

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING

**THE BOROUGH OF WELWYN HATFIELD (VARIOUS ROADS, PEARTREE (1), WELWYN GARDEN CITY) (PROHIBITION OF STOPPING AND WAITING ON VERGE OR FOOTWAY) ORDER 2022**

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council is proposing to introduce restrictions in various roads, Peartree, Welwyn Garden City, consisting of a prohibition of stopping and waiting on any verge, vehicle crossover or footway.

Parking on verges and footways is an unnecessary obstruction, inconvenience to other road users and causes damage to the highway and underground services; consultation has taken place with the residents in the below named roads. The results of the consultation showed that a clear majority were in favour of the proposed restriction.

Existing bye laws in force prohibit parking on grass verges, however current legislation does not allow their enforcement by parking attendants.

Having considered the duty imposed by Section 122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, it appears to Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council that it is necessary and expedient to make Orders for the following reasons:-

- **For the avoidance of danger to persons or other traffic using the road and preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.**
- **For preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property**

The proposed new restriction applies to the following roads;

In parts of Athelstan Walk North, Athelstan Walk South, Broadwater Crescent, Broadwater Road, By The Mount, Corals Mead, Creswick Court, Edgars Court, Goblins Green and The Reeds.

The proposal has been subject to consultation with local and county councillors representing the area and Hertfordshire County Council. The local Police, Ambulance, Fire and Rescue Services, Officers from Hertfordshire County Council, local residents and businesses have also been consulted.

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