

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (the "1984 Act") SECTION 9 EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC ORDERS

REMOVAL OF PAY BY PHONE PARKING SPACE AND PROVISION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSTALLATION OF A PARKLET ON THE HIGHWAY (T39(24))

**The Waltham Forest (Charged-For Parking Places) (Amendment No. 214) Experimental Order 2024
The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places, Loading Places and Waiting, Loading and Stopping Restrictions) (Amendment No. 210) Experimental Order 2024**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The Council is fully committed to delivering a healthy and sustainable future for our communities and an essential part of this is reducing the impact motorised traffic has on our borough. Through the transformative Enjoy Waltham Forest programme a wide range of bold and radical transport interventions and improvements have been delivered and Waltham Forest is now recognised as one of the leading and most progressive local authorities in the UK in terms of promoting, supporting and enabling active and sustainable travel, reducing road danger, and rebalancing the public realm so it better meets the needs of all users. We have delivered new segregated cycle track, new and improved junctions and crossings on our busier roads, area wide traffic management and reduction strategies, a wide range of local and strategic public realm enhancements, and a significant number of complimentary behaviour change initiatives including the Community Parklet Programme.

A Parklet is a small green space, seating area or similar public amenity, typically located alongside the pavement on former road space. It is intended to improve the public realm through its appearance, its use, and its properties, and to highlight how a relatively small amount of carriageway or pavement space can be re-purposed to achieve a wide range of local benefits. The general principle is that it occupies one or more vehicle spaces and provides increased scope for green infrastructure and planting, seating, cycle and micro mobility parking, and a range of other small-scale activations.

The success of parklets in various parts of the borough has led to numerous Community Parklet applications from a range of interested residents and businesses. The Community Parklet Programme will enable residents and businesses to plan, design, and build Community Parklets, creating a sense of ownership of the public realm and promoting Active Travel.

The Council will implement 1 parklet in High Road Leytonstone E11 which requires, by traffic order, the displacement of a pay by phone parking space and the area acquired for the parklet to be underpinned by waiting restrictions operating "at any time".

These measures above are initially being introduced experimentally to assess their effectiveness with a view to making them permanent.

In proposing to make these orders consideration has been given to securing expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic.