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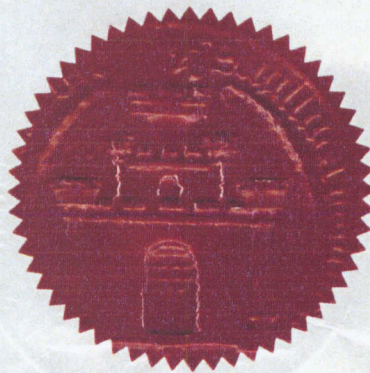
BOROUGH COUNCIL

**BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL (BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL) (BEDFORD
CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE)) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND
LOADING AND PARKING PLACES)
ORDER 2008 (AMENDMENT NO.14) ORDER 2012**

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 Regulation Act 1984 ("The Act") and all other enabling powers 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 the 14th May 2012 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.14) Order 2012"
2. As from the date upon which this Order comes into operation, the following Order shall be revoked; 'BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL (DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES) (No.1) ORDER 1996'.
3. 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 reference "Grid Reference J27 Revision 4" shall be deleted and "Grid reference J27 Revision No 5" shall be substituted.
 - (ii) The plan schedule reference "Grid Reference J28 Revision No 6" shall be deleted and "Grid Reference J28 Revision No 7" shall be substituted

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



03rd day of May 2012

In the presence of:

Executive Director for Environment and Sustainable Communities

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	2/5/12
APPROVED BY	DA	2/5/12



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STATEMENT OF REASONS

Following the recent introduction of increased bus services both in the urban and rural areas of Bedford, it has transpired that there is insufficient capacity with the bus station forecourt for those buses to drop off passengers to their scheduled drop off points. As a result, buses are relying on finding bus stops on-street as close as possible to the bus station.

Rightly, buses should be dropping off and collecting from a place which is defined as a bus station and therefore provisions need to be made to ensure that this can be achieved.

At present, the bus station has shared usage which comprises of parking spaces reserved specifically for blue badge holders and taxis.

In order to achieve the desired provisions, Bedford Borough Council has to consider amending the parking arrangements both within the bus station forecourt and on-street to suit the need for all road users and services.

It is therefore proposed that some taxi bays and blue badge disabled bays are removed from the forecourt and replaced with bus stops and stands.

To relocate those spaces lost within the forecourt, Bedford Borough Council considers the relocations below as appropriate:

For Taxis:

Greyfriars – to revoke the existing bus stop situated on the west kerb just by the Midland Road Junction. The proposals are to allocate this space to taxis. The benefits will be the possibility of collecting clients visiting those shops based on Midland Road.

River Street – to revoke the bus stop within River Street bus lane. The proposals are to allocate this space to taxis. With the new Tesco Metro and Iceland situated in Midland Road Pedestrian Area, there is good visibility of taxi presence

Bus Station Forecourt – To revoke the entire section currently used by taxis but relocate a small number of bays where the disabled bays are currently situated to ensure that the option of taxis is still available within the bus forecourt.

For Blue Badge holders:

Bus station forecourt – to reduce the number of allocated disabled bays and relocate

Allhallows Car Park – to increase the number of dedicated blue badge holder spaces

Harpur Street – to revoke the bus stop adjacent to Lime Street and dedicate this space to blue badge holders. Benefits will include close proximity to the heart of town by the pedestrian zone.