

## HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### THE HERTFORDSHIRE (ROYSTON TOWN CENTRE) (RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE) ORDER 2023

NOTICE is given that the Hertfordshire County Council has made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to introduce a Restricted Parking Zone in Royston Town Centre as specified in the Schedule to this Notice. The Order makes permanent the previous experimental restrictions introduced in February 2022 and will come into effect on Friday 18 August 2023.

Documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order are held on deposit and may be viewed from 17 August 2023 to 28 September 2023 during normal office hours at Main Reception, Hertfordshire County Council, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford or may also be viewed online from 17 August 2023 at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/trafficorders](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/trafficorders) by selecting North Herts and looking at Ref: NH01021.

Enquiries relating to the Order should be referred to the Highways Engineer concerned Ross Corben tel: 07818 019847 or [ross.corben@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:ross.corben@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order, or of any provision contained in it, on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may within 6 weeks from the date of this Notice apply to the High Court for this purpose.

**SCHEDULE:** Restricted Parking Zone affecting High Street, King Street (in part), Upper King Street, Jepps Lane, John Street, Market Hill (in part), Fish Hill (in part) and Church Lane and as set out in the Order and accompanying plan - and will introduce:

- No waiting / no loading throughout the zone except as signed in marked bays. Marked bays will include -
  - Disabled persons parking bays on High Street (4 no.) and King Street (5 no.) – effective at all times.
  - Loading bays effective Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm, these will revert to unrestricted parking bays outside of these specified times.
  - Goods vehicle loading bays effective Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm, these will revert to unrestricted parking bays outside of these specified times.
  - Goods vehicle loading only effective Monday to Saturday 8am to 5.30pm, these will revert to unrestricted parking bays outside of these specified times
  - Pay and Display bays – effective 8:00am to 3:00pm Monday to Saturday maximum stay 2 hours, no return within the next 1 hour. These will revert to unrestricted parking bays outside of these specified times.
- Parking Tariff: up to 1 hour = 50p / up to 2 hours = £1.00p.

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17 August 2023  
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**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

Date of Order: 07/08/2023

Order No: 8565

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(ROYSTON TOWN CENTRE) (RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE)**  
**ORDER 2023**

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The Hertfordshire County Council in exercise of their powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 47, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (which said act of 1984 is hereinafter referred to as the Act of 1984) Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Act of 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the 1984 Act, proposes the following Order:

## **PART I - PRELIMINARY**

### **Citation and commencement**

1. (a) This Order may be cited as "The Hertfordshire (Royston Town Centre) (Restricted Parking Zone) Order 2023", shall come into effect on Friday 18 August 2023.
- (b) The Hertfordshire (Royston Town Centre) (Restricted Parking Zone) Order 2023 Plan number **NH01021PP** herein after referred to as the "Restricted Parking Zone Plan" including its key therein, is incorporated into this Order.

### **Interpretation**

- 2.(1) In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meaning hereby respectively assigned to them:

"civil enforcement officer" has the meaning as given in the Traffic Management Act 2004.

"County Council" means the Council for the County of Hertfordshire

"Council" means the North Hertfordshire District Council and includes any parking services contractors or authorised agent appointed by and acting on behalf of the Council for the purposes of any function under the provisions of this Order

"designated officer" means an officer nominated by North Hertfordshire District Council to carry out Council functions associated with the provisions of this Order;

"disabled person's badge" and "disabled person's vehicle" have the same meaning as in the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (England and Wales) Regulations 1986 and the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) Amendment Regulations 1992 and as amended by the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Exemption for Disabled Persons) (England) Regulations 2000;

"driver", in relation to a vehicle waiting in a parking place / parking bay, or the restricted parking zone, means the person driving the vehicle at the time it was left in the parking place / parking bay or restricted parking zone;

"enactment" means any enactment, whether public general or local, and includes any order, byelaw, rule, regulation, scheme or other instrument having effect by virtue of an enactment;

"goods" means goods of any kind whether animate or inanimate and includes postal packets of any description; and "delivering" and "collecting" in relation to any goods includes checking the goods for the purpose of their delivery or collection;

"goods vehicle" means a motor vehicle which is constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of goods or burden of any description and is not drawing a trailer;

