

# BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

# (ST PAUL'S SQUARE, BEDFORD) (PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES) ORDER 2016

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL ('the Council') in exercise of the powers under section 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 4(2), 92 (1) to (3) 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 Bedfordshire Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, hereby makes the following order:

- No person shall except upon the direction or with the permission of a Police Constable in uniform cause or permit any mechanically propelled vehicle to enter the length of road referred to in the Schedule of this Order.
- Nothing in Article 1 of this Order shall apply so as to prevent any person from driving any vehicle on the said lengths of road if the vehicle is being used
  - (a) for ambulance, police, special forces or fire purposes
  - (b) in connection with any building operation or demolition in or adjacent to the said length of road, the removal of any obstruction to traffic in the said length of road or the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or adjacent to the said length of road of any sewer or of any main pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telegraphic line as defined in the Telegraph Act 1878;
  - (c) in the service of a local authority in pursuance of statutory powers or duties
  - (d) for agricultural purposes in connection with land adjoining the said length of road
  - (e) is a solo motorcycle
  - (f) is a relevant permit holder and is permitted to enter the road as authorised by the Council
  - (g) any vehicle as authorised by the Council
- This order shall come into operation on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and may be citied as 'Bedford Borough Council (St Paul's Square, Bedford) (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) Order 2016'.

THE COMMON SEAL of the BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL was hereunto affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016



Executive Director for Environment and Sustainable Communities

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## **SCHEDULE**

Bedford Borough Council (St Paul's Square, Bedford) (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) Order 2016

## Prohibition of motor vehicles restriction on the following road:

#### St Pauls Square

The entire area currently designated for pedestrian use except for the public footway which extends around the perimeter of St Paul's Church

# **General Exemptions:**

Permit Holders Solo motorcycles Authorised vehicles

AUTHORITY FOR EXECUTION		
COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	MINUTE No.	DATE
DELEGATED POWER	By whom executed	DATE
	OFFICERS INITIALS	DATE
ORIGINATED AND CHECKED BY	EDESC	23/0816
APPROVED BY	DH	23/8/1



# STATEMENT OF REASONS

# Bedford Borough Council (St Paul's Square, Bedford) (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) Order 2016

Bedford Borough Council has received a request to amend the traffic restrictions on St Pauls Square (currently designated as a Pedestrian Zone and situated where the markets trade) to enable certain motor vehicles to enter the restricted area.

The proposal is to generally prohibit motor vehicles from entering the restricted zone due to the footfall of pedestrians. The proposal will make an exception to allow permit holders only (permits holders will be markets traders), solo motorcycles and authorised vehicles (such as the Council's road sweepers etc.) to enter the pedestrian area of St Paul's Square.

Any vehicle entering the proposed area will only access the area when the Council has authorised it to do so (i.e markets days).

