

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

THE BOROUGH OF WELWYN HATFIELD (VARIOUS ROADS, HOWLANDS, 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, Howlands, 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

Blackthorn Road, Cole Green Lane, Coltsfoot, Cowper Road, Dunsters Mead, Green Vale, Haynes Close, Hempstall, Heronswood Road, Hurstlings, Jonquil Close, Kilworth Close, Knella Road, Leefield, Linces Way, Lowerfield, Poundwell, Ridgeway, Sweet Briar, The Green, Upperfield Road, Wellcroft Close, Wellcroft Road, Wheatley Close, Wheatley Road, Whitethorn.

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 Section 122 of Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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