

Report to:	Andy Smith – Transport & Infrastructure section Head
Date:	3 July 2018
Report of:	Doug Brodie – Project Co-ordinator
<p>THE BOROUGH OF WATFORD (KING STREET, WATFORD) (LOADING PLACE) ORDER 2018</p> <p>THE BOROUGH OF WATFORD (KING STREET, WATFORD) (PROHIBITION OF STOPPING AND WAITING EXCEPT TAXIS) ORDER 2018</p>	
1.0	SUMMARY
1.1	The purpose of this report is:
1.1.1	To inform the Transport & Infrastructure Section Head of the results of the Statutory Consultation on the proposals relating to the above named Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs), which took place during the period from 11 th May 2018 to 1 June 2018.
2.0	RECOMMENDATIONS
2.1	That, in the light of no objections being received, The Borough of Watford (King Street, Watford) (Loading Place) Order 2018 and The Borough of Watford (King Street, Watford) Prohibition of Stopping and Waiting Except Taxis) Order 2018 be made as advertised

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3.0	BACKGROUND
3.1	The Council's Public Realm scheme to improve and enhance the town centre has created the need for changes to the provision of loading facilities as well as taxi ranking facilities. The Council is therefore amending the operation of the current goods vehicle loading bay in King Street, Watford. The proposal will see the bay continue to operate as a goods vehicle loading bay between 5am and 2pm. However, between the hours of 2pm and 5am it is proposed to designate the bay for use as a taxi rank by the introduction of a prohibition of stopping & waiting except for taxis, for that period. We have deduced from our research (which includes a number of site investigations) that this amendment is appropriate to allow for the demand for on-street Loading Bays and for on-street taxi waiting.
3.2	These proposals were developed for initial consultation, the outcome of which determined that these proposals proceeded to statutory consultation. After further assessment of the High Street public realm scheme and the impact on surrounding streets, a statutory consultation was carried out. Proposals were formally advertised inviting representations during a statutory consultation period which ran from 11 th May to 1 st June 2018.
4.0	DISCUSSION & RECOMMENDATION
4.1	The proposal has been subject to formal consultation with the Police, Hertfordshire County Council, Freight Transport Association, Road Haulage Association, Watford Taxi Drivers Association and the public. No representations or objections have been received.
4.1	In the light of the above, it is recommended that the proposals be implemented as advertised.

5.0	IMPLICATIONS
5.1	Financial
5.1.1	The cost of promoting and processing the traffic orders is estimated at £700 to be met from code HDR000 D1142
5.1.2	The Director of Finance comments that the cost can be met from within existing budgets.
5.2	Legal Issues (Monitoring Officer)
5.2.1	The Watford Borough Council, pursuant to arrangements made under Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012 with the Hertfordshire County Council, and in exercise of the powers conferred on that County Council under Sections 1, 2(1), 2(2), 4(2) and 45,46,46a,49,51,53,55,61,99,100-102 to the Road

	Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the Act of 1984”) and of all other enabling powers, and after consulting with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, may make traffic regulation orders and implement proposals to manage parking on public highways and other roads.			
5.3	Equalities			
5.3.1	A generic Equalities Impact Assessment has been carried out for parking schemes which has been considered and approved by the Equalities Working Group. It is available to view on the Council’s website.			
5.4	Potential Risks			
	Potential Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Overall score
	Some members of the public will perceive the proposed parking controls as an unnecessary imposition by the Council.	1	1	1
	Failure to implement the new parking controls could result in criticism from interest groups and consequential damage to the Council’s reputation.	2	2	4

Appendices

Appendix A Plan of proposals. (Drawing WBC836-1)

Background Papers

Copies of:

The “Draft Order”

A statement of reasons for making this Order

NOTIFICATION OF OFFICER DECISION

THE BOROUGH OF WATFORD (KING STREET, WATFORD) (LOADING PLACE) ORDER 2018

THE BOROUGH OF WATFORD (KING STREET, WATFORD) (PROHIBITION OF STOPPING AND WAITING EXCEPT TAXIS) ORDER 2018

Decision Summary

That in light of no objections being received, the Borough of Watford (King Street, Watford) (Loading Place) Order 2018 and The Borough of Watford (King Street, Watford) (Prohibition of Stopping and Waiting Except Taxis) Order be made as advertised.

Name of Officer exercising delegated authority:

Andy Smith, Transport & Infrastructure Section Head.

Signature:

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Date: 3rd July 2018

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