

## **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

### **THE BOROUGH OF WATFORD (CHURCH STREET AND GEORGE STREET, WATFORD) WAITING RESTRICTIONS ORDER 2023**

This Traffic Regulation Order is being promoted to provide additional Disabled (Blue Badge) Holder Parking near the High Street, Watford, following changes to waiting restrictions and access restrictions which were made to the High Street following the COVID pandemic. The proposals will provide Blue Badge Holder parking in close proximity to the Town Centre.

The restrictions are in alignment with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and are necessary for the following reasons:

- Preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property
- To eliminate indiscriminate parking around the bend of George Street with Church Street, which inhibits visibility and creates a road safety hazard for all road users.
- Facilitating the passage on the road for any class of traffic (including pedestrians), by providing connectivity for blue badge holders between the parking bays and Town Centre

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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