

**WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH**  
**(BUS LANES, BUS GATES AND BUS ONLY STREETS) ORDER 2015**

The Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2 & 4 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 (as amended) (hereinafter referred to as "The Act") and of all 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:-

**Commencement and citation**

1. This Order shall come into operation on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016, and may be cited as the "Walsall Metropolitan Borough (Bus Lanes, Bus Gates and Bus Only Streets) Order, 2015".

**Interpretation**

2. (1) In this Order: -
  - a. a reference to an Article or Schedule followed by a number is a reference to the Article of, or Schedule to, this Order so numbered;
  - b. "authorised person" means a person appointed by and acting on behalf of the Council for the purposes of any function under the provisions of this Order;
  - c. "bus" has the same meaning as in Regulation 22 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002;
  - d. "bus lane" has the same meaning as in Section 144 of the Transport Act 2000 and Part 2 of Schedule 7 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and includes the terms "bus gate" "contra-flow bus lane" and "bus only street";
  - e. "carriageway" has the same meaning as in Section 329(1) of the Highways Act 1980;
  - f. "cause" includes permit, and causing shall be construed accordingly;
  - g. "taxi" means in England and Wales, a vehicle licensed under Section 37 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847; or Section 6 of the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act 1869; or under any similar enactment;
  - h. "motorcycle" has the same meaning as in Section 136 of "The Act";
  - i. "pedal cycle" has the same meaning as in Regulation 4 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002;
  - j. "vehicle" includes any part of the vehicle;
  - k. "relevant national authority" has the same meaning as in Section 144 of the Transport Act 2004;

(2) The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

### **Prohibition of Driving**

3. Save as provided in Articles 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 no person shall cause a vehicle other than a bus, pedal cycle, motorcycle or licensed taxi to be in the bus lanes specified in column 2 of Schedule 1 during the hours of operation specified in column 3 of Schedule 1.
- 3a. Save as provided in Articles 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 no person shall cause a vehicle other than a bus or pedal cycle to be in the bus lanes specified in column 2 of Schedule 1a during the hours of operation specified in column 3 of Schedule 1a.
4. Save as provided in Articles 7 and 9 no person shall cause a vehicle other than a bus or pedal cycle to be in the contra-flow bus lanes specified in column 2 of Schedule 2 during the hours of operation specified in column 3 of Schedule 2.
5. Save as provided in Articles 7 and 9 no person shall cause a vehicle other than a bus, pedal cycle or licensed taxi to be in the bus gates specified in column 2 of Schedule 3 during the hours of operation specified in column 3 of Schedule 3.
6. Save as provided in Articles 7 and 9 no person shall cause a vehicle other than a bus to be in the bus only street specified in column 2 of Schedule 4 during the hours of operation specified in column 3 of Schedule 4.

### **Exemptions**

7. Nothing in Articles 3, 3a, 4, 5, and 6 of this Order shall apply to any person causing a vehicle to enter or proceed in the bus lanes, contra-flow bus lanes, bus gates and bus only streets referred to therein, for so long as may be necessary;-
  - a. to enable the getting or giving of help in consequence of an accident or an emergency, or otherwise taking action for public safety;
  - b. to enable the vehicle to be used in an emergency for fire brigade, police or ambulance purposes;
  - c. to enable the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road, to be used in the service of a Local Authority in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;
  - d. to enable the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such a purpose in any other road, to be used in connection with the removal of any obstruction to traffic or the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of that length of road.
8. Nothing in Article 3, 3a and 6 of this Order shall apply to any person causing a vehicle in the service of a universal service provider (as defined in the Postal Services Act 2000) to deliver or collect postal packets to premises or mail boxes adjacent to the bus lanes and bus only streets.

9. Nothing in Article 3, 3a, 4, 5, and 6 of this Order shall apply to any person causing a vehicle to be in the bus lanes, contra-flow bus lanes, bus gates and bus only streets referred to therein upon the direction or with the permission of an authorised person or a Police Officer in uniform.
10. Nothing in Article 3, 3a and 6 of this Order will apply to a vehicle requiring access to or from off street loading or garage premises adjacent to the bus lane or accessible only from a bus only street.
11. When loading is permitted at the kerbside, nothing in Articles 3, 3a and 6 of this Order shall apply to any person causing a vehicle to be in the bus lanes and bus only streets referred to therein in order to load or unload the vehicle.
12. The Traffic Regulation Orders specified in Schedule 5 to this Order are hereby revoked to the extent indicated therein.
13. Given under the Common Seal of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016.

