

LIME ST, ST. LOYES  
HARPUR ST. ETC  
NEW PEDESTRIANISATION

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The Bedford Borough Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") pursuant to arrangements made under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 with the Bedfordshire County Council in exercise of the powers of the said County Council under Sections 1 (1) and (2), 2(1) to 2(3) and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act"), and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 of the Act, hereby makes the following Order:-

**Citation and Commencement**

1. This Order shall come into force on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2003 and may be cited as the Bedford Borough Council (Town Centre Pedestrianised Area) (Prohibition Of Traffic) Order 2003

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them. -

"Hackney carriage" has the same meaning as in the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976;

"The Act" means the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

3. Any reference in this Order to a numbered Article or Schedule shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to the Article or Schedule bearing that number in this Order.
4. Any reference in this Order to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended, applied, consolidated, re-enacted by or as having effect by virtue of any subsequent enactment.

**Designation of Pedestrianised Area**

5. The Pedestrianised Area shall comprise the lengths of streets specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

**Restrictions within Pedestrianised Area**

6. No person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform, cause or permit any vehicle (including a pedal cycle) to enter or proceed along those lengths of streets specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

### **General exemption from restrictions**

7. Nothing in Article 6 of this Order shall render it unlawful for any person to cause or permit a pedal cycle being pushed by hand to enter or proceed in any direction within the pedestrianised area.
8. Nothing in Article 6 of this Order shall render it unlawful for any person to cause or permit a wheelchair (including a mechanically propelled wheelchair) to enter or proceed in any direction within the pedestrianised area.
9. Nothing in Article 6 of this Order shall render it unlawful for any person to cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed within the pedestrianised area so far as such entering or proceeding is reasonably necessary to enable the vehicle to be used for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (f) of this Article, provided that the vehicle should remain in the roads only for so long as may be reasonably necessary for such purpose and the vehicle is removed from the pedestrianised area as soon as practicable following the completion of such purpose.
  - (a) the vehicle is being used for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes or, not being a passenger vehicle, is being used in the service of a local authority or statutory undertaker in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;
  - (b) the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
  - (c) the vehicle is being used for a purpose authorised and described on a permit issued by the Council provided such permit is clearly displayed;
  - (d) the delivery or collection of postal packets to or from premises or postal collection boxes within the pedestrianised area;
  - (e) the maintenance of the premises fronting a street within the pedestrianised area;
  - (f) the delivery or collection by bullion vehicles of cash or securities to or from premises within the pedestrianised area.

provided that any vehicle permitted to access the pedestrianised area pursuant to (b) to (f) inclusive above shall only proceed in an easterly direction in Silver Street and Midland Road and only in a southerly direction in Harpur Street (south of its junction with Silver Street and Midland Road).

10. Nothing in Article 6 of this Order shall render it unlawful for any person to cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed within the pedestrianised area so far as such entering or proceeding is reasonably necessary to enable the vehicle to be used for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (d) of this Article, provided that the vehicle should remain in the roads only for so long as may be reasonably necessary for such purpose and the vehicle is removed from the pedestrianised area as soon as practicable following the completion of such purpose.

(a) Allhallows (Entire Street)

For the loading and unloading of goods by vehicles or the movement of furniture to or from premises in the pedestrianised area provided that such loading and unloading does not occur between 10.30am and 3.30pm daily.

(b) Allhallows (Between its junction with St. Loyes Street and 15 metres south of its junction with Greenhill Street)

For a cyclist to proceed in this part of Allhallows at any time.

For a disabled person's vehicle which displays a disabled person's badge to proceed in this part of Allhallows for the sole purpose of obtaining access to or egress from the designated disabled persons parking place at any time.

(c) Harpur Street (Between its junction with Silver Street and Midland Road to its junction with Lime Street and St. Loyes Street), Paradine Court and Hawes Court

For the loading and unloading of goods by vehicles or the movement of furniture to or from premises in the pedestrianised area provided that such loading and unloading does not occur between 10.30am and 3.30pm daily.

For the purpose of gaining access to or egress from any property accessed from Paradine Court or Hawes Court provided that such access or egress does not occur between 10.30am and 3.30pm daily.

(d) Lime Street (Between its junction with Harpur Street and 25 metres west of its junction with High Street)

For a cyclist to proceed in this part of Lime Street at any time, within the part of the highway designated for use by cyclists.

For the loading and unloading of goods by vehicles or the movement of furniture to or from premises in the pedestrianised area.

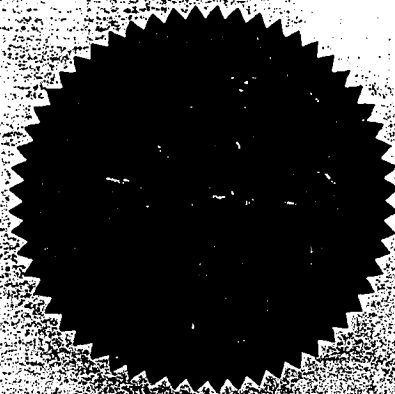
For the purpose of gaining access to or egress from any property accessed from this part of Lime Street.

11. The Orders described in Schedule 2 of this Order are hereby revoked.

12. The restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation from any restriction or requirement imposed by any regulations made or having effect as if made under the Act or by or under any other enactment.

13. The Council is satisfied that for avoiding danger to persons using the road it is requisite that the restriction declared in Section 3(1) of the Act shall not apply in relation to this Order.

THE COMMON SEAL of the  
BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Was hereunto affixed this  
6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2003  
in the presence of



Head of Environment & Community Services

Head of Corporate Administration and Solicitor to the Council

## Schedule 1

### Streets included within this Order

Midland Road, from its junction with Greyfriars and River Street to its junction with Harpur Street and Silver Street.

Harpur Street, from its junction with Horne Lane and St. Pauls Square to its junction with Silver Street and Midland Road.

Silver Street, entire length from its junction with Midland Road and Harpur Street to its junction with High Street.

Greenhill Street, entire length from its junction with Allhallows to its junction with Hassett Street and Greyfriars.

Thurlow Street, entire length from its junction with Allhallows to its junction with Greyfriars.

Allhallows, entire length from its junction with St. Loyes Street to its junction with Midland Road.

James Street, entire length from its junction with Midland Road to its junction with Church Square.

Church Square, entire area bounded by Allhallows, James Street, Dane Street and Church Arcade.

Harpur Street, from its junction with Silver Street and Midland Road to its junction with Lime Street and St. Loyes Street.

Lime Street, entire length from its junction with Harpur Street to its junction with High Street.

Paradine Court, entire length from its junction with Harpur Street westwards.

Hawes Court, entire length from its junction with Harpur Street eastwards.

## Schedule 2

### Titles of Orders to be revoked

Bedford Borough Council (Town Centre Pedestrianised Area) (Prohibition Of Traffic) Order 2002.

North Bedfordshire Borough Council (Midland Road (East) and Harpur Street (Central and South), Bedford) (Various Provisions) Traffic Regulation Order 1989 as amended.

### Explanatory Note

James Street is covered by an Order made by Bedford Magistrates Court on 26<sup>th</sup> November 1981 in pursuance of a complaint made by North Bedfordshire Borough Council under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980. This amended its status from an all-purpose highway to a footway (pedestrian highway), thereby prohibiting vehicular traffic.

Church Square was adopted as a pedestrian highway on 20<sup>th</sup> December 1961. Its status as a pedestrian highway prohibits vehicular traffic.

Hawes Court is a private street owned by Bedford Borough Council. Its inclusion within this Order should not be interpreted as indicating any intention to dedicate Hawes Court as a public highway.