"Motor-cycle" has the same meaning as that in the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986;

"owner", in relation to a vehicle, means the person by whom such vehicle is kept and used;

"parking disc" means a disc, issued by a local authority, complying with the requirements of the British Standard Specifications for Parking Discs (BS No. 4631: 1970), coloured orange or blue, and capable of showing the quarter hour period during which a period of waiting begins;

"parking place / parking bay" means an area contained within the restricted parking zone indicated by contrasting road surfacing or markings to show the position in which a vehicle or vehicle of a particular class may be parked as set out Articles 5, 6 and 7 of this Order and as shown on "the Restricted Parking Zone Plan" and identified in the key to that plan;

"passenger vehicle" means a motor vehicle (other than a motor-cycle' or invalid carriage) constructed or adapted solely for the carriage of not more than twelve passengers (exclusive of the driver) and their effects and not drawing a trailer;

"pay and display parking ticket" means a ticket purchased from a pay and display meter;

"pay and display meter" means an apparatus authorised by the Council of a type and design used to indicate whether the parking charge referred to in Article 18 of this Order has been paid and the period for which it has been paid;

"penalty charge" has the same meaning as a charge set by the Council in accordance with The Civil Enforcement of Road Traffic Contraventions (Approved Devices, Charging Guidelines and General Provisions) (England) Regulations 2022 and the provisions of Part 6 and Schedule 9 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

"Restricted Parking Zone" or "RPZ" is an area in which all the streets are subject to waiting restrictions other than lengths of road where parking places are designated, whether these parking places bear road markings or not;

"Restricted Parking Zone Plan" means The Hertfordshire (Royston Town Centre) (Restricted Parking Zone) Order 2023 Plan number **NH01021PP** including the key therein, which is incorporated into this Order pursuant to Article 1 (b) hereof.

"permitted hours" means the hours and days of the week as particularised in the "Restricted Parking Zone Plan";

"relevant position" means:

- i) A vehicle displays a disabled person's badge in the relevant position if:
  - a. in the case of a vehicle fitted with a dashboard or fascia panel, the badge is exhibited thereon so that Part 1 of the badge is legible from outside the vehicle;
  - or
  - b. in the case of vehicle not fitted with a dashboard or fascia panel, the badge is exhibited in a conspicuous position on the vehicle so that Part 1 of the badge is legible from outside the vehicle;
- ii) A vehicle displays a parking disc in the relevant position if:
  - a. in the case of a vehicle fitted with a dashboard or fascia panel, the disc is exhibited thereon so that the quarter hour period during which the period of waiting began is legible from outside the vehicle; or

- b. in the case of a vehicle not so fitted, the disc is exhibited in a conspicuous position on the vehicle so that the quarter hour period during which the period of waiting began is legible from outside the vehicle.

"telecommunication system" has the same meaning as in the Telecommunications Act 1984 (c.12);

- (2) Any reference in this Order to a numbered Article or Schedule shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to the Article or Schedule bearing that number in this Order. -
- (3) Any reference in this Order to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended, applied, consolidated, re-enacted by or as having effect by virtue of any subsequent enactment.
- (4) For the purposes of this Order a vehicle shall be regarded as displaying a disabled person's badge in the relevant position when it is so regarded for the purposes of Regulation 4 of The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (England) Regulations 2000.

## **PART II - RESTRICTIONS AND PARKING PLACES**

### **Section I — Provisions of the Order**

#### **Prohibited Waiting Areas**

3. Save as provided in Article 4 of this Order no person shall cause or permit any Vehicle to wait, load or unload on areas of Road or sides of the Road as shown on "the Restricted Parking Zone Plan" where waiting, loading or unloading is not allowed as shown on "the Restricted Parking Zone Plan" and defined in the Key to that plan.
4. The following Vehicles are exempt from the General Prohibition as set out in Article 3:
- (a) a Vehicle, necessarily required for use in connection with any of the following operations, namely:-
- (i) the removal of any obstruction to traffic,
  - (ii) the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction on the areas of Road or sides of Road, and
  - (iii) the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or on land adjacent to the Roads, lengths of Road or sides of Road of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telegraphic line by a utility organisation while attending to their apparatus;
- (b) a Vehicle in the service of the County Council or Council whilst necessarily required for use in connection with highway works, highways and parking enforcement, waste collection or street cleansing activities;
- (c) a Vehicle which is:
- (i) required by law to stop; or
  - (ii) obliged to stop so as to prevent an accident; or

- (iii) prevented from proceeding by circumstances outside his control; or
- (iv) caused or permitted to stop or wait upon the direction or with the permission of a Police Constable in uniform.

