

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING

THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (BOSWELL GARDENS, FOSTER CLOSE AND WANSBECK CLOSE, STEVENAGE) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2022

The Council received a number of reports about obstructive parking taking place at several junctions/bends in Wansbeck Close. Also, a number of residents have contacted the Council highlighting parking congestion and obstructions caused by all day commuter parking in Boswell Gardens and Foster Close. A recent informal consultation with the properties located within these streets highlighted support for:

- 'No waiting at any time' restrictions to be introduced mainly at junctions/bends in Wansbeck Close as detailed in the Notice of Proposals;
- 'No waiting' between 10-11am and 2-3pm Monday to Friday in parts of Boswell Gardens as specified in the Notice of Proposals;
- 'No waiting' between 9am-5pm Monday to Friday in Foster Close opposite its junction with Boswell Gardens.

The Council's investigations have found that the current unrestricted parking is liable to obstruct drivers' sightlines and cause an obstruction to passing traffic including emergency vehicles, deliveries or refuse collection trucks.

The Borough of Stevenage (Boswell Gardens, Foster Close and Wansbeck Close, Stevenage) (Restriction of Waiting) Order 2022 is therefore proposed in order to improve the amenity of the area for the residents by prohibiting parking at certain times to stop all day commuter parking, and to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the roads, and facilitate the passage of traffic on the roads, by preventing hazardous or obstructive parking from taking place at various locations in these streets as detailed in the Notice of Proposals.

Therefore, it appears to the Borough Council as Order making Authority, that it is necessary and expedient to make the Order in the interests of avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road and for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising and for facilitating the passage on the road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).