

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Date of Order: 20/05/25

Order No: 8719

THE HERTFORDSHIRE (WOODMERE AVENUE, WATFORD) (BUS GATE) ORDER 2024

The Hertfordshire County Council in exercise of their powers under Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (which said Act of 1984 is hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1984"), and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Act of 1984, and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police hereby make the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as "The Hertfordshire (Woodmere Avenue, Watford) (Bus Gate) Order 2024" and shall come into effect on Monday 16 June 2025.
2. The Hertfordshire (Woodmere Avenue, Watford) (Bus Gate) Order 2024 Plan numbered **W00124P**, inclusive of the key, is incorporated into this Order, as listed in the Schedule to this Order.

3. **Interpretation –**

In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meaning hereby respectively assigned to them;

"bus" shall have the same meaning as given in The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 Part 2, Schedule 1;

"bus gate" means a road or part of a road with access permitted only for buses as indicated on plan **W00124P**;

"civil enforcement officer" shall have the same meaning as given in Section 76 of the Traffic Management Act 2004;

"Council" means Hertfordshire County Council;

"motor vehicle" shall have the same meaning as given in Section 136 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

"penalty charge" shall have the same meaning as a charge set by the Council in accordance with The Civil Enforcement of Road Traffic Contraventions (Approved Devices, Charging Guidelines and General Provisions) (England) Regulations 2022 and the provisions of Part 6 and Schedule 9 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

4. Save as provided in Article 5 to this Order no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or be in that section of the bus gate as shown on plan **W00124P**.
5. Nothing in Article 4 of this Order shall apply in respect of –
 - (a) a bus.
 - (b) a vehicle being used for Fire and Rescue, Ambulance or Police purposes during the course of an emergency.
 - (c) anything done with the permission of or at the direction of a Police Constable in uniform or with the permission of a Civil Enforcement Officer.
 - (d) a vehicle which is being used for one or more of the following purposes and which cannot reasonably be used for such a purpose without entering or being in the bus gate:
 - (i) any operation involving building, demolition or excavation;
 - (ii) the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
 - (iii) the maintenance (including winter gritting), improvement or repair of the road;
 - (iv) constructing, improving, maintaining, or cleaning of any street furniture; or

- (v) the laying, erection, alteration, repair or cleaning of any sewer or of any main pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity, or of any telecommunications apparatus kept or installed for the purposes of a telecommunications code system or of any other telecommunications apparatus lawfully kept installed in any position.
6. The Council, in making this Order, are satisfied that this Order is required for avoiding danger to persons using those lengths of road and to facilitate the passage of buses using that length of road, as specified in Article 4 of this Order.
7. Where a person contravenes any of the restrictions set out in the provisions of this Order, or enters, or is within a bus gate, otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this Order, the owner of the vehicle in question shall incur a penalty charge in accordance with The Civil Enforcement of Road Traffic Contraventions (Approved Devices, Charging Guidelines and General Provisions) (England) Regulations 2022.
8. The provisions of the following Orders are hereby revoked only in so far as they are affected by the restrictions imposed by this Order:-
- The Borough of Watford (Woodmere Avenue) (Width Restriction) Order 1980
- The Borough of Watford (Woodmere Avenue) (Width Restriction) (Amendment) Order 1981
9. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