(d) a Public Service Vehicle whilst waiting at an authorised stopping place:

(e) a Vehicle being used for:

- (i) fire and rescue, ambulance or police purposes; or
- (ii) attending an emergency by a Doctor, a District Nurse or Midwife. The District Council may require evidence to show that there was a genuine emergency.

(f) a Vehicle authorised by virtue of any special written dispensation by the Council.

(g) a Vehicle in the service of a Universal Service Provider being used for the purpose of Delivering or Collecting postal packets, save for the areas of Road and sides of the Road where loading or unloading are specifically regulated as shown on the "Restricted Parking Zone Plan" and identified and defined in the Key to that plan.

(h) a Vehicle displaying a valid Parking Ticket insofar as it is parked within a Pay and Display Parking Bay as shown on the "Restricted Parking Zone Plan" in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

### **Designation of Parking Places / Parking Bays**

5. (1) Those parts of the roads identified on the "Restricted Parking Zone plan" as parking places / parking bays are authorised to be used subject to the following provisions of this Order, as parking places / parking bays for such classes of vehicles in such positions and on such days. and during such hours and to such limitations as specified within this Order and as shown on "the Restricted Parking Zone Plan" and defined in the key to that plan.
- (2) Parking Places Parking Bays as shown on the "Restricted Parking Zone Plan" and identified in the key to that plan may be used for the leaving during the permitted hours of vehicles of the following class, that is to say, passenger vehicles (the overall height of which does not exceed 2.3 metres and the overall length of which does not exceed 5.25 metres) goods carrying vehicles (the overall height of which does not exceed 2.3 metres and the overall length of which does not exceed 5.25 metres) and motorcycles, subject to such limitations as specified within this Order and as shown on the "Restricted Parking Zone Plan" and defined in the key to that plan ;

### **Leaving of vehicles in Parking Places / Parking Bays**

6. (1) No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait in an area designated as a loading bay, goods vehicle loading bay, disabled persons parking bay and pay and display parking bay during the permitted hours unless authorised by the provisions of this Order or with the permission of a Designated Officer or Civil Enforcement Officer.
- (2) Where a person contravenes the provisions set out in Article 6(1) of this Order, the Owner of the Vehicle in question shall incur a penalty charge.

### **Vehicles for which Parking Places / Parking Bays are designated**

7. Subject to the provisions of this Order:-

- (1) Disabled persons parking bays as shown on the "Restricted Parking Zone Plan" and identified in the key to that plan may be used for the leaving during the permitted hours of vehicles of the following class, that is to say, disabled persons vehicles (on which must be displayed in the relevant position a valid disabled persons badge and parking disc);
- (2) Goods vehicle loading bays as shown on the "Restricted Parking Zone Plan" and identified in the key to that plan as goods vehicle loading bays may be used for the leaving during the permitted hours of goods vehicles for the purpose of loading and unloading goods only for as long as the process of loading and unloading takes place;
- (3) loading bays as identified and shown on the "Restricted Parking Zone Plan" and identified in the key to that plan as loading bays may be used for the leaving during the permitted hours of vehicles for the purpose of loading and unloading goods only for as long as the process of vehicle loading and unloading takes place;
- (4) Pay and Display Parking Bays as shown on the "Restricted Parking Zone Plan" as pay and display parking bays, may be used for the leaving during permitted hours for up to a maximum stay of 2 hours with no return within the next 1 hour, of vehicles of the class specified in Article 5(2) above, provided that there is displayed on the vehicle in the relevant position a valid pay and display parking ticket in respect of that vehicle.

