

**THE BOROUGH OF READING  
(SOUTHCOTE) (PROHIBITION OF STOPPING AND WAITING ON VERGE AND FOOTWAY)  
ORDER 2025**

The Reading Borough Council (hereinafter referred to as "The Council"), pursuant to its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4, of The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (The Act of 1984) and Part IV of Schedule 9 and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, hereby make the following Order:

**PART I**

**1. COMMENCEMENT AND CITATION**

- 1.1. This Order may be cited as "The Borough of Reading (Southcote) (Prohibition of Stopping and Waiting on Verge and Footway) Order 2025".
- 1.2. This Order shall come into operation on 28 April 2025.

**2. DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1. In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:

1984 Act	means the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;
Ambulance	has the same meaning as in Schedule 2 the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994;
At Any Time	means all days and all hours;
Authorised Vehicle	means a vehicle which has been authorised by Reading Borough Council.
Carriageway	means in this Order, a way constituting or comprised in a highway, being in a way over which the public has a right of way for the passage of Vehicles but does not include lay-bys;
Civil Enforcement Officer	means a person authorised by or on behalf of Council in accordance with section 76 of the Traffic Management Act 2004;
Driver	means in relation to a Vehicle left at or Waiting in a Parking Place or on a Road or length of Road, means the person driving the Vehicle at the time it was left in that Parking Place or Road or length of Road;
Electronic Communications Apparatus	has the same meaning as in Schedule 3A, Part 1 of the Digital Economy Act 2017;

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 and any reference to that enactment as amended, applied, consolidated, re-enacted by or as having effect by virtue of any subsequent enactment;
Footway	means a way comprised in a highway which also comprises a Carriageway, being a way over which the public have a right of way on foot only;
Goods	means goods of any kind whether animate or inanimate and includes Postal Packets or any description and “delivering” and “collecting” in relation to any goods includes checking the goods for the purpose of their delivery or collection;
Goods Vehicle	means a motor Vehicle constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of Goods, or a trailer so constructed or adapted, but does not include a tramcar or trolley Vehicle within the meaning of the Road Traffic Act 1988;
Hearse	means a Vehicle for conveying a coffin for a funeral;
Liveried Vehicle	means a Vehicle having a distinctive design and colour scheme used to distinguish a police, fire brigade, ambulance, statutory undertaker, Royal Mail or other Universal Service Provide or a Council highway maintenance Vehicle;
Motor Vehicle	means, subject to Section 20 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 (which makes special provision with respect to Invalid Carriages), a mechanically propelled Vehicle intended or adapted for use on Roads;
Motor Tricycle	means a motor Vehicle with three symmetrically arranged wheels;
NHS ambulance service	means an NHS trust or NHS foundation trust established under the National Health Service Act 2006 which has a function of providing ambulance services;
Owner	means in relation to a Vehicle, means the person who is named on the Vehicle registration document under the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 is presumed (unless the contrary is proved) as the registered keeper, or in a hire document as the user of the hire Vehicle or who has the use of such Vehicle in the course of their employment and who is entitled to use such a Vehicle as though they were the registered keeper thereof;
Penalty Charge Notice	has the same meaning given by Section 92 of the Traffic Management Act 2004;
Postal Packets	has the same meaning as in the Postal Services Act 2000;
Road(s)	means the full width including the Carriageway and any Footway or Verge of any length of highway or of any other Road to which the public has access and includes bridges over which a Road passes;
Stop and Stopping	means in relation of this Order, causing a Vehicle to be stationery or bringing a Vehicle to a standstill on the Verge or Footway Road or any part of thereof;

Universal Service Provider	has the same meaning as that in Section 65 of the Postal Services Act 2011;
Verge	means any grassed or ungrassed strip of land within any Carriageway and forming part of the Highway;
Vehicle	means a Motor Vehicle or Motorcycle; and
Wait and Waiting	refers to a Vehicle stopping and remaining stationary for any period of time whether or not with the intention of parking and whether or not the Driver is in the Vehicle.

