



PUBLIC NOTICE

Bedford Borough Council proposes to introduce “No Waiting at Any Time” restrictions in Cotton End Road Wilstead

Reason for Proposal:

Bedford Borough Council proposes to introduce "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions in Cotton End Road, Wilstead. The restrictions are required to prevent obstructive parking associated with new highway infrastructure delivered under a Section 278 Agreement, maintain vehicle visibility, protect the safe operation of the highway, and facilitate the free flow of traffic.

Effect of the Order:

- 1. To introduce ‘No waiting at any time’ restrictions on the following length of road:**

A	Cotton End Road, Wilstead
(i)	On its northern kerb, extending from the west boundary wall of No 77 for approx. 25.6 metres in an easterly direction.
(ii)	On its northern kerb extending from a point 77.3 metres east of the west boundary wall of No 77 for approx. 15.1 metres in an easterly 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 email highway.consultations@bedford.gov.uk

Comments supporting or objecting to the proposal should be put in an email, stating the grounds on which they are made, and sent no later than **15th October 2026** to highway.consultations@bedford.gov.uk.

Order Title if made will be:

Bedford Borough Council (Cotton End Road, Wilstead) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2026

Dated: 24th September 2026

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Bedford Borough Council (Cotton End Road, Wilstead) (Prohibition of Waiting)
Order 2026

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 (Cotton End Road, Wilstead) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2026" and shall come into force on *****2026
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, 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 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:
 - (i) 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. As from the date upon which this Order comes into force any previous Order made under the Act which relates to waiting in any length of road specified in the Schedule to this Order shall be revoked in whole or in part as appropriate.

**THE COMMON SEAL of the
BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL**

was hereunto affixed this

** day of **** 2026

in the presence of:

Authorised Signatory

SCHEDULE

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AUTHORITY FOR EXECUTION		
COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	MINUTE No.	DATE
DELEGATED POWER	By whom executed ENVIRONMENT	**/**/2026
	OFFICERS INITIALS	DATE
ORIGINATED AND CHECKED BY	DG	**/**/2026
APPROVED BY	AP	**/**/2026

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STATEMENT OF REASONS

Bedford Borough Council proposes to introduce "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions in Cotton End Road, Wilstead. The restrictions are required to prevent obstructive parking associated with new highway infrastructure delivered under a Section 278 Agreement, maintain vehicle visibility, protect the safe operation of the highway, and facilitate the free flow of traffic.

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