

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING
THE BOROUGH OF WELWYN HATFIELD (VARIOUS ROADS, BIRCHWOOD,
HATFIELD) (PROHIBITION OF STOPPING AND WAITING ON VERGE OR FOOTWAY)
ORDER 2018

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council is proposing to introduce restrictions in parts of Cecil Crescent, Clarkes Road, Cobmead, Corncroft, Cotton Field, Crop Common, Foxhollows, Ground Lane, Harvest Mead, Hedges Close, Homestead Road, Stonecross Road, Strawmead, Vixen Court and Wheatfield, Hatfield consisting of a prohibition of stopping and waiting on verge, vehicle crossover and footway.

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

Existing by-laws in force prohibit parking on grass verges, however current legislation does not allow their enforcement by Civil Enforcement Officers.

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 restrictions are as follows;

In parts of Cecil Crescent, Clarkes Road, Cobmead, Corncroft, Cotton Field, Crop Common, Foxhollows, Ground Lane, Harvest Mead, Hedges Close, Homestead Road, Stonecross Road, Strawmead, Vixen Court and Wheatfield, Hatfield

1. No stopping or waiting at any time on verge or footway

Consultation has been carried out with local residents, Hertfordshire County Council, Hertfordshire Constabulary, Fire and Ambulance Services and local Councillors representing the area.

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