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 202X

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** under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The general effect of the Order would be to introduce a verge and footway parking prohibition inclusive of vehicle crossovers on highway land in the following roads:

No parking on verge or footway in:

Barnard Green, Barnfield Road, Bassingburn Walk, 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.

Parking on verges and footways is an unnecessary obstruction, inconvenience to other road users and causes damage to the highway verge and underground services. Existing by laws in force prohibit driving over grass verges, however current legislation does not allow their enforcement by parking enforcement officers.

It is intended that these measures will:

- Reduce instances of inappropriate or inconsiderate parking
- Improve road safety
- Assist to maintain and improve the amenity of the area

The proposals have been developed following a consultation with residents, Borough and County Councillors, Hertfordshire County Council, Hertfordshire Constabulary and all other statutory consultees, taking into account the duties of Section 122 of Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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