



BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) (KENNET RISE, BEDFORD)
ORDER 2025

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL (“the Council”) in exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 1, 2 and 4 of 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 (Prohibition of Driving) (Kennet Rise, Bedford) Order 2025” and shall come into force on 24th February 2025.

2) In this Order:-

“Motor Vehicle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on the roads as defined in Section 185 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

“Restricted Hours” means 08:30 – 09:30 and 15:00 – 16:00 Monday to Friday inclusive.

“the Road” means the road described in the Schedule to this Order.

“Exemption Permit” means a permit issued by Bedford Borough Council to exempt a vehicle from the prohibition.

3) 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.

4) Save as provided in Article 5 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 employed by Bedford Borough

Council, cause or permit any Motor Vehicle to proceed along the Road during the Restricted Hours.

5) Nothing in Article 4 shall make it unlawful to cause or permit any Motor Vehicle to proceed along the Road during the Restricted Hours for so long as may be necessary if:-

(a) it is being used for the mechanical cleansing, maintenance, servicing, improvement or reconstruction of the Road; or

(b) it is being used for the laying, erection, alteration or repair in the Road or any sewer, or any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water, oil or electricity or of any communications apparatus as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Telecommunications Act 1984 and Sections 106 and 151 of the Communications Act 2003; or

(c) it is being used for Fire and Rescue, Police, Ambulance or Healthcare Worker (including doctors on call, district nurses, personal carers and support workers), Special Forces or National Crime Agency purposes; or

(d) it is being used for the service of a local authority or water authority in pursuance of their statutory powers or duties in connection with its activities at premises situated on the Road; or

(e) it is displaying a valid disabled badge, being driven by or carrying a disabled person to uplift or set down passengers or to wait at a property or premises on the Road; or

(f) it is displaying a valid Exemption Permit; or

(g) it is being used for the removal of any obstruction to traffic on the Road.

6. The prohibition 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

Road on which motor vehicles will be prohibited and the days/times that the prohibition will be in operation:-

Road	Days of Operation	Hours of Operation
The entire length of Kennet Rise, Bedford	Monday to Friday inclusive	8:30am – 9:30am and 3:00pm – 4:00pm

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

was hereunto affixed this
20th day of February 2025
in the presence of:



Wai K. Tsang
Solicitor
Legal Services
Bedford Borough Council

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wai K. Tsang'.

Authorised Signatory

AUTHORITY FOR EXECUTION		
COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	MINUTE No.	DATE
DELEGATED POWER	By whom executed ENVIRONMENT	19/02/2025
	OFFICERS INITIALS	DATE
ORIGINATED AND CHECKED BY	GM	19/02/2025
APPROVED BY	AP	19/02/2025



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STATEMENT OF REASONS

This Order continues indefinitely the provisions of an Experimental Order that was in force up to and including 2nd March 2023.

This Order is necessary to continue to create a safer environment for pupils and parents/carers in Kennet Rise, Bedford at the times listed in the Schedule to the Order, to reduce congestion, to help reduce the amount of pollution that school children are exposed to outside schools, and to encourage less reliance on the car for the school run.