STATEMENT OF REASON

(OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2019 (AMENDMENT) (NO.8) ORDER 2025

- 1. The general effect of the order would be to amend the existing layout of the Town Hall Car Park as follows:
 - a) To amend the layout of the current location of bay 75 88 inclusive to provide Electric Vehicle Parking Bays for 6 number Watford Borough Council's Operational Electric Vehicles.
 - b) To reconfigure spaces 98 to 101 for Reserved Parking Only
 - c) To remove bays 51 and 51A and 113 to 116 to allow for improved traffic flow, for larger vehicles in the Car Park.

The implementation of the proposed layout of the Town Hall Car Park layout as within the above-named order is necessary for the following reasons:

- a. To support the transition to low-emission transport which aligns with The Council's objectives to reduce carbon emissions and support their sustainable transport goals.
- b. To meet the Council's need to provide accessible and convenient charging facilities for the work electric vehicles.
- c. The reconfiguration of existing bays allows for optimal placement of EV bays and charging infrastructure while maintaining overall parking capacity, as well as to provide an unobstructed exit access for large vehicles leaving the Colosseum via the exit at the southern end of the car park.

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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