### **Alteration of position of a vehicle in a Parking Place / Parking Bay**

8. Where any vehicle is standing in a parking place or parking bay in contravention of the provisions of Article 11 a Civil Enforcement Officer may cause to be altered the position of the vehicle in order that its position shall comply with those provisions.

### **Removal of a vehicle from a Parking Place / Parking Bay**

9. Where a Civil Enforcement Officer is of the opinion that any of the provisions contained in Articles 3 or 7 have been contravened or not complied with in respect of a vehicle left in any part of a parking place; or prohibited waiting area they may remove or cause to be removed the vehicle from the parking place or prohibited waiting area and, where it is so removed, shall provide for the safe custody of the vehicle and its contents.

### **Movement of a vehicle in a Parking Place / Parking Bay in an emergency**

10. A Civil Enforcement Officer or Police Constable in uniform may move or cause to be moved, in case of emergency, to any place they think fit, any vehicle left in a parking place / parking bay, or prohibited waiting area.



## **PART III - SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS**

### **Section 1 - General**

#### **Manner of standing in a Parking Place / Parking Bay**

11. Every vehicle left in a parking place / parking bay in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Order shall so stand:
- (a) In the case of a parking place / parking bay in relation to which special provisions as to the manner of standing of a vehicle in that parking place bay are specified on the "Restricted Parking Zone Plan" as to be in accordance with those provisions;
  - (b) In the case of any other parking place / parking bay:
    - (i) if the parking place / bay is not in a one-way street, that the left or near-side of the vehicle is parallel to the left-hand edge of the carriageway;
    - (ii) that the distance between the edge of the carriageway and the nearest wheel of the vehicle is not more than 50 centimetres;
    - (iii) that no part of the vehicle obstructs any vehicular means of ingress to or egress from premises adjacent to the side of the road on which the vehicle is waiting.
  - (c) In the case of a vehicle left in a parking place / parking bay as shown on the "Restricted Parking Zone Plan" so that every part of the vehicle is within the marked limits of that parking place / parking bay, whether those limits are indicated by road markings or contrasting surfacing.

#### **Power to suspend the use of a Parking Place / Parking Bay**

12. (1) Any person duly authorised by the Council may suspend the use of a parking place / parking bay or any part thereof whenever they consider such suspension reasonably necessary:
- (a) for the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting its safety;
  - (b) for the purpose of any building operation, demolition or excavation adjacent to the parking place, the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the highway or the cleansing of gullies in or adjacent to the parking place, the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or adjacent to the parking place of any sewer or of any main, pipe, or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telecommunication system or the placing, maintenance or removal of any traffic sign;
  - (c) for the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the parking place / bay on any occasion of the removal of furniture to or from one office or dwelling-house adjacent to the parking place from or to a depository, another office or dwelling-house;
  - (d) on any occasion on which it is likely by reason of some special attraction that any street will be thronged or obstructed; or
  - (e) for the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the parking place / bay at times of weddings or funerals, or on other special occasions.
- (2) Any person suspending the use of a parking place / parking bay or any part thereof in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article shall thereupon place or cause to be placed in or adjacent to that parking place / parking bay or part thereof a traffic sign indicating that waiting by vehicles is prohibited.

(3) No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to wait in a parking place / parking bay or any part thereof during which such period as there is in or adjacent to that parking place or part thereof a traffic sign placed in pursuance of paragraph (2) above provided that nothing in this paragraph shall apply -

- (a) in respect to any vehicle being used for fire and rescue, ambulance or police purposes or any vehicle which is waiting for any reason specified in Article 4(a), (b), (c), (f) or (g); or
- (b) to anything done with permission of the person suspending the use of the parking place / parking bay or part thereof in pursuance of paragraph (1) of this Article.

### **Restriction on the use of a Parking Place / Parking Bay**

13. During the permitted hours no person shall use any parking place / parking bay or any vehicle while it is in a parking place / parking bay in connection with the sale or offering or exposing for sale of any goods to any person in or near the parking place / parking bay or in connection with the selling or offering for sale of their skill in handicraft or their services in any other capacity:

Provided that nothing in this Article shall prevent the sale of goods from a vehicle -

- (a) if the vehicle is a passenger vehicle, a goods vehicle, a motorcycle and the goods are immediately delivered at or taken into premises adjacent to the vehicle from which the sale is affected; or
- (b) if the vehicle is one to which the provisions of Article 14(1)(h) apply.

