

## **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

### **THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (KILBY ROAD & WATSON ROAD, STEVENAGE) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING) (EXPERIMENTAL) (AMENDMENT NO 1) ORDER 2025**

Previous parking reports received from local residents and from the Emergency Services Fire Prevention Department highlighted that the unrestricted parking taking place has proven to be an obstruction to traffic and emergency services vehicles and therefore the Borough Council assessed the effectiveness of parking controls in addressing the issues and also assessed the impact on vehicle displacement, by introducing experimental “no waiting at any time” restrictions in Kilby Road and Watson Road.

After the introduction of the experimental ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions, the Fire Service assessed the access on these roads for their fire appliances and confirmed that their vehicles were able to gain unhindered access to all parts of these roads. However, some residents suggested that additional kerbside parking should be maintained on the east side of Kilby Road adjacent to properties 51-66 Kilby Road. This feedback has been taken in consideration and the initially implemented Experimental Order has been amended.

The experiment including its amendment will continue for up to 18 months since its implementation, while Stevenage Borough Council will monitor the effects of the restrictions and may apply further amendments to the experimental provisions, if considered necessary.

Therefore, Stevenage Borough Council as Order making Authority, consider that in order to assess the impact and effect of the imposition of waiting restrictions it is necessary to make this Experimental Order.