

STATEMENT OF REASONS

NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL

HEYWOOD ROAD, PILL, (PROHIBITION OF STOPPING, WAITING, LOADING AND PARKING PLACES)(CONSOLIDATION) Order 2022 (Variation No.23) ORDER 202X

North Somerset Council proposes to amend parking restrictions on Heywood Road, Pill, North Somerset.

The changes are required as the current layout of the bus stops on Heywood Road makes it difficult for buses to pull in close to the kerb, which can cause problems for passengers boarding, particularly for those with mobility issues or using wheelchairs or pushchairs. In addition, the existing on-street parking bays restrict the space available for buses to manoeuvre safely and efficiently, as many vehicles extend beyond their designated bays and encroach into the carriageway. The proposed layout changes will improve bus movements in and out of the bay, create safer boarding areas, and make the service more reliable for everyone by reducing delays caused by obstruction caused by parked cars. The planned improvements will help address these challenges and bring long-term benefits to both bus users and the local community.

The reduction in length of the laybys containing the Limited Waiting Parking Places is generally to ensure that vehicles fit within the bays and to reduce the angle of the tapers which were causing parking bays to be of inadequate size. The increase in size of the Disabled Person's Parking Spaces is to comply with standards and provide adequate space for users with mobility issues.

Collectively, the changes are intended to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road, and to facilitate the passage on the road of any class of traffic including pedestrians.

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