

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE BOROUGH OF WATFORD A411 HEMPSTEAD ROAD SERVICE ROAD, WATFORD) (DISABLED BADGE HOLDERS AND TAXIS) ORDER 2026

The general effect of this order is to introduce a 16-metre marked bay within the A411 Hempstead Road Service Road, adjacent to Watford Library. The proposed restrictions would be for Disabled Badge Holders between the hours of 6am-5pm Monday to Sunday (7 days), (Maximum Stay 3 hours, no return within 2 hours) with no waiting except taxis at all other times.

This supersedes the statutory consultation carried out under the title A411 Hempstead Road Service Road (Prohibition of Stopping and Waiting Except Taxis) Order 2025.

The reason for this proposal is to accommodate kerb side space in the Town Centre, close to public amenities, including the Colosseum that can be served by taxis and supports the Transforming Travel in Watford Strategy. In addition to balance the needs for disabled badge holders, this will provide a dedicated area for disabled badge holder parking area during daytime hours, near to the library and other local facilities.

The proposals are in alignment with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the following reasons:

- To eliminate indiscriminate parking in the area which creates a road safety hazard for all road users.
- For preventing the use of the area by vehicular traffic for which it is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the area
- For facilitating the passage on the road for public transport users and pedestrians using these services.

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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