LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AND TRANSPORT ACT 2000

The Borough of Luton (Traffic Regulation)(Bus Lanes and Bus-Only Routes)

Consolidation
Order 2011

Luton Borough Council ("the Council") in exercise of its powers under Sections 1(1) and 2(1) to (3) and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act"), and all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Constable for the Bedfordshire Police Authority in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, hereby makes the following Order:-

PART 1 COMMENCEMENT, TITLE, INTERPRETATION AND REVOCATIONS

Commencement and title

1. This Order shall come into force for all purposes on the 4th April 2011 and may be cited as "the BOROUGH OF LUTON (TRAFFIC REGULATION) (BUS LANES AND BUS-ONLY ROUTES) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2011."

Interpretation

2. (1) In this Order the following words and phrases (where used) have the meanings ascribed to them as follows:

"bus" has the same meaning as in Regulation 22 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions;

"local bus" has the same meaning as in Regulation 4 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions;

"bus lane" means a traffic lane on a length of road specified in Column 2 of Schedule 1 and in respect of which traffic signs are in place indicating the controls specified in Article 11(1);

"bus-only route" means a length of road or a traffic lane on a length of road specified in Column 2 of Schedule 2 and in respect of which traffic signs are in

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place indicating the controls specified in Article 11(2), and which for the purposes of section 144(5) of the Transport Act 2000 shall be construed as a bus lane;

"carriageway" and "footway" have the same meanings as in section 329 of the Highways Act 1980;

"Director" means Luton Borough Council's Director of Environment and Regeneration;

"electronic communications network" has the same meaning as in the Communications Act 2003;

"enactment" means any enactment, whether public general or local, and includes any order, byelaw, rule, regulation, scheme or other instrument having effect by virtue of an enactment;

"goods" means goods or burden of any description;

"goods vehicle" has the same meaning as in Regulation 4 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions;

"junction" in respect of a definition specified in Column 2 of Schedule 1 or 2, unless otherwise stated, means the point at which the prolongation of the kerb-line of the road in which the bus lane or bus-only route is situated, being the kerb-line nearest the bus lane or bus-only route, intersects with the prolongation of the kerb-line of the adjoining side road adjacent to the start/finish of that bus lane or bus-only route;

"motor cycle" has the same meaning as in section 136 of the 1984 Act;

"one-way street" means a street in which vehicles are prohibited at all times from proceeding other than in one direction;

"passenger vehicle" and "pedal cycle" have the same meanings as in Regulation 4 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions;

"taxi" and "traffic lane" have the same meanings as in Regulation 4 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions;

"traffic sign" means a sign of any size, colour and type prescribed or authorised under, or having effect as though prescribed or authorised under, section 64 of the Act:

"Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions" means the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002;

"vehicle" includes part of a vehicle.

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(2) Any reference in this Order to a numbered Article or Schedule shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to the Article or Schedule bearing that number in this Order.

Reference to enactments

3. Any reference in this Order to an enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended, applied, consolidated, re-enacted by or as having effect by virtue of any subsequent enactment.

Amendment of existing Order

4 Without prejudice to the validity of anything done or to any liability incurred in respect of any act or omission before the coming into force of this Order, The Borough of Luton (Traffic Management) Order 2009 shall have effect as though Articles 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 49a of and Schedule 16 to that Order are hereby deleted.

PART 2

GENERAL

- All areas or lengths of roads specified in this Order are areas or lengths of roads in the Borough of Luton.
- 6. The prohibitions and restrictions imposed by this Order are in addition to and not in derogation of any restriction or requirement imposed by any regulations made or having effect as if made under the Act as amended aforesaid or by or under any other enactment.
- 7. In this Order, where the context requires, the masculine includes the feminine and the neuter and vice versa, and the singular includes the plural and vice versa.
- 8. In this Order, headings are included for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation or construction of the Order.
- 9. In Schedule 1 and 2, all references to times and days are inclusive.
- 10. In Schedule 1 and 2, each length of road specified in Column 2 and itemised by number in Column 1 shall be related only to the specified times of operation, types of permitted vehicles, direction of travel and type of bus lane, and exemptions, given in relation to that length of road and number in Columns 3, 4, 5 and 6 of that Schedule respectively.

