

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING

THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (COUNCIL HOUSING CAR PARKS) (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2021

Inconsiderate parking in car parks owned by Stevenage Borough Council's Housing Department can cause aggravation for residents, and lead to congestion of traffic in the car parks and on the public road outside.

This can be particularly problematic for disabled residents if other drivers park in spaces that are marked out for disabled person's vehicles meaning that they are unable to use the spaces intended for them and suitable alternatives are often not available.

This Order has therefore been proposed to allow Stevenage Borough Council to use Civil Parking Enforcement to formally control parking in the car park at Harrow Court, where there have been significant issues for disabled drivers, allowing enforcement against cars parked in a Disabled Parking Bay without a Blue Badge.

Parking out of bay can also make it hard for other drivers to park, and obstruct access to and egress from the car park. This Order would allow that to be enforced against.

This Order would further allow the Council to identify parts of the car park for certain uses and uphold this through enforcement. This means that in the case of future need it would be possible to ensure a given area is reserved for deliveries to be loaded/unloaded, or to reserve space for motorcycle parking. It also means that if in future electric vehicle charging points are introduced spaces next to them can be protected to ensure that electric vehicles can access the charging points.

Should the introduction of parking controls here be a success, the Order has been prepared to allow other similar car parks to be similarly designated as Parking Places by adding them to the Schedule.

These measures will allow the effective management of parking in the Harrow Court Car Park and other car parks if they should be added in future, so as to relieve and prevent congestion of traffic as appears necessary to Stevenage Borough Council.

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