



**STATEMENT OF REASONS
THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (TOWN CENTRE, STEVENAGE) (ON
STREET PAY-BY-PHONE AND PAY-BY-PLATE PARKING PLACES)
ORDER 2026**

Parking is at a premium in the centre of Stevenage, giving rise to congestion.

It is proposed to help relieve this by designating a new parking place in Eastgate. This will increase the availability of parking for the general public, and impose charges for parking in these spaces thus encouraging turnover of parking to support the availability of parking within the street, helping to reduce congestion. It will also improve the amenity of the area by making it easier to park, including for disabled drivers who will be able to park their cars without incurring a charge.

At the same time payment infrastructure at existing parking places is now aging, and would benefit from replacement. Updating the regulation of existing parking places in the town centre will mean that motorists making use of parking places in Danestrete, Southgate, Swingate, The Quadrant and Westgate can benefit from modern technology including enabling payment using machines that do not require a paper ticket to be displayed, improving reliability and convenience for drivers as they do not have to return to their vehicle and the ticket cannot slip off the dashboard. This will smooth and speed up their experience, and the technology may also enable benefits such as reminders when their paid-for parking is running out in order that they can remove their vehicle or pay to stay for longer, and avoid possible penalties.

It therefore appears necessary to Stevenage Borough Council to make the above named Order for the purpose of relieving or preventing congestion of traffic, and to improve the amenity of the area for motorists.