PART 3

PROHIBITION OF BEING IN A BUS LANE OR BUS-ONLY ROUTE

- 11. (1) Save as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4) of this Article, no person shall, except with the permission of a police constable in uniform, cause or permit any vehicle to be in a bus lane in a length of road specified in Column 2 of Schedule 1 during the times specified in Column 3 of that Schedule unless the vehicle is proceeding in the direction specified in Column 5 of that Schedule and is of the type specified in Column 4 of that Schedule.
- (2) Save as provided in paragraph (4) of this Article, no person shall, except with the permission of a police constable in uniform, cause or permit any vehicle to be in a bus-only route in a length of road specified in Column 2 of Schedule 2 during the times specified in Column 3 of that Schedule unless the vehicle is proceeding in the direction specified in Column 5 of that Schedule and is of the type specified in Column 4 of that Schedule.
- (3) Nothing in paragraph (1) of this Article shall apply so as to prevent a vehicle being in a bus lane if and for so long as is necessary –

(a) to enable a person to board or alight from the vehicle, or

- (b) to enable goods to be loaded onto or unloaded from the vehicle, if and in so far as the activity is not prohibited by the provisions of any other Order.
- (4) Nothing in paragraph (1) or (2) of this Article shall apply to any vehicle, which is of an exempted category stated in Column 2 of Appendix A of this Order and being referenced by number in Column 1 of that Appendix in relation thereto, such number being stated in column 6 of Schedule 1 or 2 in relation to each road or length of road specified in Column 2 thereto.
- 12. The reference numbers specified in Column 6 of Schedules 1 and 2 being the numbers specified in Column 1 of Appendix A to this Order have the meanings assigned to them in Column 2 of that Appendix in relation thereto.
- 13. If a vehicle is in a bus lane or a bus-only route without complying with the provisions of this Order, then a contravention of this Order shall be deemed to have occurred.

PART 4 **REVOCATIONS**

- 1. The Borough of Luton (Traffic Management) (Order 2009) Articles: 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 49a and Schedule 16.
- 2. The Borough of Luton (Traffic Management) (Amendment 1)(Order 2009)
- The Borough of Luton (Traffic Management) (Amendment 5)(Order 2009)
 The Borough of Luton (Traffic Management) (Amendment 7)(Order 2009)

THE COMMON SEAL of THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LUTON was hereunto affixed the 28th day of February, 2011 in the presence of:-

Authorised Signatory

Authorised Signatory

MIN; REF.	Power
REG: No:	52464
IMIG	KB

APPENDIX A EXEMPTIONS (KEY TO REFERENCE NUMBERS)

Column 1	Column 2
Reference number (as specified in Column 6 of Schedule 1 or 2)	Exempted vehicles
1	Any vehicle which is being used in connection with the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of a length of road comprised in or adjacent to the bus lane or bus-only route or the laying, erection, alteration or repair in such a length of road of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any electronic communications network, if the vehicle cannot be used for such purposes in any other place.
2	Any vehicle being used to provide a universal postal service, provided it bears the livery of a universal service provider, in accordance with the statutory provisions as defined in the Postal Services Act 2000.
3	Any vehicle being used in connection with the removal of any obstruction to traffic in or adjacent to the bus lane or bus-only route, if it cannot be used for such purpose in any other place.
4	Any vehicle being used in connection with any building operation or demolition in or adjacent to the bus lane or bus-only route, if it cannot be used for such purpose in any other place.
5	Any vehicle being used in the service of a local authority in pursuance of statutory powers or duties in or adjacent to the bus lane or bus-only route, if it cannot be used for such purposes in any other place.
6	Any Police, Fire or Ambulance vehicle being used for either police, fire or ambulance purposes where the restriction would be likely to hinder the use of that vehicle in fulfilling that purpose.
7	Any of the following vehicles: (a) a highway cleansing vehicle being used for highway cleansing purposes; (b) or a gritting vehicle used to carry out its statutory duty.
8	Any vehicle proceeding so as to avoid an accident.

