

STATEMENT OF REASONS

DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER THE BOROUGH OF DACORUM (STATION ROAD, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME) ORDER 2022

Proposals

It is proposed to implement additional No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Line) restrictions on Station Road between its junction with The Plough Roundabout and Cotterells.

Reasons

Concerns have been raised regarding the current gap in the existing No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Line) restrictions on the north-western side of Station Road immediately southwest of its junction with The Plough Roundabout.

Currently, vehicles are parking on the verge and occasionally straddling the verge and the road itself. This is impeding visibility for vehicles attempting to egress Cotterells and is causing an obstruction to passing traffic on Station Road, both of which have contributed to concerns about road safety at this location.

It is therefore proposed to 'fill in' the existing gap in restrictions, thereby preventing the current trends of inappropriate and dangerous parking here.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The specific grounds with which the Council are using for the implementation of the proposed scheme as above are encompassed in the following sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for making a Traffic Regulation Order:

- Section 1 (a) For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.
- Section 1 (c) For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).
- Section 1 (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

Thorough consideration was also given to the factors set out in Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in proposing this Traffic Regulation Order which include:

- Section 122(2)(a) Securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises
- Section 122(2)(c) Facilitating the passage of public service vehicles

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and Traffic Signs Manual

All of the associated signing and lining will be in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 3 and 5.

Equality Act 2010

Thorough consideration has been given to the equalities duty of the Council under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

Residents and Statutory Consultations

A Public Consultation (Notice of Proposal) process is now due to take place, hence the publication of these documents. This will allow the general public and Statutory Consultees the opportunity to issue any comments or observations for a period of at least 3 weeks.

The results of this upcoming consultation will be analysed and used to determine how to proceed with this scheme.

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