



**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR
THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (GATES WAY, STEVENAGE)
(RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2026
THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (HIGH STREET, STEVENAGE)
(LOADING BAY) ORDER 2026
THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (HIGH STREET, STEVENAGE)
(DISABLED PERSON'S VEHICLES PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2026
THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (OLD TOWN, STEVENAGE) (PARKING
PLACES) ORDER 2020 (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2026
AND
THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (DITCHMORE LANE, STEVENAGE)
(PAY-BY-PHONE AND PAY-BY-PLATE PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2026**

Parking in Gates Way, Stevenage, is stated to create a hazard for pedestrians by obscuring sightlines when crossing the road to or from the Gate Hotel. Parking also visually dominates the southern side of the street.

It therefore appears necessary to Stevenage Borough Council to make The Borough of Stevenage (Gates Way, Stevenage) (Restriction of Waiting) Order 2026 for the purposes of avoiding danger to persons or traffic using the road and prevent the likelihood of any such danger arising; facilitating the passage of traffic (including pedestrians) on the road; and preserving and improving the amenity of the area.

Some businesses in High Street, Stevenage between Gates Way and Trinity Road have limited opportunities to load and unload goods on-street. This means that loading or unloading activities may not be possible without obstructing the carriageway, causing congestion, and may pose a hazard to other road users.

It therefore appears necessary to Stevenage Borough Council to make The Borough of Stevenage (High Street, Stevenage) (Loading Bay) Order 2026 for the purposes of relieving or preventing congestion of traffic, avoiding danger to persons or traffic using the road and preserving and improving the amenity of the area.

There are currently no disabled person's parking bays in this part of the High Street, which is subject to high demand for parking, meaning that in the absence of dedicated space disabled person's vehicles may be more likely to be parked on double yellow lines. This is liable to obstruct the carriageway, causing congestion, inconvenient for people with disabilities, and may pose a hazard to other road users. The presence of a surgery also increases demand for disabled parking and creates a need to ensure that there is a turnover of disabled parking and that the space is not occupied by a single vehicle for extended period, meaning that it is necessary to place a time limit on the disabled bay.

It therefore appears necessary to Stevenage Borough Council to make The Borough of Stevenage (High Street, Stevenage) (Disabled Person's Vehicles Parking Places) Order 2026 for the purposes of relieving or preventing congestion of traffic, avoiding danger to persons or traffic using the road and preserving and improving the amenity of the area.



Demand for parking in this part of High Street can make it impossible for residents to park and can be liable to contribute to congestion as drivers circulate in search of a space or as they wait for a space, also causing obstruction.

It therefore appears necessary to Stevenage Borough Council to make The Borough of Stevenage (Old Town, Stevenage) (Parking Places) Order 2020 (Amendment) Order 2026 for the purposes of relieving or preventing congestion of traffic, and preserving and improving the amenity of the area.

As the above orders place restrictions on areas that are currently without parking controls and are used for long stay parking, it can be seen as desirable to create the opportunity for longer stay parking in the vicinity. Existing limited waiting parking bays in Ditchmore Lane have been identified as suitable for this purpose, but there is a risk that longer stay parking could lead to a lack of availability. It is therefore proposed to allow longer stays but to impose charges for parking there, thus encouraging turnover of parking to support the availability of parking within the street, helping to reduce congestion.

It therefore appears necessary to Stevenage Borough Council to make The Borough of Stevenage (Ditchmore Lane, Stevenage) (Pay-By-Phone and Pay-By-Plate Parking Places) Order 2026 for the purposes of relieving or preventing congestion of traffic, and preserving and improving the amenity of the area.