

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING

**THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (VARIOUS ROADS IN CHELLS AND MANOR
WARDS, STEVENAGE) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2023
and
THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (PRIESTLEY ROAD, STEVENAGE)
(PROHIBITION OF VERGE AND FOOTWAY PARKING) ORDER 2023**

At present parking at locations in various roads in Chells and Manor Wards are reported to cause a hazard and/or an obstruction. These reports were brought forward to us by residents, local councillors, bus operators, Council's refuse collection team and others. Concerns were raised regarding, vehicles parking dangerously causing obstructions of a number of junctions or other locations in the named roads and/or obstruction to the route of the public bus service.

The Borough of Stevenage (Various Roads in Chells and Manor Wards, Stevenage) (Restriction of Waiting) Order 2023 is therefore proposed in order 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 wards as detailed in the Notice of Proposals.

Stevenage Borough Council also proposes to make The Borough of Stevenage (Priestley Road, Stevenage) (Prohibition of Verge and Footway Parking) Order 2023, to prohibit any vehicle from parking with one or more wheels on any highway verge or footway and any areas laid for ornamental purposes maintained by Stevenage Borough Council. The restrictions will help to prevent damage being caused by vehicles parking on verges, footways or ornamental areas in these roads and thereby maintain and improve the amenity of the area and preserve the character of the road. They will also maintain the footways free of parked cars for the use of pedestrians without obstruction and reduce the likelihood of danger to pedestrians from having to use the carriageway to pass parked cars or from vehicles mounting the footway.

The Council's investigations have found that the current unrestricted parking at locations listed in the schedule of these Orders is liable to cause an obstruction to traffic both during the day and in the evening.

Therefore, it appears to the Borough Council as Order making Authority, having considered the duty imposed under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act [1984](#), that it is necessary and expedient to make the Order in the interests of avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads and for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising and for facilitating the passage on the roads of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).