

**COUNCIL
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TITLE OF REPORT: NOTICE OF MOTIONS

The following motion has been submitted, due notice of which has been given in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.12.

Verge and Footway Parking Protection Orders in Letchworth Garden City

To be moved by Councillor Sean Prendergast and seconded by Councillor Tina Bhartwas:

Council notes that:

Letchworth Garden City, as the world's first Garden City, was designed with wide grass verges and green spaces as a defining feature of the town.

In a number of locations, grass verges are being damaged by repeated vehicle parking, with vehicles often mounting both verges and adjoining footways.

This behaviour can also obstruct footways and narrow pedestrian routes, creating particular difficulties for people with disabilities, wheelchair and mobility scooter users, parents with pushchairs, and older residents who rely on clear and accessible pavements and verges.

Protecting these verges and footways is therefore important not only to preserving the heritage, character and environmental quality of the Garden City, but also to ensuring that streets remain safe and accessible for all residents.

Verge and footway protection orders have successfully been implemented in Welwyn Garden City through the Traffic Regulation Order process.

Therefore, Council resolves to:

- Ask officers to identify suitable locations where verge and footway protection orders could help prevent damage caused by vehicles mounting and parking on grass verges and pavements and improve accessibility for pedestrians.
- Request that North Hertfordshire District Council, working with Hertfordshire County Council bring forward proposals for the introduction of verge and footway protection orders through the Traffic Regulation Order process in appropriate locations within Letchworth Garden City, with the flexibility to include multiple streets where verge damage is occurring.
- Ensure that any proposals are subject to appropriate consultation with residents. To report back to Members with proposals for implementation.