

## HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### THE HERTFORDSHIRE (BEACONSFIELD ROAD, HATFIELD) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2014

### THE HERTFORDSHIRE (QF181/30 QUEENSWAY FOOTPATH, HATFIELD) CYCLE TRACKS ORDER 2014

NOTICE is given that the Hertfordshire County Council in order to improve road safety has made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to introduce waiting restrictions in Beaconsfield Road, Hatfield as specified in Schedule 1 to this Notice. The Order will come into effect on Monday 19 September 2016. Also, under the Cycle Tracks Act 1984 has confirmed the above Cycle Tracks Order to convert a footpath to a shared use cycle track with right of way on foot on that length of footpath in Hatfield, as specified in Schedule 2 to this Notice. The Cycle Tracks Order, which is confirmed without modification as unopposed, shall be effective from the date of publication of this Notice.

Documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders may be inspected from 3 August 2016 to 14 September 2016 during normal office hours at the offices of Welwyn Hatfield Council, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City and at Main Reception, Hertfordshire County Council, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford or viewed at [www.hertsdirect.org/trafficorders](http://www.hertsdirect.org/trafficorders) by clicking on the relevant local area (Under Ref: WH/008-009/14)

Enquiries relating to the Orders should be referred to the Highways Engineer concerned Mirka Singh tel: 01992 658278 or [mirka.singh@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:mirka.singh@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Orders, or of any provision contained in them, on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Orders, may within 6 weeks from the date of this Notice apply to the High Court for this purpose.

**SCHEDULE 1:** No waiting at any time – that section of road herein listed and as set out in the Order and accompanying plan - Part of Beaconsfield Road.

**SCHEDULE 2:** Conversion of footpath to Shared Use Cycle Track – that section of footpath herein listed and as set out in the Order and accompanying plan – Part of footpath QF181/30, Queensway.

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3 August 2016  
John Wood  
Chief Executive & Director of Environment

## STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR MAKING

### THE HERTFORDSHIRE (BEACONSFIELD ROAD, HATFIELD) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2014

### THE HERTFORDSHIRE (QF181/30 QUEENSWAY FOOTPATH, HATFIELD) CYCLE TRACKS ORDER 2014

The Hertfordshire County Council is proposing to improve road safety by introducing waiting restrictions, a shared use cycle track in Hatfield.

The proposals include:

- 'No waiting at any time' restriction on part of Beaconsfield Road.
- 'Shared use cycle track' restriction on part of QF181/30 Queensway footpath.
- Conversion of existing Pelican crossing to a new Toucan pedestrian crossing facility on part of French Horn Lane, near to its junction with Old French Horn Lane. (now implemented)

The restrictions are proposed as there is currently a heavy flow of pedestrians travelling across Beaconsfield Road to and from Hatfield Station. The overall scheme involves improving the pedestrian route between Hatfield Town Centre and Hatfield Station. Pedestrians travelling from Hatfield Town Centre across Beaconsfield Road currently face severely restricted visibility when looking to the south. The view of oncoming traffic is blocked by three vehicles parked on the kerb side approach to the crossing. This visibility issue is exacerbated by the position of the crossing on a vertical and horizontal crest, which makes the effect of the blocked visibility caused by the vehicles more severe. Pedestrians therefore, need to step onto the main carriageway to determine whether it is acceptable to cross or not. The removal of these spaces will allow the pedestrians waiting on the footway to have greater visibility of oncoming traffic, and therefore, have a greater opportunity to assess whether it is safe to cross or not.

The proposed shared cycle track is a conversion of an existing footpath in the park area west of Queensway, joining with the cul-de-sac end of French Horn Lane.

These works form part of a scheme to improve the pedestrian and cycle links between Hatfield Town Centre and Hatfield Station.

The overall route from the Town Centre begins at the Toucan crossing on Queensway, through the park area and along the stub end of French Horn Lane. The route continues on Cranborne Road and cutting through to Beaconsfield Road and onto the Station footbridge.

In the east, there is an existing cycle facility from the Station, along French Horn Lane, terminating at the pedestrian crossing. In the west, there are on-road cycle facilities leading to the Toucan Crossing on Queensway outside Hatfield Market. Having a shared path through the park and along the stub end of French Horn Lane will link the two cycle paths together and provide a safe cycle link between the Town Centre and Station.