APPENDIX A (continued)

Column 1	Column 2
Reference number (as specified in Column 6 of Schedule 1 or 2)	Exempted vehicles
9	Any vehicle to such an extent and for such time as is needed, to comply with any requirement resulting from works or an emergency in any part of the road adjoining a bus lane or bus-only route.
10	Any vehicle crossing a bus lane to gain access to or egress from any road or lay-by adjacent to the bus lane or any vehicular access to land or premises adjacent to the bus lane.
11	Any vehicle being in a bus-only route for the purpose of loading goods onto or unloading goods from that vehicle, at premises to which access may only be gained by proceeding in the bus-only route, provided that when such loading or unloading has been completed the vehicle immediately proceeds out of that bus-only route.
12	Any goods vehicle being used for the purpose of loading goods onto or unloading goods from that vehicle at No. 386 Hitchin Road (Public House), provided that when such loading or unloading has been completed the vehicle must immediately leave the bus lane or bus-only route.
13	Any vehicle if it is reasonably necessary to enable that vehicle to be used for the transfer of defendants on remand or prisoners to and from the Crown Court, such vehicle being a passenger vehicle duly authorised for such use.
14	Any goods vehicle being in a bus-only route for the purpose of loading goods onto or unloading goods from that vehicle, at premises to which access may only be gained by proceeding in the bus-only route, provided that when such loading or unloading has been completed the vehicle immediately proceeds out of that bus-only route.
15	Any vehicle being in a bus-only route for the purpose of gaining access to or egress from any premises or land adjacent to that bus-only route (and which access or egress can only be gained by proceeding in the said bus-only route), provided that when such access or egress has been gained, the vehicle immediately proceeds out of that bus-only route.

APPENDIX A (continued)

Column 1	Column 2
Reference number (as specified in Column 6 of Schedule 1 or 2)	Exempted vehicles
16	Any vehicle being in a bus-only route, for the purpose of gaining access to or egress from off-street premises, provided that when such access or egress has been gained, the vehicle immediately proceeds out of that bus-only route.

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Eastbound	Southeast	Contraflow	Southwest	Contraflow	Contraflow
Buses, Taxis and Pedal Cycles	Buses, Taxis and Pedal Cycles	Buses, Taxis and Pedal Cycles	Buses and Pedal Cycles	Buses /Taxis/ Pedal Cycles	Buses /Taxis/
At any time	Any day 7am – 7pm	Any day 7am – 7pm	At any time	Any day 7am to 7pm	Any Day 7am to 7pm
The near side lane of the eastbound carriageway of Dunstable Road from a point 37 metres east of the eastern kerbline of Arundel Road to a point 11 metres west of the western kerbline of Maidenhall Road	The nearside lane of the south eastbound carriageway of Dunstable Road from a point 8 metres southeast of the south-eastern kerb line of Moor Street to a point 171 metres south east of the southern kerb line of Francis Street.	The south-eastbound lane of Flowers Way from a point opposite the eastern kerb line of Castle Street to a point 8 metres north west of north-western kerbline of Park Street West.	The central traffic lane of Inkerman Street from a point 15 metres south west of the south western kerb line of Alma Link to a point 7.5 metres north east of the north eastern kerb line of Dunstable Road.	The north-westbound traffic lane of John Street from a point opposite the western kerb line of Melson Street to the south eastern side of the entry ramp to Central Car Park.	The offside lane for westbound traffic in John Street from its junction with Church Street to a
DUNSTABLE ROAD	DUNSTABLE ROAD	FLOWERS	INKERMAN STREET	JOHN STREET	JOHN STREET

