

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE BOROUGH OF WATFORD (MARKET STREET, WATFORD) ORDER 2022

Following a review of existing restrictions on the south side of Market Street, the following recommended changes have been made on Market Street to benefit public transport users, and promote sustainable transport modes in Watford Town Centre.

The following changes have been proposed:

- Bus Stop “G” which is located adjacent to Nat West Bank will be converted to No Waiting at Any Time except Taxis.
- The Bus Stand located outside 13-21 will be converted to a Bus Stop, to deter long term waiting of buses.
- New No Waiting & No Loading at Any Time restrictions will be applied around junction of High Street & Market Street, prior to Taxi Bay, to ensure taxis do not over rank.

The implementation of the above proposals is necessary, to facilitate for the urban realm improvements within Market Street as part of the Town Centre improvements and will also for the following reasons:

- Preserve or improve the amenity of the area through which the road runs.
- Facilitate the urban realm improvements, and passage on the road for traffic
- for Watford Town Centre through ensuring both bus and taxi provision is centrally located in close proximity to the shopping and leisure activities within the Town.
- 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
- For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).

The Council reserves the right to produce an amended or further statement in the context of any public enquiry or judicial proceedings to these proposals

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