### **3. INTERPRETATION**

- 3.1. The making of this Order by the Council is done so under the duty imposed by Section 122(1) of the 1984 Act to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway, insofar as practicable having regard to the matters in Section 122(2) of the 1984 Act.
- 3.2. The prohibitions and restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation from any restriction or requirement imposed by any regulation made or having effect as if made under the 1984 Act or by or under any other Enactment provided that where a prohibition or restriction which is imposed, varied or revoked by this Order is in conflict with a prohibition or restriction imposed by a previous Order, then the provision of this Order shall prevail.
- 3.3. The Interpretation Act 1978 (as amended) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
- 3.4. Any reference to a numbered article shall, unless the context requires otherwise, be construed as a reference to the article bearing that number in this Order.
- 3.5. Words importing the masculine gender shall also include the feminine gender and words in the singular include the plural and vice versa.
- 3.6. Headings are inserted for ease of reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of this Order.
- 3.7. In the event this Order contains errors which renders any provision of it void or unenforceable, all other provisions of this Order shall continue to have effect.
- 3.8. The plans annexed to this Order identifies the lengths of Roads subject of this Order, provided that where there is any inconsistency between the plans and the Schedule it is the wording of the Schedule that shall prevail.

### **PART II**

#### **PROHIBITION OF STOPPING AND WAITING ON VERGE OR FOOTWAY**

4. Save as provided in Article 5, no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a Police Constable in uniform or a Civil Enforcement Officer, cause or permit any Vehicle to Stop or Wait at any time with one or more wheels on or over any part of the Verge or Footway on any

of the Roads or Road as specified in the Schedule to this Order.

### **PART III**

#### **GENERAL EXEMPTIONS OF THIS ORDER**

5. Nothing in Article 5 shall apply any person from causing or permitting any Vehicle to Stop or Wait on any part of the Verge or Footway referred to therein so long as may be necessary if that person is:
- 5.1. required by law to cause the Vehicle to stop or not to proceed.
  - 5.2. obliged to stop the Vehicle so as to avoid an accident.
  - 5.3. prevented from proceeding by any circumstances beyond their control, where the said circumstance relates directly to the movement, or otherwise of traffic on the Road;
  - 5.4. getting or giving help in consequence of an accident or an emergency or otherwise taking action for public safety.
  - 5.5. using a Livered Vehicle for fire and rescue, Ambulance, providing a response to an emergency at the request of an NHS ambulance service, police, bomb or explosive disposal, Special Forces, and National Crime Agency purposes.
  - 5.6. using a Vehicle in connection with the removal of any obstruction to traffic.
  - 5.7. using a Vehicle for the purposes of maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the said lengths of any part of the Road.
  - 5.8. using a Vehicle in the service of a local authority, the Environment Agency, a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker in pursuance of statutory powers or duties.
  - 5.9. the laying, erection, alteration, repair or cleaning in or near the controlled area of any sewer, or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity, or of any Electronic Communications Apparatus kept installed for the purposes of an electronic communications code system or of any other Electronic Communications Apparatus lawfully kept installed in any position;
  - 5.10. a Vehicle being a recovery Vehicle and is Waiting to enable it to be used in connection with the removal of a traffic obstruction or a Vehicle which has broken down;
  - 5.11. doing anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform or a Civil Enforcement Officer;
  - 5.12. an Authorised Vehicle.
6. Nothing in Article 4 shall apply to the areas of the highway adapted or used as a vehicle crossing for properties along the lengths of roads specified in the schedule to this Order.

### **PART IV**

#### **CONTRAVENTION OF THIS ORDER**

7. Where in contravention of this Order a vehicle is left on a Verge or Footway in the lengths of Roads specified in the Schedule a contravention of this Order shall be deemed to have occurred and

8. A Penalty Charge Notice affixed to a Vehicle in accordance with Article 7 above shall not be removed or interfered with except by or under the authority of the owner, or person in charge of the Vehicle or the Council or Authorised Agent.
9. Where a Civil Enforcement Officer has removed or caused to be removed a Vehicle in accordance with Article 7.
  - (a) he/she shall provide for the safe custody of the Vehicle;
  - (b) the Council shall be entitled to recover from the Owner or the person responsible such charges in respect of the removal, storage and disposal of the Vehicle as it might be prescribed from time to time.
  - (c) the provisions of the 1984 Act as amended shall apply to the disposal of such Vehicles removed by or on behalf of the Council pursuant to this Article.