	point 6 metres east of the western kerb line of Melson Street.		Pedal Cycles		
NEW AIRPORT WAY	The nearside lane from the on-slip road from Parkway Road to a point 54 metres east of the airport slip road bridge parapet (eastbound carriageway)	At any time	Buses and Taxis	Northeast bound	1,2,3,4,5,6 7,8,9,10,
NEW AIRPORT	The single right-turn departure lane of the westbound carriageway approaching the junction with Gypsy Lane and located entirely within the outer limits of the central reservation.	At any time	Buses and Taxis	Southwest	1,2,3,4,5,6 7,8,9,10,
NEW BEDFORD ROAD	From a point 58 metres north of the northern kerb line of Mill Street to a point opposite the north western kerb line of Alma Street.	At any time	Buses, Taxis and Pedal Cycles	Contraflow	1,2,3,4,5,6 7,8,9,10,
PARK STREET	The northwest bound traffic lane of Park Street from a point 11 metres northwest of the north-western kerbline of Cumberland Street to a point opposite the south-eastern kerbline of Park Street West.	At any time	Buses, Taxis and Pedal Cycles	Northwest bound	1,2,3,4,5,6 7,8,9,10,
PARK STREET	The westbound traffic lane area in Park Street coloured pink on Drawing No. TM 2 annexed to this Order.	At any time	Buses, Taxis and Pedal Cycles	Westbound	1,2,3,4,5,6 7,8,9,10,
PARK STREET	The southbound traffic lane area in Park Street shown coloured yellow on Plan No. TM	At any time	Buses, Taxis and	Southbound	1,2,3,4,5,6 7,8,9,10, ,

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	Northbound 7,	Northwest 1, 5 bound 7,	Contraflow 7	Contraflow 7
Pedal Cycles	Buses and Cycles	Buses	Buses, Taxis and Pedal Cycles	Buses, Taxis and Pedal Cycles
	At any time	Any day 7am to 7pm	Any day 7am to 7pm	Any day 7am to 7pm
2 annexed to this Order.	The northbound traffic lane area in Park Street shown coloured blue on Drawing No. TM 2 annexed to this Order.	The south western traffic lane of Silver Street from a point 12 metres east of the continuation of the south eastern kerb line of Bute Street to its junction with Library Road.	The generally eastbound traffic lane of Stuart Street being the middle lane from its junction with Chapel Viaduct, and extending from this junction to a point opposite the north-western kerb line Regent Link.	The south-westbound traffic lane of Vicarage Street from its junction with Park Street to a point opposite the southern kerb line of St Annes Road.
	PARK STREET	SILVER	STUART	VICARAGE

SCHEDULE 2 - BUS ONLY ROUTES

Column 6 Exemptions (See	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16
Column 5 Direction of Travel	Southeast bound	Northwest bound	Southwest bound	Northeast bound
Column 4 Types of permitted	Buses and Taxis	Buses and Pedal Cycles	Buses, Taxis and Pedal Cycles	Buses, Taxis and Pedal Cycles
Column 3 Times of Operation	At Any Time	At Any Time	At Any Time	Any Day 7am – 7pm
Column 2 Length of Road	(a)The single carriageway on- slip road from its junction with Parkway Road south eastwards to the main north eastbound carriageway of New Airport Way	From its junction with Bute Street north westwards to a point 14 metres south east of the south east flank wall of the Thistle Strathmore Hotel.	The nearside westbound feeder lane from the main carriageway of Mill Street the main carriageway of New Bedford Road.	The north-eastbound traffic lane of Park Street West from a point opposite the northern kerb line of the Whitbread House service road to its
Column 1 Item Number	New Airport Way	Library Road	Mill Street	Park Street West

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	Street.				
Park Street West	The south westbound Any Day 7am - 7pm	Any Day 7am - 7pm	Buses, Taxis and	Southwest bound	1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9
	traffic lane of Park		Pedal Cycles		10, 11, 14, 15, 16
	Street West from its				
	junction with Park				
	Street to a point				
	opposite the northern				
	kerb line of the				
	Whitbread House				
	service road.				
Ramridge Road	The length adjacent	At Any Time	Buses, Taxis and	Northeast bound	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,
	to No. 386 Hitchin		Pedal Cycles		10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16
	Road (Public House)				
	to its junction with				
	Ramridge Road				

