



## **STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (VARIOUS ROADS, LONGMEADOW AND ROEBUCK WARDS, STEVENAGE) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING) AND (REVOCATION) ORDER 2021**

and

### **THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (BROOK DRIVE, HOLLY LEYS, KNEBWORTH GATE AND MANDEVILLE, STEVENAGE) (PROHIBITION OF VERGE AND FOOTWAY PARKING) AND (REVOCATION) ORDER 2021**

In June 2019 restrictions of 'no waiting at any time' and verge and footway parking prohibition were introduced in various roads in Longmeadow and Roebuck Wards, Stevenage. However restrictions were not implemented in a number of locations where further investigations were required or additional parking provision was needed. These locations and others where parking has been reported to cause a hazard and/or an obstruction were investigated. It was found that the current unrestricted parking is liable to cause an obstruction to traffic and to obscure drivers' sightlines.

Following feedback received from residents and further investigations it was found that existing 'no waiting at any time' restrictions could be relaxed or revoked in locations where parking is not reported to cause a hazard and/or an obstruction or only at certain times. Also, in several locations with narrow road widths it was found that vehicles parking wholly on the carriageway are liable to cause an obstruction to the passage of traffic therefore the verge and footway parking prohibition should be revoked in these locations.

The Borough of Stevenage (Various Roads in Longmeadow and Roebuck Wards, Stevenage) (Restriction of Waiting) and (Revocation) Order 2021 is therefore proposed in order to improve the amenity of the area for the residents by allowing parking at certain times, and 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 (Brook Drive, Holly Leys, Knebworth Gate and Mandeville, Stevenage) (Prohibition of Verge and Footway Parking) and (Revocation) Order 2021, 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 in Brook Drive. 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.

This Order is also proposing to revoke the verge and footway parking prohibition in Knebworth Gate for its entire length, in Holly Leys cul-de-sac serving numbers 78-112 Holly Leys and in Mandeville cul-de-sac serving numbers 53-69 and 54-64 Mandeville, locations where it has become apparent that the road widths are not sufficient to require parking entirely on the carriageway without causing an obstruction to the passage of traffic on the road.

Therefore, it appears to the Borough Council as Order making Authority, that it is necessary and expedient to make the Order in the interests of avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road and for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising and for facilitating the passage on the road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), and to improve the amenity of the area.