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Dear Occupier

Proposed amendment to shared use loading and taxi bay, High Street, Watford.

With the relaxation of national government COVID restrictions and the opening up of the “night time economy”, the Council has undertaken a review of waiting provision for taxis within the Town Centre.

The shared use loading and taxi bay located on High Street (Outside of HSBC), has been identified as an area where during the evening and early hours, taxis may be able to wait.

At present during **Monday to Friday between Midnight to 11am and 5pm to Midnight**, the bay is dedicated for Goods Vehicles Loading Only. During the remaining time periods the bay is no waiting at any time except taxis.

Officers and Councillors have been surveying the use of this bay, along with engaging with local businesses, and acknowledge that loading provision is still required for the businesses. However it has been shown that the majority of loading operations takes place during the morning hours.

To ensure this may continue, it is proposed that Goods Vehicles Loading Only will remain during **Monday to Friday between 2am and 11am**, however during the remaining time periods the bay will be no waiting at any time except taxis.

The loading bay outside Tesco Express, High Street remains unchanged. The Council is also continuing to review the operation of High Street and Market Street with a view to making improvements to the area.

A plan showing the proposals is attached for your review. As local businesses, we are seeking your views on these proposals prior to undertaking any formal consultation. If you wish to make comment on the proposals, please feel free to contact me by telephone or email TID@watford.gov.uk. The deadline for receipt of comments is **Friday 1st October 2021**.



Your views are important and all responses received will be reviewed with the Head of Transport & Infrastructure and your local ward councillors, prior to making any decision to proceed to the final statutory consultation stage.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AST', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Sturgeon
Traffic Engineer.