

**NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF REASONS
THE NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
BEDFORD ROAD HITCHIN (PERMIT PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2022**



Proposals

The proposal is described in the attached Traffic Regulation Order (ref: MH/21/00081/TRO/BEDFORDROAD) and plan as well as the public notice of proposal.

North Hertfordshire District Council, having also considered the duty imposed on the Authority under Section 122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, proposes to create new Permit Parking alongside time restricted parking for non residents.

Supporting Information

North Hertfordshire District Council proposes to create this parking restriction on the west side carriageway of Bedford Road between Oughtenhead Way and Maxwells Path/Fishponds Road, Hitchin

Residents within this section of Bedford Road, Hitchin raised concerns over parking issues relating to vehicles being parked all day to facilitate the owners to walk to their places of work in the town centre.

Initial consultation has been made to the residents affected and the returned response was 100% in favour of the proposed resident parking scheme.

Currently there are no restrictions on this length of Bedford Road. On the east side carriageway the restriction is No Waiting at anytime.

The west side carriageway properties are predominantly terraced houses and cottages. Most of the properties front the carriageway and have none or little off road parking.

The proposal is to introduce a Permit Parking Zone for permit holders Monday to Saturday between 10.00am and 11.00am and 2.00pm to 3.00pm. Parking for non permit holders is allowed between these times. This restriction will run from the end of the junction protection at Oughtenhead Way in a northerly direction to a point where it meets the current No Waiting 08.00 – midnight restriction outside the boundary of 69 Bedford Road.

The proposal has been subject to consultation with Local and County Councilors representing the area, Hertfordshire County Council as Highway Authority, The local Police, Ambulance, the Fire and Rescue Services.

Further Information

General enquiries relating to the Order should be referred to Technical Project Officer, North Hertfordshire District Council, PO Box 10613, Nottingham, NG6 6DW or by email: mark.hindmarch@north-herts.gov.uk