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BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
(DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES)  
(No.1) ORDER 1996

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The Bedford Borough Council pursuant to arrangements made under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 with the Bedfordshire County Council in exercise of the powers conferred on the said County Council under Sections 32(1b) and 35(1) and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order shall come into operation on 22 January 1996 and may be cited as the "Bedford Borough Council (Disabled Persons' Parking Places) (No. 1) Order 1996".
2. In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:-
  - "driver", in relation to a vehicle waiting in a parking place, means the person driving the vehicle at the time it was left in the parking place;
  - "parking place" means any part of a road authorised by this Order to be used as a parking place;
  - "disabled persons' vehicle" has the same meaning as in the Disabled Persons' (Badges for Motor Vehicles) Regulations 1982.
  - "Midland Road (East)" means that length of Midland Road, Bedford between its junctions with River Street/Greyfriars and Harpur Street.
3. (1) The part of the road specified in Column 1 of the Schedule to this Order, is authorised to be used subject to the following provisions of this Order, as parking places for such class of vehicle, in such positions and on such days and during such hours as are specified in relation to that part of road in the said Schedule.
  - (2) Nothing in paragraph (1) of this Article shall restrict the power of the Council, for preventing obstruction of the street, by Order on the occasion of any public procession, rejoicing or illumination, or where the street is thronged and liable to be obstructed, to close any parking place.
4. Where in the Schedule to this Order a parking place is described as available for vehicles of a specified class or in a specified position, the driver of the vehicle shall not permit it to wait in that parking place:-
  - (a) unless it is of the specified class; or
  - (b) in a position other than that specified
5. A driver of the vehicle shall not use a parking place -
  - (a) so as unreasonably to prevent access to any premises adjoining the road, or the use of the road by other persons, or so as to be a nuisance;

- (b) when for preventing obstruction of the streets, the Council shall by Order made on the occasion of any public procession, rejoicing or illumination or when the street is thronged or liable to be obstructed, have closed that parking place and exhibited notice of such closure on or near the parking place.
6. The driver of a motor vehicle using a parking place shall stop the engine as soon as the vehicle is in position in the parking place, and shall not start the engine except when about to change the position of the vehicle in or to depart from the parking place.
7. The driver of a vehicle shall not permit that vehicle to wait in a parking place unless the vehicle is licensed in pursuance of the provisions of the Vehicle (Excise) Act 1971 and unless there is in relation to the use of the vehicle by the driver such a policy of insurance as complies with the requirements of Part VI of the Road Traffic Act 1988.
8. No person shall use any part of a parking place or any vehicle left in a parking place -
- (a) for sleeping or camping or cooking; or
- (b) for the purpose of servicing or washing any vehicle or part thereof other than is reasonably necessary to enable that vehicle to depart from the parking place.
9. No person shall use a vehicle, while it is in a parking place, in connection with the sale of any article to persons in or near the parking place or in connection with the selling of or offering for hire of his skill or services.
10. The driver of a vehicle using a parking place shall not sound any horn or other similar instrument except when about to change the position of the vehicle in or to depart from the parking place.
11. No person shall, except with the permission of a person authorised by the Council in that behalf, or a Police Constable in uniform, drive or permit to be driven any vehicle in a parking place for any purpose other than the purpose of leaving that vehicle in a parking place in accordance with the provisions of this Order or for the purpose of departing from the parking place.
12. For the purpose of meeting the requirements of an emergency, a person authorised in that behalf by the Council or a Police Constable in uniform may alter or cause to be altered the position of a vehicle in a parking place or remove or arrange for the removal of a vehicle in a parking place.

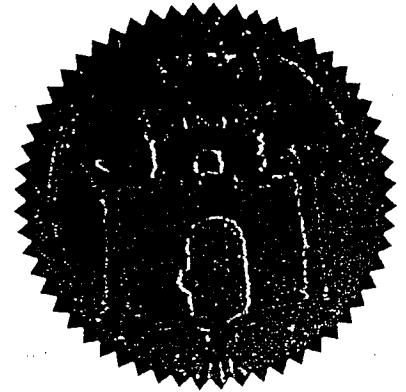
13. (a) For the purposes of this Order, a vehicle shall be regarded as displaying a disabled persons' badge issued before 2nd March 1992 in the relevant position if -
- (i) in the case of a vehicle fitted with a front windscreen, the badge is exhibited thereon on the near side of and immediately behind the windscreen and with its front facing forward so as to be legible from outside the vehicle; or
  - (ii) in the case of a vehicle not fitted with a front windscreen the badge is exhibited in a conspicuous position on the vehicle.
- (b) For the purposes of this Order, a vehicle shall be regarded as displaying a disabled person's badge issued on or after 2nd March 1992 in the relevant position if -
- (i) in the case of a vehicle fitted with a dashboard or facia panel, the badge is exhibited thereon so that Part 1 of the badge is legible from outside the vehicle; or
  - (ii) in the case of a vehicle not fitted with a dashboard or facia panel, the badge is exhibited in a conspicuous position on the vehicle so that Part 1 of the badge is legible from outside the vehicle.
14. The prohibition and 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 of 1984 or by or having any other enactment.
15. The North Bedfordshire Borough Council (Midland Road(East) and (Harpur Street (Central and South), Bedford) (Various Provisions) Traffic Order 1989 is hereby revoked insofar as it relates to Article 7 of the 1989 Order referred to. (Article 7 of the 1989 Order permitted vehicles displaying a disabled persons badge to enter and proceed in that length of Midland Road (East) extending for a distance of 50 metres from its junction with Greyfriars for the purpose of parking in the designated disabled persons' parking places only.)
16. Subject to the proviso hereto, when a vehicle is left in a parking place in contravention of any of the provisions contained in Article 4 or Article 5 of this Order, a person authorised in that behalf by the Council may remove the vehicle or arrange for it to be removed from that parking place: provided that when a vehicle is waiting in a parking place in contravention of the provision of Article 4(b) of this Order, a person authorised in that behalf by the Council may alter or cause to be altered the position of the vehicle in order that its position shall comply with that provision.
17. When a person authorised by the Council removes or makes arrangements for the removal of a vehicle from a parking place by virtue of Article 16 of this Order, he shall make

such arrangements as may be reasonably necessary for the safe custody of the vehicle.

The Common Seal of Bedford  
Borough Council was hereunto  
affixed this 17th day  
of January 1996  
in the presence of:

*Calcolm Evans*

Mayor



*L. W. Gault*

Chief Executive

SCHEDULE

Part of Road  
which may be  
used as Disabled  
Persons' Parking  
Places

Position in  
which vehicle  
may wait

Class of vehicle  
permitted to use  
parking place

Days and  
Hours of  
Operation

That part of the forecourt at the Bus Station, Greyfriars, Bedford, between the footway of Greyfriars and the grass verge on the eastern side of that footway on one side, and the western boundary of the existing taxi rank bay on the other side, the overall length of the road containing the parking bays being 50 metres approximately.

Wholly within parking bays and parallel to the kerb

Disabled persons vehicle displaying disabled persons badge

All days  
All hours