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Dear Resident

**Informal Consultation on proposals to move Bedford Street from Controlled Parking Zone D to Zone NA**

Your local Ward Councillors have received enquiries from residents of Bedford Street who have requested that this road should be included in Parking Permit Area NA (Callowland).

Historically, Bedford Street was aligned with Zone D, due to the unique parking pressures faced by residents in the road. At the time of implementing the Controlled Parking Zone in Bedford Street, this was the closest linked zone to the street.

Subsequently, Zone NA was introduced across large parts of Callowland in 2022 and enquiries have been made to the local Ward Councillors on whether it would be more convenient for Bedford Street to be placed in Zone NA, due to the geography of the local road network.

For reference Zone D operates between Monday to Saturday 8am to 6.30pm, and Zone NA operates Monday - Saturday, 8am - 10am & 5pm- 10pm. Maps and details of the permit areas can be found on the Council website under Parking Zones in Watford at [www.watford.gov.uk/parking](http://www.watford.gov.uk/parking)

Changing from Zone D to Zone NA would mean a reduction in operational hours of the permit zone, and equally a reduction in the allocation of visitor vouchers to align with the zone hours. Due to reduced hours, there would be a longer period of time when non permit holders could park in Bedford Street for free, including for most of the day between 10am and 5pm. Whilst residents of Bedford Street, who have a valid NA permit would be able to park in the wider Zone NA area, this would also mean any vehicle with an NA permit could utilise the bays in Bedford Street.

To gauge the level of support for this scheme and ensure residents views are considered, we are carrying out this short informal consultation for properties that are directly affected by the permit parking areas in Bedford Street.

A questionnaire has been attached to this letter and we would be grateful if you would fill it out and return the completed questionnaire either by email to [parkingconsultation@watford.gov.uk](mailto:parkingconsultation@watford.gov.uk) or post



to Parking Consultation, Town Hall, Watford, WD17 3EX. The deadline for responses is **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024**. Your engagement in this process is greatly appreciated.

At this stage this is an informal consultation, to understand the level of support from residents in the area. Your views are important in determining whether this proposal proceeds to the next formal statutory consultation stage or not.

Upon conclusion of the informal consultation, all responses received will be considered by the Portfolio Holder and your local Ward Councillors prior to any decision being made on whether to proceed. Once a decision has been made, we will write to you again to inform you of this outcome.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AS' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Andrew Sturgeon  
Traffic Regulation Order Manager