The COMMON SEAL of the  
WALSALL METROPOLITAN  
BOROUGH COUNCIL was  
hereunto affixed in the presence of: -

Authorised Signatory



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**SCHEDULE 1 (WITH FLOW BUS LANES WITH EXEMPTIONS FOR CYCLES,  
TAXIS AND MOTORCYCLES)**

<b><u>(1) Road Name</u></b>	<b><u>(2) Area of Carriageway</u></b>	<b><u>(3) Hours of Operation</u></b>
A34 Birmingham Road, Walsall	The area of the northbound carriageway of Birmingham Road from the Walsall / Sandwell borough boundary for a distance of 461 metres in a north-westerly direction, bounded by kerblines and/or delineating road markings as prescribed for such a purpose in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions or otherwise authorised by the relevant national authority.	At any time.
High Street Bloxwich	The area of westbound carriageway of High Street which extends from a point 19 metres west of its junction with Pinfold for a distance of 90 metres in a westerly direction, bounded by kerblines and/or delineating road markings as prescribed for such a purpose in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions or otherwise authorised by the relevant national authority.	8am to 9.30am and 4pm to 6.30pm Monday to Friday
Pleck Road Walsall	The area of southbound offside carriageway of Pleck Road which extends from its junction with Wolverhampton Street for a distance of 179 metres in a southerly direction to a point 40 metres north east of its junction with Bridgeman Street, bounded by kerblines and/or delineating road markings as prescribed for such a purpose in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions or otherwise authorised by the relevant national authority.	At any time
Pleck Road Walsall	The area of northbound carriageway of Pleck Road which extends from a point 58 metres north of the northern kerblines of Moat Road for a distance of 160 metres in a northerly direction to its junction with Wolverhampton Street, bounded by kerblines and/or delineating road markings as prescribed for such a purpose in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions or otherwise authorised by the relevant national authority.	At any time
Somersford Place Willenhall	The area of westbound carriageway of Somersford Place which extends from a point 70 metres west of its junction with Summer Street for a distance of 155 metres in a westerly direction, bounded by kerblines and/or delineating road markings as prescribed for such a purpose in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions or otherwise authorised by the relevant national authority.	8am to 9.30am and 4pm to 6.30pm Monday to Friday

<p>Wolverhampton Road Walsall</p>	<p>The area of eastbound carriageway of Wolverhampton Road which extends from its junction with Pargeter Street for a distance of 205 metres in an easterly direction, bounded by kerblines and/or delineating road markings as prescribed for such a purpose in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions or otherwise authorised by the relevant national authority.</p>	<p>7am to 10am and 4pm to 7pm Monday to Friday</p>
<p>Wolverhampton Road Walsall</p>	<p>The area of eastbound carriageway of Wolverhampton Road which extends from a point 112 metres west of its junction with Hollyhedge Lane for a distance of 100 metres in an easterly direction, bounded by kerblines and/or delineating road markings as prescribed for such a purpose in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions or otherwise authorised by the relevant national authority.</p>	<p>At any time</p>
<p>Wolverhampton Road West Bentley</p>	<p>The area of eastbound carriageway of Wolverhampton Road West which extends from its junction with Queen Elizabeth Avenue for a distance of 435 metres in an easterly direction to its junction with Wolverhampton Road Service Road, bounded by kerblines and/or delineating road markings as prescribed for such a purpose in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions or otherwise authorised by the relevant national authority.</p>	<p>At any time</p>

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**SCHEDULE 1a (WITH FLOW BUS LANES)**

