## HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE (MERIDEN WAY, WATFORD) (GOODS VEHICLE LOADING BAY) ORDER 2023

NOTICE is given that the Hertfordshire County Council has made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to introduce a goods vehicle loading bay restriction on part of Watford as specified in the Schedule to this Notice. The Order will come into effect on Monday 15 January 2024.

Documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order are held on deposit and may be viewed from 12 January 2024 to 23 February 2024 during office hours at Main Reception, Hertfordshire County Council, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford or online at <u>www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/trafficorders</u> by selecting Watford and looking at Ref: W00423

Enquiries relating to the Order should be referred to the TRO Officer concerned Nichola Shaw tel: 01992 658364 or DMTRO@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:** Goods Vehicle Loading Bay at any time Monday to Sunday – that section of road listed below and as set out in the Order and accompanying plan - Part of Meriden Way.

County Hall Hertford Herts SG13 8DN 12 January 2024 Mark Doran Executive Director, Growth and Environment

## HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984** 

Date of Order: 08/01/2024 Order No: 8596

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE (MERIDEN WAY, WATFORD) (GOODS VEHICLE LOADING BAY) ORDER 2023

The Hertfordshire County Council in exercise of their powers under Sections 32 and 35 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (which said Act of 1984 is hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1984"), and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police hereby make the following Order: -

- 1. This Order may be cited as "The Hertfordshire (Meriden Way, Watford) (Goods Vehicle Loading Bay) Order 2023" and shall come into effect on Monday 15 January 2024.
- 2. The Hertfordshire (Meriden Way, Watford) (Goods Vehicle Loading Bay) Order 2023 Plan numbered **W00423P** inclusive of the key (the "loading bay plan") as listed in the Schedule to this Order is incorporated into this Order.

#### 3. Interpretation –

In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meaning hereby respectively assigned to them;

"goods vehicle" has the meaning as a motor vehicle or trailer constructed or adapted for use for the carriage or haulage of goods or burden of any description.

"goods vehicle loading bay" means an area indicated by contrasting road surfacing or white road markings to show the position in which a goods vehicle may be parked for the purpose of loading and unloading goods.

"postal packet" shall bear the same meaning as in Section 65 of the Postal Services Act 2011.

"provision of a universal postal Service" shall bear the same meaning as in Section 65 of the Postal Services Act 2011.

"universal service provider" shall bear the same meaning as in Section 65 of the Postal Services Act 2011.

"Penalty Charge" shall have 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;

"Penalty Charge Notice" shall mean a notice issued by a Civil Enforcement Officer 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;

"loading bay plan" is the plan numbered **W00423P** inclusive of its key, which is incorporated into this Order as set out in Article 2 and the Schedule;

- 4. The length of road as shown on the "loading bay plan" is authorised for use as an at any time parking place Monday to Sunday for goods vehicles for the purpose of loading or unloading goods as identified and shown on the "loading bay plan" and its key thereof.
- 5. Save as provided in Article 6 a goods vehicle loading bay is described as authorised for use as an any time parking place Monday to Sunday for goods vehicles, the driver of a vehicle shall not permit the vehicle to wait in that goods vehicle loading bay unless it is;
  - (a) a goods vehicle being used to load or unload goods and;
  - (b) wholly parked within the marked limits of the good vehicle loading bay.
- 6. (1) Nothing in Article 5 of this Order applies to the length of road restricted by that Article (which said lengths of road are referred to in this Article as "the restricted area") in relation to
  - (a) a vehicle being used for Fire and Rescue, Ambulance or Police purposes.

- (b) anything done with the permission of or at the direction of a Police Constable in uniform; or with permission of a Civil Enforcement Officer as defined by the Traffic Management Act 2004 and appointed by Watford Borough Council;
- (c) a vehicle which is prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond the drivers control or which has stopped in order to avoid injury or damage to persons or property or when required to do so by law;
- (d) a vehicle which is stationary in order that it may be used for one or more of the purposes specified in sub-Article (2) of this Article and which cannot reasonably be used for such a purpose without stopping in the restricted area;
- (e) a marked vehicle which, whilst used by a universal service provider in the course of the provision of a universal postal service, is stationary only for so long as may be reasonably necessary for postal packets to be delivered or collected;

#### In this Article -

The expressions "universal service provider", "provision of a universal postal Service" and "postal packet" shall bear the same meanings as in Section 65 of the Postal Services Act 2011.

- (2) The "purposes" referred to in sub-Article (1)(d) of this Article are -
  - (a) any operation involving building, demolition or excavation;
  - (b) the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
  - (c) the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of a road;
  - (d) constructing, improving, maintaining, or cleaning of any street furniture; or
  - (e) the laying, erection, alteration, repair or cleaning of any sewer or of any main pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity, or of any telecommunications apparatus kept or installed for the purposes of a telecommunications code system or of any other telecommunications apparatus lawfully kept installed in any position.
- 7.(1) If a vehicle (other than a vehicle otherwise exempted by this Order) is left in contravention of any Article or provision of this Order, a penalty charge shall be payable.
  - (2) In the case of a vehicle in respect of which a penalty charge is payable, a penalty charge notice may be issued in accordance with the Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (England) General Regulations 2007.
  - (3) The penalty charge shall be paid to Watford Borough Council in accordance with the instructions and within the time limits specified on the penalty charge notice.
- 8. The restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation from any restriction or requirement imposed by any other regulations made or having effect as if made under the Act of 1984 or by or under any other enactment.
- 9. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

## **SCHEDULE**

Schedule	the "loading bay plan" – W00423P

Signed:

Charlotte Mckay

Charlotte McKay Assistant Chief Legal Officer Environment Law / Legal Services

Dated: 08/01/2024

# STATEMENT OF REASONS

# THE HERTFORDSHIRE (MERIDEN WAY, WATFORD) (GOODS VEHICLE LOADING BAY) ORDER 2023

Hertfordshire County Council is proposing to introduce a new loading bay in part of Watford.

The proposals will comprise of -

• 'Goods vehicle loading bay' at any time Monday to Sunday restriction in part of Meriden Way, near its junction with York Way.

The goods vehicle loading bay is being proposed to better facilitate goods vehicles unloading and loading for the retail premises nearby and ensure that Meriden Way and York Way are kept clear, and traffic is free flowing. The proposal will ensure adequate and controlled provision for goods vehicles, whilst maintaining the existing free flow of traffic.

The requirement for the provision of service delivery and access whilst maintaining free flow traffic along Meriden Way, Watford.

The markings being proposed will ensure visibility for those leaving the property access that is affected by the scheme. The extended restrictions will improve road safety by moving parked vehicles further from the junction and from the first bend in the road.

The proposal has been subject to consultation with local and County Councillors representing the area and Watford Council. The local Police, Ambulance, Fire & Rescue Services, Hertfordshire County Council Passenger Transport Unit, Spokes Group, local businesses and residents are also being consulted.

