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COUNTY COUNCIL OF AVON

(A4 LONDON ROAD, OUTER AREA, CITY OF BATH) (RESERVED BUS LANES) (PEAK HOURS) ORDER 1995

The County Council of Avon (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") in exercise of its powers under sections 1(1) and 2(1) to (3) and 4(1) of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1984") and of all other enabling powers, after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, hereby makes the following order:-

- 1. This order shall come into operation on the 20th March 1995 and may be cited as the County Council of Avon (A4 London Road, Outer Area, City of Bath) (Reserved Bus Lanes) (Peak Hours) Order 1995.
- 2. (1) In this order:-

"bus lane 1" means any area of the carriageway of that length of the A4 London Road in the City of Bath which extends from a point 109 metres south west of a point in line with the north eastern kerbline of Grosvenor Bridge Road in a south westerly direction for a distance of 877 metres, which is bounded on the south eastern side by the south eastern kerbline of that road and where that south eastern kerbline is broken by the junction of that road with another road or an accessway, by the line joining the said south eastern kerbline on either side of that junction and on the north west by a road marking complying with diagram 1049 in to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 1994, broken only by the gap opposite the junction of that road on its south eastern side with another road or an accessway, by a crossing for foot passengers marked on the road in accordance with Regulations made under section 25 of the Act of 1984, or by a street refuge;

"bus lane 2" means any area of the carriageway of that length of the A4 London Road in the City of Bath which extends from a point 5 metres north east of a point in line with the north eastern kerbline of Bedford Street in a north easterly direction for a distance of 63 metres, which is bounded on the north western side by the north western kerbline of that road and where that north western kerbline is broken by the junction of that road with another road or an accessway, by the line joining the said north western kerbline on either side of that junction and on the south east by a road marking complying with diagram 1049 in to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 1994, broken only by the gap opposite the junction of that road on its north western side with another road or an accessway, by a crossing for foot passengers marked on the road in accordance with Regulations made under section 25 of the Act of 1984, or by a street refuge;

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"bus lane 3" means any area of the carriageway of that length of the A4 London Road in the City of Bath which extends from a point 30 metres north east of a point in line with the north eastern kerbline of Hanover Street in a north easterly direction for a distance of 84 metres, which is bounded on the north western side by the north western kerbline of that road and where that north western kerbline is broken by the junction of that road with another road or an accessway, by the line joining the said north western kerbline on either side of that junction and on the south east by a road marking complying with diagram 1049 in to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 1994, broken only by the gap opposite the junction of that road on its north western side with another road or an accessway, by a crossing for foot passengers marked on the road in accordance with Regulations made under section 25 of the Act of 1984, or by a street refuge;

"bus lane 4" means any area of the carriageway of that length of the A4 London Road in the City of Bath which extends from a point 70 metres north east of a point in line with the north eastern kerbline of St Saviour's Way in a north easterly direction for a distance of 125 metres, which is bounded on the north western side by the north western kerbline of that road and where that north western kerbline is broken by the junction of that road with another road or an accessway, by the line joining the said north western kerbline on either side of that junction and on the south east by a road marking complying with diagram 1049 in to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 1994, broken only by the gap opposite the junction of that road on its north western side with another road or an accessway, by a crossing for foot passengers marked on the road in accordance with Regulations made under section 25 of the Act of 1984, or by a street refuge;

"coach" means:

- a. a vehicle, other than a public service vehicle, which is constructed or adapted to carry 12 or more passengers, or
- b. any vehicle, operating as a public service, which is constructed or adapted to carry disabled persons;

"hackney carriage" has the same meaning as in section 38 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971 but complying with the requirements of the relevant licensing authority in respect of roof-top signs;

"pedal cycle" means a bicycle, tricycle or cycle having four or more wheels, not being in any case a motor vehicle;

"private hire vehicle" means a motor vehicle constructed or adapted to seat fewer than eight passengers other than a hackney carriage or public service vehicle which is provided for hire with the services of a driver for the purposes of carrying passengers but complying with the requirements of the relevant licensing authority in respect of roof top signs;

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"public service vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 1(1)(a) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981.

- (2) For the purposes of this order a vehicle shall be deemed to wait for more than two minutes in the same place if any one part of the road is below any part of the vehicle or its load (if any) throughout a period exceeding two minutes whether or not the vehicle is moved during that period.
- 3. Save as provided in Article 5 of this order no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform or of a traffic warden, cause or permit any vehicle other than a public service vehicle, coach, pedal cycle, hackney carriage or private hire vehicle, between the hours of 7.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. on any day other than Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a bank holiday to enter, proceed or wait in bus lane 1 otherwise than for the purpose of crossing it.
- 4. Save as provided in Article 5 of this order no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform or of a traffic warden, cause or permit any vehicle other than a public service vehicle, coach, pedal cycle, hackney carriage, or private hire vehicle, between the hours of 4.00 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. on any day other than Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a bank holiday to enter, proceed or wait-in bus lane 2 or bus lane 3 or bus lane 4 otherwise than for the purpose of crossing it.
- 5. (1) Nothing in this order shall render it unlawful for any person to cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in any direction in bus lane 1 or bus lane 2 or bus lane 3 or bus lane 4 so far as such entry or proceeding is reasonably necessary to enable the vehicle to be used for any of the purposes specified in paragraph (2) of this Article, or to wait in the said bus lanes for so long as may be necessary for any of those purposes.
 - (2) The purposes referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article are:-
 - (i) the removal of any obstruction to traffic, and
 - (ii) police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes in an emergency.
 - (3) Nothing in this order shall render it unlawful for any person to cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed:-
 - (i) in a south westerly direction in bus lane 1, or
 - (ii) in a north easterly direction in bus lane 2 or bus lane 3 or bus lane
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so far as such entry or proceeding is reasonably necessary to enable the vehicle to be used for any of the purposes specified in paragraph (4) of this Article or (save as provided in that paragraph) to wait in the said bus lanes for so long as may be necessary for any of those purposes.

- (4) The purposes referred to in paragraph (3) of this Article are:-
 - (i) in the service of any local authority, National Rivers Authority, a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker in pursuance of statutory powers or duties or in connection with the supply of gas or electricity or any telecommunications apparatus as defined in the Telecommunications Act 1984;
 - (ii) the avoidance of an accident;
 - (iii) the gaining of access to or egress from off-street loading or garaging premises adjacent to or accessible only from the said bus lanes; and
 - (iv) the boarding or alighting of any person-

Provided that such boarding or alighting does not cause the vehicle to wait in the same place for more than two minutes.

- 6. In so far as any provision of this order conflicts with any provision of any order made or having effect as if made under the Act of 1984 and which imposes a restriction or prohibition on waiting by vehicles or grants an exemption from such restriction or prohibition then that provision of this order shall prevail between the hours of 7.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m in respect of bus lane 1 and between the hours of 4.00 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. in respect of bus lane 2 and bus lane 3 and bus lane 4 on any day other than Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a bank holiday.
- 7. The County Council of Avon (A4 London Road, Outer Area, City of Bath) (Reserved Bus Lanes) (Peak Hours) Experimental Order 1994 is hereby revoked.

Given under the Common Seal of the County Council of Avon the 2nd day of March 1995.

The COMMON SEAL of the COUNTY COUNCIL of AVON was hereunto affixed in the presence of:-

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