

## **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

### **THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (KILBY ROAD & WATSON ROAD, STEVENAGE) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING) (EXPERIMENTAL) ORDER 2025**

Stevenage Borough Council is undertaking an experimental scheme of parking control to evaluate the effect of waiting restrictions in Kilby Road and Watson Road and the surrounding areas affected by the increased volume of parked vehicles and vehicle displacement.

Parking reports received from local residents and from the Emergency Services Fire Prevention Department highlighted that the current unrestricted parking taking place has proven to be an obstruction to traffic and emergency services vehicles and therefore the Borough Council wish to assess the effectiveness of parking controls in addressing the issues and also assessing the impact on vehicle displacement, by introducing experimental “no waiting at any time” restrictions in Kilby Road and Watson Road.

The duration of the experiment will be for up to 18 months, while Stevenage Borough Council will monitor the effects of the restrictions and may amend the experimental provisions, if considered necessary.

Therefore, Stevenage Borough Council as Order making Authority, consider that in order to assess the impact and effect of the imposition of waiting restrictions it is necessary to make an Experimental Order.