

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL PROPOSE TO INTRODUCE NEW PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN FLAX CLOSE, REYNES DRIVE AND STATION ROAD, OAKLEY

Reason for Proposal:

Bedford Borough Council has received a request from Ward Councillors for new parking restrictions at both of the Flax Close & Reynes Drive junctions with Station Road in Oakley. This is in response to concerns raised over inconsiderate parking at these locations which affects visibility and safety, so these restrictions are intended to remedy that.

Effect of the Order:

1. To introduce 'No waiting at any time' restrictions (double yellow lines) on the following lengths of roads:

Α	Flax Close, Oakley		
(i)	On both sides of the road, from its junction with Station Road for a distance of		
	approx. 4.5 metres in a westerly direction (to the start of the Private Road).		
В	Reynes Drive, Oakley		
(i)	On its northern side, from its junction with Station Road for a distance of		
	approx. 16 metres in a westerly direction.		
(ii)	On its southern side, from its junction with Station Road for a distance of		
	approx. 23 metres in a westerly direction.		
С	Station Road, Oakley		
(i)	On its western kerb, from the centre of Flax Close for a distance of app		
	12.5 metres in both a northerly and southerly direction.		
(ii)	On its western kerb, from the centre of Reynes Drive for a distance of approx		
	14 metres in both a northerly and southerly direction.		

Relevant proposal documents may be examined during normal office hours at Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP. They will also be available for viewing on the council's website at www.bedford.gov.uk/proposedtro. The documents will be placed on deposit until 6 weeks after the Order is made or until it is decided not to continue with the proposal. For further information, please contact Andrew Prigmore at Bedford Borough Council on 01234 276691.

<u>Comments supporting or objecting to the proposal</u> should be put in an email, stating the grounds on which they are made, and sent no later than 22nd February 2024 to highway.consultations@bedford.gov.uk.

Order Title if made will be:

1. Bedford Borough Council (Flax Close and other roads, Oakley) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 20**.

Dated: 25th January 2024

Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street Bedford, MK42 9AP

Craig Austin Director of Environment



BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL (FLAX CLOSE AND OTHER ROADS, OAKLEY) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2024

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL ("the Council") in exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3) and 4(2) of, and Part IV of Schedule 9 to, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended ("the Act") and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, hereby make the following Order:-

- 1. This Order may be cited as the "Bedford Borough Council (Flax Close and other roads, Oakley) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2024" and shall come into force on 4th March 2024.
- 2. Except where otherwise stated and referenced in this Order a number or Schedule is a reference to the Article or Schedule bearing that number in this Order.
- 3. Save as provided in Articles 4, 5 and 6 of this Order no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a Police Constable in uniform or a Civil Enforcement Officer as defined by the Traffic Management Act 2004 and appointed by Bedford Borough Council, cause or permit any vehicle to wait in any length of road specified in the Schedule to this Order at any time.
- 4. (i) Nothing in Article 3 shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to wait in any length of road specified in the Schedule to this Order for so long as may be necessary to enable:-
 - (a) a person to board or alight from the vehicle; or
 - (b) the vehicle if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road to be used in connection with any building operation or demolition, the removal of any obstruction to traffic, the maintenance improvement or reconstruction of any of the lengths of road so referred to or in the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or near the said lengths of road of any sewer or main pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telegraphic line as described in the Telegraph Act 1878; or
 - (c) the vehicle to be loaded or unloaded while it is in actual use in connection with the removal of furniture from one office or dwelling house to another or the removal of furniture between such premises and its depository; or
 - (d) the vehicle if it is in the service of or employed by a universal service provider (as defined in Section 65 of the Postal Services Act 2011) to be used for the purpose of delivering and/or collecting postal packets (as defined in Section 125(1) of the Postal Services Act 2011); or

- (e) the vehicle to be used for fire brigade, ambulance, police, National Crime Agency or special forces purposes; or
- (f) the vehicle if it cannot conveniently be used for such purposes in any other road to be used of a Local Authority in pursuance of Statutory Powers or duties; or
- (g) the vehicle to wait at or near to any premises situated on or adjacent to the said lengths of road for so long as such waiting by that vehicle is reasonably necessary in connection with any wedding or funeral; or
- (h) the person in control of the vehicle if required by law to stop, or if obliged to do so in order to avoid an accident, or if prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond their control.
- (ii) Nothing in Article 3 shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to wait in any length of road specified in the Schedule to this Order for so long as may be necessary to enable goods to be loaded or unloaded from the vehicle.
- 5. Nothing in Article 3 shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a vehicle which lawfully displays in the relevant position a disabled persons badge and parking disc (on which the driver of the vehicle has marked the time at which the waiting began) to wait in any length of road specified in the Schedule to this Order.
- 6. (i) For the purposes of Article 5 "disabled persons badge" and "parking disc" have the same meanings as in "The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (England) Regulations 2000".
 - (ii) For the purpose of this Order a vehicle shall be regarded as displaying:-
 - (a) a disabled persons badge in the relevant position when:
 - in the case of a vehicle fitted with a front windscreen the badge is exhibited thereon with the obverse side facing forwards on the nearside of and immediately behind the windscreen and with its front facing forward so as to be legible from outside the vehicle; or
 - (ii) in the case of a vehicle not fitted with a front windscreen the badge is exhibited in a conspicuous position on the front nearside of the vehicle.
 - (b) a parking disc in the relevant position when the disc is exhibited thereon with the side which shows the time facing forwards or outwards and immediately behind the windscreen or side window nearest to the kerb.
- 7. The prohibitions and restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any restriction or requirement imposed by any

regulations made under or having effect as if made under the Act or by or under any other enactment.

SCHEDULE

Lengths of roads upon which "No waiting at any time" restrictions shall apply:

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THE COMMON SEAL of the BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

was hereunto affixed this 29th day of February 2024 in the presence of:



Authorised Signatory

Solicitor Legal Services Bedford Borough Council

AUTHORITY FOR EXECUTION				
COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	MINUTE No.	DATE		
DELEGATED POWER	By whom executed ENVIRONMENT	23/02/2024		
	OFFICERS INITIALS	DATE		
ORIGINATED AND CHECKED BY	GM	23/02/2024		
APPROVED BY	AP	23/02/2024		



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STATEMENT OF REASONS

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