

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

THE BOROUGH OF WELWYN HATFIELD (VARIOUS ROADS, PEARTREE, WELWYN GARDEN CITY) (PROHIBITION OF STOPPING AND WAITING ON VERGE OR FOOTWAY) ORDER 2026

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council is proposing to introduce a prohibition of stopping and waiting on any verge, vehicle crossover or footway in **Various Roads, Peartree, Welwyn Garden City**.

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 driving over grass verges, however current legislation does not allow their enforcement by parking enforcement officers.

The proposed restriction applies to the following roads:

- Barnard Green, Barnfield Road, Bassingburn Walk, Bedwell Close, Bedwell Close, Beechfield Road, Bessemer Road, Bridge Road, Bridge Road East, Bridgefields, Broadwater Road, Burgundy Croft, Cole Green Lane, Cranborne Gardens, Duncan Close, Essendon Gardens, Ethelred Close, Furzefield Road, Gainswood, Heronswood Place, Heronswood Road, Holwell Road, Home Meadow, Hyde Way, Knella Green, Knella Road, Longlands Road, Longmore Gardens, Ludwick Way, Martinfield, Mill Green Road, Moss Green, Oaktree Garth, Peartree Court, Peartree Lane, Pinewood, Pondcroft, Ravenfield Road, Rosemoor Close, Salisbury Gardens, Salisbury Road, Sandpit Road, Shortlands Green, St Audreys Green, Swallowfields, Tewin Road, The Spinney, Verulam Close, Well Garth, Woodfield Road, Woodhall Court and Woodhall Lane.

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

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