<b><u>(1) Road Name</u></b>	<b><u>(2) Area of Carriageway</u></b>	<b><u>(3) Hours of Operation</u></b>
Stafford Street Walsall	The area of southbound carriageway of Stafford Street which extends from its junction with Ryecroft Park for a distance of 72 metres in a southerly direction to its junction with Ryecroft Street, bounded by kerblines and/or delineating road markings as prescribed for such a purpose in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions or otherwise authorised by the relevant national authority.	8am to 9.30am and 4pm to 6.30pm Monday to Friday
Stafford Street Walsall	The area of southbound offside carriageway of Stafford Street which extends from a point 15 metres south of its junction with Short Acre Street for a distance of 116 metres in a southerly direction to its junction with Day Street, bounded by kerblines and/or delineating road markings as prescribed for such a purpose in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions or otherwise authorised by the relevant national authority.	At any time

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**SCHEDULE 2 (CONTRA-FLOW BUS LANES)**

<b>(1) Road Name</b>	<b>(2) Area of Carriageway</b>	<b>(3) Direction of Travel</b>	<b>(4) Hours of Operation</b>
Hatherton Road Walsall	The area of carriageway of Hatherton Road from its junction with Lichfield Street, following the southern and then eastern kerb line of Hatherton Street for a distance of 314 metres in a north westerly then south westerly direction to a point 10 metres north east of St Pauls Bus Station entrance, bounded by kerblines and/or delineating road markings as prescribed for such a purpose in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions or otherwise authorised by the relevant national authority.	North westerly and south westerly	At any time.
Stafford Street Walsall	The area of southbound carriageway on Stafford Street which extends from its junction with Day Street for a distance of 121 metres in a southerly direction to its junction with Littleton Street West, bounded by kerblines and/or delineating road markings as prescribed for such a purpose in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions or otherwise authorised by the relevant national authority.	Southerly	At any time

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**SCHEDULE 3 (BUS GATES)**

<b>(1) Road Name</b>	<b>(2) Area of Carriageway</b>	<b>(3) Hours of Operation</b>
Hatherton Road Walsall	The area of eastbound carriageway of Hatherton Road from a point 22 metres west of its junction with Hatherton Street, for a distance of 27 metres in an easterly direction, bounded by kerblines and/or delineating road markings as prescribed for such a purpose in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions or otherwise authorised by the relevant national authority.	At any time.
Lichfield Street Walsall	The area of north-eastbound carriageway of Lichfield Street from a point 45 metres southwest of its junction with Littleton Street East for a distance of 45 metres in a north-easterly direction, bounded by kerblines and/or delineating road markings as prescribed for such a purpose in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions or otherwise authorised by the relevant national authority.	At any time
St. Paul's Street	The area of north-westbound carriageway of St. Paul's Street which extends from its junction with Hatherton Road for a distance of 15 metres in a north-westerly direction, bounded by kerblines and/or delineating road markings as prescribed for such a purpose in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions or otherwise authorised by the relevant national authority.	At any time
Wolverhampton Road West Bentley	The area of westbound carriageway of Wolverhampton Road West which extends from its junction with the roundabout of junction 10 of the M6 motorway for a distance of 80 metres in a westerly direction, bounded by kerblines and/or delineating road markings as prescribed for such a purpose in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions or otherwise authorised by the relevant national authority.	At any time



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**SCHEDULE 4 (BUS ONLY STREETS)**

<b><u>(1) Road Name</u></b>	<b><u>(2) Area of Carriageway</u></b>	<b><u>(3) Hours of Operation</u></b>
The unnamed link road between Chester Road and Wood Lane Streetly, its junction with Chester Road being 25 metres south of its junction with Little Hardwick Road.	In its entirety	At any time
Great Croft Street Darlaston	In its entirety	At any time

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**SCHEDULE 5 (REVOCATIONS)**

<b>ORDER</b>	<b>EXTENT</b>
<b>WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH (BUS LANES, BUS GATES AND BUS ONLY STREETS) ORDER 2011</b>	In its entirety
<b>WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH (BUS LANES, BUS GATES AND BUS ONLY STREETS) ORDER 2011 (AMENDMENT NO.1) FEBRUARY 2013</b>	In its entirety
<b>WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH (BUS LANES, BUS GATES AND BUS ONLY STREETS) ORDER 2011 (AMENDMENT NO.2) AUGUST 2014</b>	In its entirety