The Toucan crossing links the new cyclist facility at the French Horn Lane western end to the existing shared cycle facility on the northern side of French Horn Lane.

Therefore, it appears to the Highway Authority that it is necessary and expedient to make Orders in the interests of avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising and for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).

The proposal has been subject to consultation with local and County Councillors representing the area and Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council. The local Police, Ambulance, Fire and Rescue Services, Hertfordshire County Council Passenger Transport Unit, local residents and businesses have also been consulted.

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

Date of Order: 29 July 2016  
Order No: 8017

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE (BEACONSFIELD ROAD, HATFIELD)**  
**(RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2014**

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 of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 of the Act of 1984, hereby make the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as "The Hertfordshire (Beaconsfield Road, Hatfield) (Restriction of Waiting) Order 2014" and shall come into effect on Monday 19 September 2016.
2. Save as provided in Articles 3, 4 and 5 of this Order no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait at any time in that length of Beaconsfield Road, Hatfield as specified in the Schedule to this Order.
3. (1) Nothing in Article 2 of this Order applies to the length of road restricted by that Article (which said length of road is referred to in this Article as "the restricted area") in relation to –
  - (a) a vehicle being used for Fire and Rescue, Ambulance or Police purposes.
  - (b) anything done with the permission of or at the direction of a Police Constable in uniform; or with permission of a Civil Enforcement Officer as defined by the Traffic Management Act 2004 and appointed by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council.
  - (c) a vehicle which is prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond the drivers control or which has stopped in order to avoid injury or damage to persons or property or when required to do so by law;
  - (d) a vehicle which is stationary in order that it may be used for one or more of the purposes specified in sub-Article (2) of this Article and which cannot reasonably be used for such a purpose without stopping in the restricted area;
  - (e) a marked vehicle which, whilst used by a universal service provider in the course of the provision of a universal postal service, is stationary only for so long as may be reasonably necessary for postal packets to be delivered or collected;

In this Article -

The expressions "universal service provider", "provision of a universal postal Service" and "postal packet" shall bear the same meanings as in Section 65 of the Postal Services Act 2011.

- (2) The "purposes" referred to in sub-Article (1)(d) of this Article are –

- (a) any operation involving building, demolition or excavation;
- (b) the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
- (c) the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of a road;
- (d) constructing, improving, maintaining, or cleaning of any street furniture; or
- (e) 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.

4. Nothing in Article 2 of this Order applies to the length of road restricted by that Article (which said length of road is referred to in this Article as "the restricted area") so as to render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to wait only for so long as may be reasonably necessary –
- (a) to enable goods to be loaded on or unloaded from the vehicle from or to premises adjacent to the restricted area; or
- (b) to enable a passenger to board or alight and to load and unload any luggage.
5. (1) Nothing in Article 2 of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a disabled person's vehicle which displays in the relevant position a disabled person's badge and a parking disc, to wait at any time in the length of road specified in the Schedule of this Order for a period not exceeding 3 hours (not being a period separated by an interval of less than 1 hour from a previous period of waiting by the same vehicle in the same length of road).
- (2) In this Article -
- "disabled person's vehicle" has the same meaning as in Section 142(1) of the Act of 1984;
- "disabled person's badge" has the same meaning as given in Regulation 3(1) of The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (England) Regulations 2000
- "parking disc" has the same meaning as given in Regulation 8(5) of The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (England) Regulations 2000; and
- "relevant position" has the same meaning as given in Regulation 4 of The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (England) Regulations 2000
6. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
7. The restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation from any restriction or requirement imposed by any other regulations made or having effect as if made under the Act of 1984 or by or under any other enactment.

### **SCHEDULE**

#### **length of Beaconsfield Road, Hatfield – no waiting at any time**

Beaconsfield Road (north west side) from a point 19 metres north east of a point in line with the projected south west kerbline of Bury Road north eastwards for approximately 12 metres to a point 13.5 metres south west of a point in line with the north facia wall of 4 Beaconsfield Road.

IN WITNESS whereof the Common Seal of the Hertfordshire County Council was hereunto affixed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.

The Common Seal of Hertfordshire County Council was hereunto affixed in the presence of:- )  
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John Oakley  
Head of  
Commercial Law



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