STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING

THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (LONDON ROAD, STEVENAGE) (DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2020 (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2023

In September 2020 the Council introduced six disabled parking bays in London Road, Stevenage to improve the parking facilities in Town Centre for disabled persons. Since then, the Council monitored the feedback received from the public and several suggested that these on-street disabled bays are being used by commuters.

After receiving feedback from the public and following Civil Enforcement Officers' observations, the disabled bays have been identified as being used by commuters for long-stay parking causing significant issues for disabled persons looking for short-stay designated disabled parking whilst visiting the Town Centre especially those attending physiotherapy sessions at the Leisure Centre. The Council is proposing to restrict the waiting time of these bays to a maximum stay of three hours with a no-return limit of one hour.

Therefore, it appears to the Borough Council as the 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 to improve the amenity of the area for disabled persons.

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