### **Restriction on waiting by a vehicle in a Parking Place / Parking Bay**

14. (1) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Order any vehicle may wait during the permitted hours in any part of parking place / parking bay if the use of that part has not been suspended and if:

- (a) the vehicle is waiting for so long as may be necessary for the purpose of enabling any person to board or alight from the vehicle or load thereon or unload therefrom their personal luggage;
- (b) the vehicle is waiting owing to the driver being prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond their control or to such waiting being necessary in order to avoid an accident;
- (c) the vehicle is being used for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes or, not being a passenger vehicle, is being used in the service of a local authority in pursuance of statutory powers or duties provided that in all the circumstances it is reasonably necessary in the exercise of such powers or in the performance of such duties for the vehicle to wait in the place in which it is waiting;
- (d) the vehicle is waiting for so long as may be necessary to enable it to be used in connection with the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
- (e) the vehicle is waiting -

- (i) while postal packets addressed to premises within the restricted parking zone in which the vehicle is waiting are being unloaded from the vehicle or, having been unloaded therefrom, are being delivered; or
  - (ii) while postal packets are being collected for the loading on the vehicle from premises or posting boxes within the restricted parking zone in which the vehicle is waiting or, having been so collected, are being unloaded thereon;
- (f) the vehicle not being a passenger vehicle is waiting only for as long as may be reasonably necessary to enable it to be used for the purpose specified in Article 12(1)(b);
  - (g) the vehicle is in actual use in connection with the removal of furniture to or from one office to a dwelling-house adjacent to the parking place from or to a depository, another office or dwelling-house;
  - (h) in any other case the vehicle is waiting for the purpose of delivering or collecting goods or loading or unloading the vehicle at premises adjacent to the parking place / parking bay in which the vehicle is waiting.
- (2) No charge specified in the provisions of this Order shall be payable in respect of any vehicle waiting in a parking place in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Article.
  - (3) Except as provided by this Order, the driver or person in charge of a vehicle shall not cause or permit a vehicle to wait in a parking place / parking bay during the permitted hours.

### **Manner of waiting in a Parking Place / Parking Bay**

- 15. (1) No person shall cause or permit a vehicle waiting in a parking place / parking bay by virtue of the provisions of paragraph 14(1)(e), (f), (g), or (h) to so wait otherwise than:
  - (a) so that the longitudinal axis of the vehicle is parallel to the edge of the carriageway nearest to the vehicle and the distance between the said edge and the nearest wheels of the vehicle is not more than 300 millimeters; and
  - (b) so that no part of the vehicle obstructs any vehicular means of ingress to or egress from premises adjacent to the side of the road on which the vehicle is waiting.
- (2) For the purposes of the last preceding sub-paragraph, the expression "premises" shall not include any premises to or from which any furniture is being removed by virtue of the provisions of paragraph (1)(g) of the last preceding Article or to or from which goods are being delivered or collected by virtue of the provision of paragraph (1)(h) of that Article:

### **Placing of traffic signs, etc.**

- 16. The Council shall:
  - (a) place and maintain traffic signs indicating the limits of each parking place / parking bay;
  - (b) place and maintain in or in the vicinity of each parking place / parking bay traffic signs of a design approved by the Secretary of State for the Department for Transport indicating that the parking place / parking bay may be used during the permitted hours for the leaving only of the vehicles specified in Article 7; and

- (c) carry out such other work as it reasonably required for the purposes of the satisfactory operation of a parking place.

