

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE BOROUGH OF WATFORD (HIGH STREET, WATFORD) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2026

The general effect of this order is to amend the hours within the shared use bay located on High Street, Watford, adjacent to Café Nero, From: Goods Vehicles Loading Only Monday to Friday 2am to 11am at all other times no waiting except taxis To: Goods Vehicles Loading Only Monday to Friday 2am to 9am at all other times no waiting except taxis

This follows on from site surveys being undertaken, and an informal consultation with local businesses and the taxi trade.

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

- For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs through improving the urban realm and management of traffic flow within the area.
- For facilitating passage on the road by vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists
- To provide an increased presence of taxi provision in a centrally located position in the Town Centre, during the hours of 9am-11am Monday to Friday enabling users to access local stores during earlier hours.
- To eliminate indiscriminate parking by taxis outside of the existing bay markings which causes obstruction to other vehicles passing and 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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