SCHEDULE

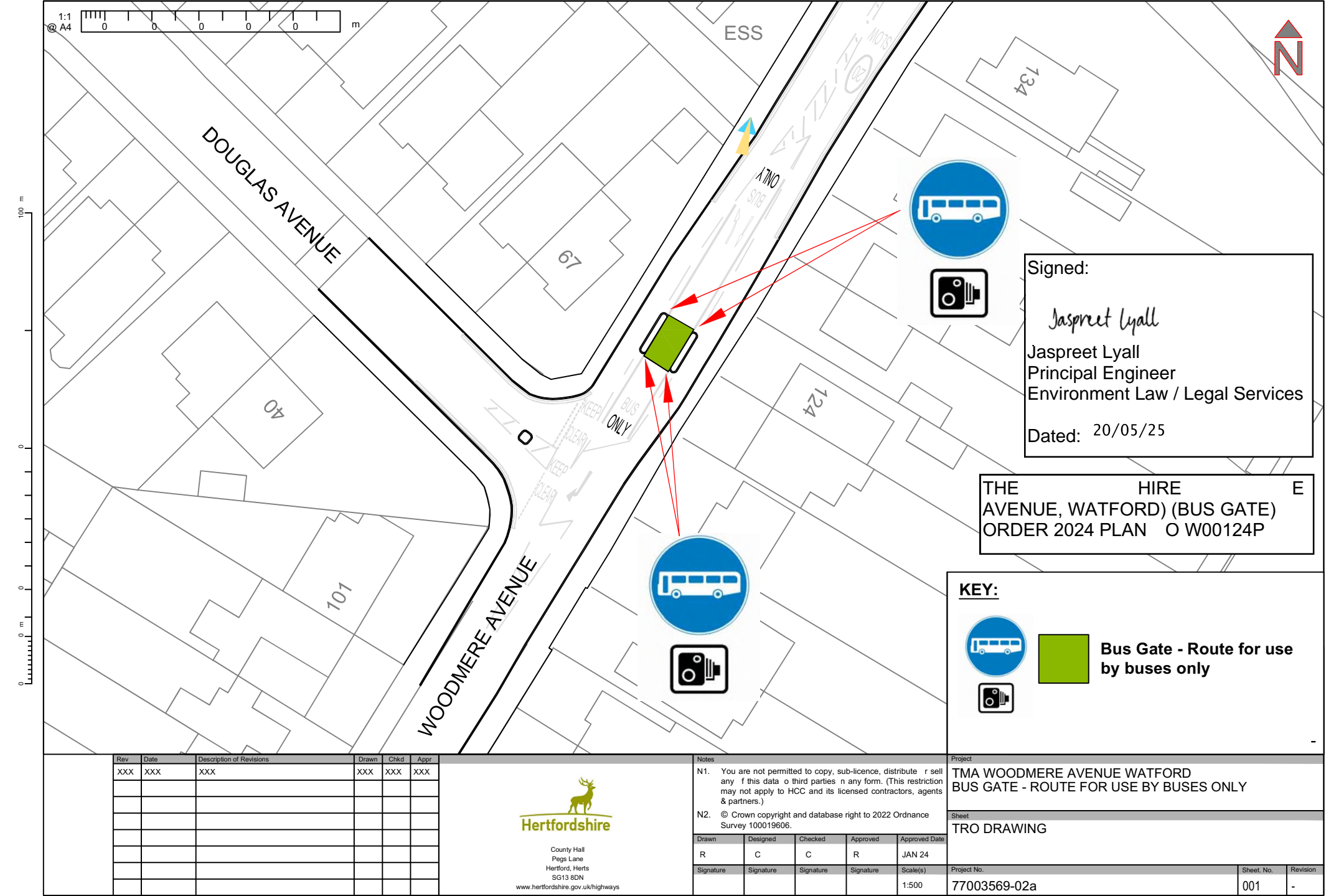
Schedule	Plan W00124P
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Signed:

Jaspreet Lyall

Jaspreet Lyall
Principal Lawyer
Environment Law / Legal Services

Dated: 20/05/25



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NOTICE is given that the Hertfordshire County Council has made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (1984 Act) to introduce a new bus gate restriction as specified in the Schedule to this Notice. The Order will come into effect on Monday 16 June 2025.

Documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order may be viewed from 23 May 2025 to 4 July 2025 during office hours at Main Reception, County Hall, Hertford or online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/trafficorders by selecting Watford and looking at Ref: W00124.

Enquiries relating to the Order should be referred to the Highways Engineer concerned Ross Corben tel: 0300 123 4047 or ross.corben@hertfordshire.gov.uk.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order, or any of its provisions, on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the 1984 Act, or that any requirement of the 1984 Act or any Instrument made under it has not been complied with may, within 6 weeks from the date of this Notice, apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE: Bus Gate – that section of road listed below and as set out in the Order and accompanying plan - Part of Woodmere Avenue near its junction with Douglas Avenue.

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Stevenage
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23 May 2025
Mark Doran
Executive Director, Growth and Environment