## **Section 2 - Pay and Display Parking Bays**

### **Pay and Display Tickets to be displayed on vehicles left in Pay and Display Parking Bays**

17. (1) At all times during which a vehicle (other than a vehicle otherwise exempted by the provisions of this Order) is left in a pay and display parking bay as shown on the "Restricted Parking Zone Plan" and identified in the key to that plan, during the permitted hours in accordance with the provisions of Article 7(4) of this Order, the driver thereof shall cause to be displayed —
- (a) in the case of a vehicle fitted with a front windscreen, a valid pay and display parking ticket so that the obverse face is directed outwards from immediately behind the window adjacent to the windscreen and nearest to the edge of the carriageway so that all the particulars referred to in paragraph (2) are readily visible from the front or near side of the vehicle;
- (b) in the case of a vehicle not fitted with a front windscreen, a valid pay and display parking ticket so that the obverse face is directed outwards on the front or on the side nearest to the edge of the carriageway so that all the particulars referred to in paragraph (2) are readily visible from the front or near side of the vehicle.
- (2) A valid pay and display parking ticket shall be obtained on the payment of the appropriate charge as specified in Schedule 1 to this Order from a pay and display meter located within the restricted parking zone and indicating on the obverse face, in accordance with the instructions on the reverse face -
- (a) an indication of the restricted parking zone within which the pay and display parking ticket is valid;
- (b) the time and date of issue of the pay and display parking ticket;
- (c) the time and date on which the pay and display parking ticket expires.

### **Amount of initial charge**

18. The initial charge for a vehicle (other than a vehicle otherwise exempted by this Order) left in a Pay and Display parking bay during the permitted hours shall be in accordance with the charges specified in Schedule 1 of this Order and are subject to variation at the Council's discretion giving notice in accordance with Section 46A of "the Act of 1984".

### **Payment of initial charge in connection with the use of parking tickets at pay and display parking bays.**

19. (1) Subject to the provisions of Article 14 the initial charge shall be payable not later than on the first leaving of a vehicle (other than a vehicle otherwise exempted by this Order) in a pay and display parking bay during permitted hours by the purchase of a parking ticket from a parking meter provided by the Council for the issue of parking tickets for use in respect of that pay and display parking bay.
- (2) Payment of the initial charge for a vehicle (other than a vehicle otherwise exempted by this Order) shall be indicated by the display of one valid parking ticket bearing the indication that an initial charge has been paid in accordance with the provisions of Article 18.

- (3) No refund shall be payable by the Council in respect of any parking ticket surrendered to the Council unless a refund is given at the discretion of the Council.
- (4) No person shall leave any vehicle (other than a vehicle otherwise exempted by this Order) in a parking bay during permitted hours for longer than the initial period for which payment was made by the initial charge.

### **Restriction on the removal of parking tickets and notices**

20. (1) Where a parking ticket has been displayed on a vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Article 17 no person not being the driver of the vehicle shall remove any parking ticket from the vehicle unless authorised to do so by the driver of that vehicle.
- (2) Where a penalty charge notice has been attached to a vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Article 20 no person not being the driver of the vehicle shall remove the notice from the vehicle unless authorised to do so by the driver of that vehicle.
- (3) Provided that nothing herein shall apply to a Civil Enforcement Officer or Police Constable in uniform or person removing the vehicle in pursuance of an arrangement made by the police constable in uniform or under the regulations in pursuance of powers contained in Sections 99,100, 101 and 102 of the Act of 1984

### **Section 3 — Penalty Charge Notices**

#### **Penalty Charge Notices**

- 21.(a) If a vehicle is left within the restricted parking zone or any parking place / bay located within, as shown on the "Restricted Parking Zone Plan" and defined in the Key other than in accordance with the provisions of this Order, then a contravention of or failure to comply with the provisions of this Order shall be deemed to have occurred.
- (b) Where a Civil Enforcement Officer has reason to believe that a penalty charge is payable in respect of a vehicle pursuant to sub paragraph (a) of this Article, the Civil Enforcement Officer may attach to the vehicle in a conspicuous position a penalty charge notice.
- (c) The Penalty charge shall be payable to North Hertfordshire District Council in accordance with the instructions contained on the Penalty Charge Notice.

#### **Period for which a vehicle may be left after a penalty charge has been incurred**

22. The period for which a vehicle may be left in a parking bay during permitted hours after a penalty charge has been incurred shall not exceed one hour.

