

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

(WILDEN: PART OF FOOTPATH NO 14)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2024

Notice is hereby given that an Order made by Bedford Borough Council on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024, extended on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 the effect of which will be to prohibit any person proceeding on foot along the length of Wilden: Part of Footpath No 14 which extends from Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OS GR) TL 0852 5507 (Map point A) to OS GR TL 0928 5514 (Map point B) has been continued in force with the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport until 19<sup>th</sup> February 2028.

**This closure is required due to holes in the surface of the footpath caused by animals. The closure will continue from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026 for a period of two years.**

The alternative routes for users while the closure is in operation is to walk from OS GR TL 0852 5507 (Map point A) south west along Ravensden Road to the junction with Bridleway No 36, OS GR TL 0839 5503 (Map point C). Then proceed in a south easterly direction to OS GR TL 0867 5458 (Map point D) and follow north east onto footpath A11 to OS GR TL 0928 5514 (Map point B) and vice versa.

The Order will come into operation on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026 for a period not exceeding two years or until the works which it is proposed to carry out on or near to the footpath have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within two years the Order may be extended for a longer period with the consent of the Secretary of State for Transport.

For further information please telephone Highways Helpdesk on (01234) 718003

Dated 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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