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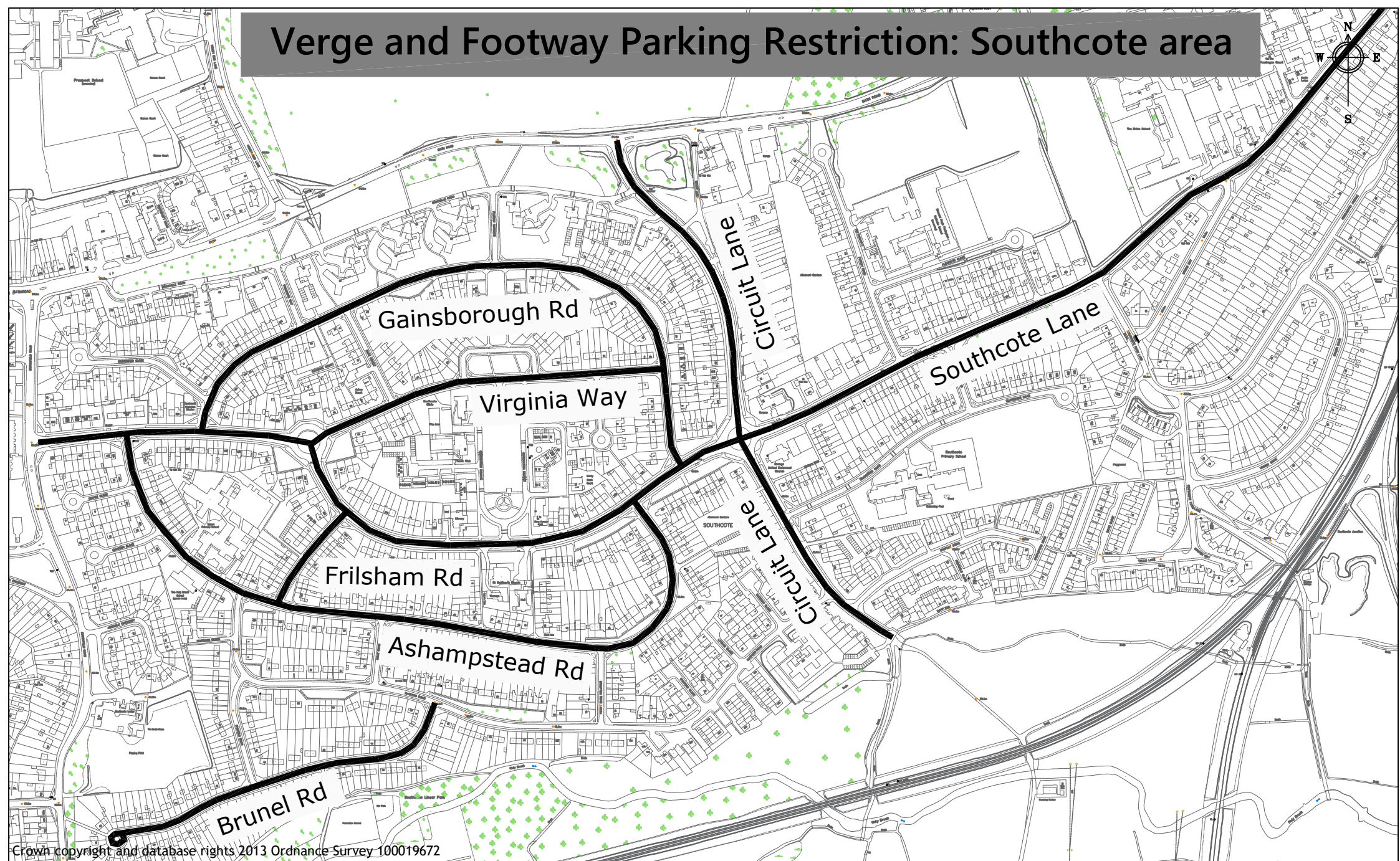
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## **THE SCHEDULE**

**Schedule:** NO STOPPING OR WAITING AT ANY TIME ON VERGE AND FOOTWAY

## SCHEDULE

### NO STOPPING OR WAITING AT ANY TIME ON VERGE AND FOOTWAY

NAME OF ROAD	SIDE OF ROAD	DESCRIPTION
Southcote Lane	Both sides	For its entire length
Ashampstead Road	Both sides	For its entire length
Brunel Road	Both sides	For its entire length
Circuit Lane	Both sides	For its entire length
Frilsham Road	Both sides	For its entire length
Gainsborough Road	Both sides	For its entire length
Virginia Way	Both sides	For its entire length