

## **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

### **THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (KILBY ROAD AND WATSON ROAD, STEVENAGE) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2026**

Stevenage Borough Council after complaints, feedback from residents and after completing site investigations implemented an experimental scheme of parking in February 2025 with further amendments made to the restrictions in September 2025 after requests from residents to allow more availability for parking. The purpose of the order and the following amendment was to evaluate the effect of waiting restrictions in Kilby Road and Watson Road and the surrounding areas affected by the increased volume of parked vehicles and vehicle displacement.

Parking reports received from residents and from the Emergency Services Fire Prevention Department highlighted that the previous unrestricted parking taking place prior to the implementation of the order was hazardous and obstructive. A live assessment has been carried out after the initial implementation of the no waiting restrictions by the Fire Department after which the new parking controls were deemed to be effective in allowing safer passage for all vehicles.

The Borough of Stevenage (Kilby and Watson Road, Stevenage) (Restriction of Waiting) Order 2026 is therefore proposed in order 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 Kilby Road and Watson Road as detailed in the Notice of Proposals.

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 in the interests of avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads and for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising and for facilitating the passage on the roads of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).