders, as shown on the enclosed plan. All residential properties within this section of road will be eligible to apply for resident permits and visitor vouchers. The applicable charges are listed in Table 1 below.

Following reports that parked vehicles in Gates Way are creating hazards for pedestrians by obstructing sightlines when crossing the road, and for motorists exiting The Gate Hotel, we are also proposing the introduction of double yellow lines in Gates Way, as shown on the enclosed plan.

As these proposals would introduce restrictions in areas that are currently unrestricted and commonly used for long-stay parking, it is considered appropriate to provide opportunities for longer-stay parking nearby. Existing limited waiting parking bays in Ditchmore Lane have been identified as suitable for this purpose. However, there is a risk that unrestricted longer-stay parking could reduce parking availability. It is therefore proposed to permit longer stays while introducing parking charges, as detailed in Table 2 below. This approach is intended to encourage parking turnover, support parking availability within the area, and help reduce congestion.

Full details of these proposals are set out in the Orders which, together with plan and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders, can be examined during normal opening hours at the Council's offices in Daneshill House. Details can also be viewed on the Council's web site at <https://www.stevenage.gov.uk/parking/traffic-regulation-orders/proposed-traffic-orders>

For general enquiries about these orders, please contact the parking team via email at tro@stevenage.gov.uk or by telephone on (01438) 242 242.

Formal objections to the proposals, stating the grounds upon which they are made and the names and full address of the person making the objection should be in writing to Stevenage Borough Council, at the address below or via email to tro@stevenage.gov.uk before 7 August 2026. Comments in support of the proposals will also be welcomed during this time.

Table 1 – proposed permit and visitor vouchers fees

Planning and Regulation

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Item	Fee for paper permit/voucher	Fee for virtual permit/voucher
Resident Parking Permit for first vehicle at the address	£68 per year or £40 per six months	£62 per year or £34 per six months
Resident Parking Permit for second vehicle at the address	£94 per year or £53 per six months	£88 per year or £47 per six months
Set of 20 Resident's Visitor Parking Vouchers (Maximum 12 sets per household within any given 12 months)	£20	£15
Caring Visitor Parking Permit	£0	£0
Eligible addresses	All residential dwellings having postal addresses in that part of the High Street between Gates Way and Trinity Road on 1 January 2026 (property numbers 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 166, 168, 170, 172, 172a High Street)	

Table 2 – proposed parking tariff Ditchmore Lane parking bays

Maximum period of stay	Parking fee Monday to Saturday 7am to 6.30pm Excluding bank holidays and public holidays No return within two hours
30 minutes	£0
1 hour	£0
2 hours	£0
3 hours	£3
4 hours	£4.50
5 hours	£6
All day	£14
Blue badge holders	Free, without time limit

Yours Sincerely,

Liviu Azoicai, Traffic and Parking Enforcement Manager