



**BEDFORD**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

**BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL (BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL)**  
**(BEDFORD CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE)) (PROHIBITION AND**  
**RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) ORDER**  
**2008 (AMENDMENT NO 10) ORDER 2011**

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL in exercise of the powers under Section 1(1), 2(1) to (3) and 4(2) and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 ("The Act") and all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Bedfordshire Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, hereby makes the following Order:

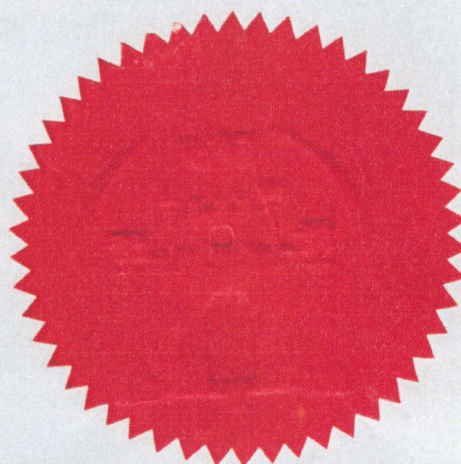
1. This Order shall come into operation on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and may be cited as "Bedford Borough Council (Bedfordshire County Council (Bedford Controlled Parking Zone) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) Order 2008 (Amendment No 10) Order 2011".
2. As from the date upon which the Order comes into operation, the provisions of the "Bedfordshire County Council (Bedford Controlled Parking Zone) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) Order 2008 as amended" shall be varied as follows:
  - (i) The plan schedule "Grid Reference K28 Revision No3" shall be deleted and "Grid Reference K28 Revision No4 shall be substituted.
  - (ii) The plan schedule reference "Grid Reference J28 Revision No 3" shall be deleted and "Grid Reference J28 Revision No4 shall be substituted.



THE COMMON SEAL of the  
BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Was hereunto affixed this

09<sup>th</sup> day of June 2011

In the presence of:



X *[Signature]* X

Executive Director for Environment and Sustainable Communities

X *[Signature]* X

Assistant Chief Executive (Governance) and Solicitor to the Council

AUTHORITY FOR EXECUTION		
COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	MINUTE No.	DATE
DELEGATED POWER	By whom executed EDESC	DATE
	OFFICERS INITIALS	DATE
ORIGINATED AND CHECKED BY	JS	06/06/11
APPROVED BY	<i>[Signature]</i>	6/6/11





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### STATEMENT OF REASONS

This proposed Amendment Order will introduce measures that will address the increasing problem of parking related traffic congestion that occurs in St Pauls Square throughout the week. The congestion is due largely to illegal and inconsiderate vehicle waiting/parking and to loading operations associated with the Market occurring outside of the legally permitted hours.

Requests for more effective enforcement of existing waiting restrictions to be undertaken have been received from a number of sources. However some restrictions in force require a five minute "observation period" to elapse before a penalty charge notice (PCN) for illegal parking can be issued. This "observation" requirement, at certain times of the day will prevent immediate, and thereby effective, enforcement. At this busy location, the power to issue immediate PCN's for illegal parking is seen as essential in helping to reduce the current level of illegal parking.

To address the problems, the council is proposing to amend and strengthen "No Loading" restrictions around the Square and to provide two designated loading bays. Details of the proposal can be determined from the Public Notice and Site Plan that form part of these deposited documents.

The above proposals will provide for:

- (a) Two designated loading bays with a maximum stay time of 15 minutes. The bays will be general loading bays, i.e. not specifically for goods vehicles.
- (b) A No Loading at any time restriction where vehicles found waiting or parked can immediately result in penalty charge notices being issued.
- (c) Exemption from the restrictions, as at present, for vehicles used for a funeral or wedding at St Pauls Church.
- (d) The "Disabled Badge" bays and Pay and Display bays in St Pauls Square south outside the Shire Hall will remain unchanged. It should be noted that Disabled Badge holders are not permitted to wait or park in No Loading areas or in Loading Bays.
- (e) Present arrangements for buses and bus stops will remain unchanged.
- (f) The current overnight Taxi Stand 9:30pm to 4:30am on the south side of St Pauls Square North will be relocated to the north side of St Pauls Square North, occupying the same area as the Bus Stopping area between High Street and Mayes Yard, with the time period being changed to 11pm-4:30am.