### **Section 4 – Order Revocations**

#### **List of Orders revoked**

23. The provisions of the following Order are hereby revoked, but only in so far as they are affected by the restrictions imposed by this Order:

The North Hertfordshire District Council (Control of Parking) (Consolidation) Order 2023

**Section 5 - Schedules**

**SCHEDULE 1**

**List of Charges - Pay and Display Parking Bays - Royston Town Centre Restricted Parking Zone**

**Pay and Display bays**

**Effective:** 8:00am to 3:00pm Monday to Saturday inclusive.

**Maximum stay:** 2 hours with no return within the next 1 hour.

**Tariff Pay and Display Tickets**

up to 1 hour = 50p

up to 2 hours = £1 .00p

**SCHEDULE 2**

**The Restricted Parking Zone Plan**

Plan number **NH01021PP**

**Signed:**

*Charlotte McKay*

**Charlotte McKay**

**Assistant Chief Legal Officer**

**Dated:** 07/08/2023

## STATEMENT OF REASONS

### THE HERTFORDSHIRE (ROYSTON TOWN CENTRE) (RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE) ORDER 2023

Hertfordshire County Council have trialled, for the purpose of carrying out an experimental scheme of traffic control (Experimental Traffic Regulation Order) and, under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, introduced an experimental restricted parking zone in Royston Town Centre.

The trial comprised and included –

- A Restricted Parking Zone effecting High Street, King Street (in part), Upper King Street, Jepps Lane, John Street, Market Hill (in part), Fish Hill (in part) and Church Lane.

The Authority consider that an experimental scheme of traffic control is required, to evaluate the effectiveness of the introduction of a new restricted parking zone in Royston Town Centre.

The purpose of the restricted parking zone is to –

- Manage parking in the town centre are including measures to prevent vehicle parking extending onto pedestrian footways that are particularly narrow and which impedes use of the footway by pedestrians and causes a danger to pedestrians using the road.
- Prioritise provision of parking space to disabled persons and for the purposes of loading.
- Through the addition of no waiting / no loading restrictions, preventing vehicles waiting or loading from the road outside of specified bays, which would encumber the passage of other road users.

The Authority trialled the new restrictions, to ascertain and evaluate their effectiveness in reducing the number of vehicle movements in the High Street, providing support and improved environment for users (noise, air quality, amenity) and making the street safer and more conducive to walking and cycling.

The restricted parking zone includes the following components-

No waiting / no loading throughout the zone, except as signed in marked bays. Marked bays will include -

- Disabled persons parking bays on High Street (4 no.) and King Street (5 no.) – effective at all times.
- Loading bays Mon to Sat 8am to 6pm, unrestricted parking bays outside of these specified times.
- Goods vehicle loading bays Mon to Sat 8am to 6pm, unrestricted parking bays outside of these specified times.
- Goods vehicle loading bays Monday to Saturday 8am to 5.30pm, unrestricted parking bays outside of these specified times
- Pay and Display bays – effective 8:00am to 3:00pm Mon to Sat maximum stay 2 hours, no return within the next 1 hour - unrestricted parking bays outside of these specified times.

Parking Tariff: up to 1 hour = 50p / up to 2 hours = £1.00p

The proposals provide for commercial and delivery activities in the High Street in a balanced way, through provision of loading bays in appropriate locations and of appropriate size and maintain opportunities for servicing from the rear of the business premises. The proposals seek to reduce motor vehicle movements through the restriction of parking and prevention of waiting bringing benefits in reducing air pollution cause by vehicles accessing and idling in the High Street. The proposals also support objectives to increase walking and cycling as an alternative to motor vehicle trips.

It is considered that the proposals do secure the expedient, convenient and safe movement of vehicles and other traffic permitted to use the road including pedestrians and provide parking space suitable to the location and the function of the High Street.

The Experimental Order will be effective for a period of up to 18 months, during which time the experimental provisions will be monitored. The results of the information gathered will be used to decide on whether the experimental restrictions should be made permanent.

The experimental status now having been completed and an assessment of the effect of the trial reviewed, the Highways Authority has decided to make the Restricted Parking Zone permanent.

All the proposed measures have been subject to consultation with local and County Councillors representing the area and North Hertfordshire District Council District Council. The local Police, Ambulance, Fire and Rescue Service, Royston Town Council, Hertfordshire County Council Passenger Transport Unit, directly affected local residents and businesses have also been consulted.

