



THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (STEVENAGE) (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE) ORDER 2023

AND

THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (TOWN CENTRE) (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2008 (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2023

AND

THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (MARSHGATE, STEVENAGE) (DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2023

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THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (MARSHGATE, STEVENAGE) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING OR UNLOADING) ORDER 2023

Marshgate, a street in Stevenage Town Centre, is subject to substantial redevelopment, resulting in changes to the street scene.

This has resulted in the need to adjust the layout of disabled person's parking bays in the street, in order that Blue Badge holders can park without difficulty or causing to seek a space, and without causing an obstruction, either of which may add to traffic congestion in the area.

The available land and layout of the car park in Marshgate has also altered, requiring that its designation as a parking place is revised. This also gives the opportunity to ensure that it is well regulated and subject to appropriate charges to encourage its efficient use so that spaces are regularly available for drivers to park in, and while going through the legal process to change the The Borough of Stevenage (Stevenage) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2023 to update the charging structure and fees applied to Railway North Car Park for the same purpose and thereby avoid traffic congestion as drivers seek alternative parking spaces.

It therefore appears necessary to Stevenage Borough Council to make The Borough of Stevenage (Stevenage) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2023 (amendment Number one) and Borough of Stevenage (Town Centre) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2008 (Amendment) Order 2023; and The Borough of Stevenage (Marshgate, Stevenage) (Disabled Person's Parking Places) Order 2023 to provide parking places for vehicles for the purpose of relieving or preventing the congestion of traffic.

The amendments to the street scene, and realignment of disabled person's parking bays in Marshgate, also necessitates amendment to the extents of "no waiting, no loading" restrictions. If this were not done around the disabled person's parking bays, the council would not be able to address obstructive parking that would prevent their use and disrupt the flow of traffic on the carriageway. It is also necessary to implement these restrictions to shorten the loading bay in the north western corner of the street in order that pedestrians can cross the carriageway with unimpeded sightlines and can both see and be seen by drivers to help reduce the likelihood of anybody being injured in a crash. Furthermore, a new property entrance means that the removal of several pay-by-phone parking bays is necessary to allow the safe and unobstructed ingress and egress of vehicles through or adjacent to the space they currently occupy. These prohibitions of parking will also reduce the level of on-street parking, thereby reducing visual dominance of the urban environment by motor vehicles and so preserving and improving the amenity of the area by supporting the high quality urban design encapsulated in the aesthetic of the street's redevelopment.

It therefore appears necessary to Stevenage Borough Council to make The Borough of Stevenage (Marshgate, Stevenage) (Prohibition of waiting, loading or unloading) Order 2023 for the purposes of avoiding danger to persons or traffic using the road and prevent the likelihood of any such danger arising; facilitating the passage of traffic (including pedestrians) on the road; and preserving and improving the amenity of the area.