

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE

**THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (MARKET SQUARE, STEVENAGE)
(DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2024
and
THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (MARKET SQUARE, STEVENAGE)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING OR UNLOADING) ORDER 2024
and
THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (MARKET SQUARE, STEVENAGE)
(GOODS VEHICLE LOADING BAY) ORDER 2024**

As part of Town Centre regeneration works the layout of parking restrictions in Market Square will be modified to facilitate the introduction of a pedestrian footpath, planting, and other street furniture on that length of Market Square to the west of Stevenage Indoor Market. This will improve access to this part of Stevenage Town Centre for pedestrians and those using wheelchair users and prams, thereby maintaining, and improving the amenity of the area. Also, these changes aim to improve the area's attractiveness, enhance pedestrian safety, and ensure continuity of trading for the Indoor Market and surrounding businesses.

To help facilitate the road layout modifications Stevenage Borough Council proposes to make the above Orders to replace the loading bays located on the west side of the Stevenage Indoor Market with no waiting, no loading or unloading restrictions, introduce a new goods vehicle loading bay on southern side of the Indoor Market and relocate two existing disabled parking bays located on the south side of Indoor Market to the south-western spur of Market Square.

Therefore, having also considered the duty imposed under Section 122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, it appears to Borough Council that is necessary and expedient to make these Orders in the interests of avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads, and facilitate the passage of traffic on the roads, by preventing hazardous or obstructive parking from taking place, and to improve the amenity of the area by maintaining designated parking places for disabled persons and loading bay for goods vehicles.