



PUBLIC NOTICE

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL **(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) (OAK ROAD AND CANVIN WAY, BEDFORD)** **ORDER 2026**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 30th April 2026 Bedford Borough Council made the above Traffic Regulation Order, the effect of which is detailed below:-

Effect of the Order:

- 1. To prohibit motorised vehicles from proceeding along that length of road as specified below:-**

Road	Days of Operation	Hours of Operation
The whole lengths of Oak Road and Canvin Way, Bedford.	Monday to Friday inclusive	8:00am – 9:15am and 3:00pm – 4:00pm

This Order makes permanent the traffic restrictions previously introduced on an experimental basis.

This Order is necessary to continue to create a safer environment for pupils and parents/carers at this location at these busy times, 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.

Date of Operation: The Order will come into force on 18th May 2026 or as soon as practicable after this date.

A copy of the Order and a Statement of Reasons for making the Order may be examined during normal office hours at Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP. These documents will also be available for viewing on the council's website at www.bedford.gov.uk/implementedtro. For further information, please email highway.consultations@bedford.gov.uk

High Court Challenge: Any person who desires to question the validity of this Order or any provision contained therein 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 that Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks of the date of this Notice, make application for that purpose to the High Court.

DATED: 7th May 2026

Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street
Bedford, MK42 9AP

Craig Austin
Director of Environment



BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) (OAK ROAD AND CANVIN WAY, BEDFORD)
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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) (Oak Road and Canvin Way, Bedford) Order 2026” and shall come into force on 18^h May 2026.
- 2) The Bedford Borough Council (Oak Road and Canvin Way) Experimental Order 2025 is hereby revoked with effect from 18th May 2026.
- 3) 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 8:00am to 9:15am and 3:00pm to 4:00pm 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.

- 4) 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.
- 5) 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.

6) 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 only when while engaged in duties at premises on the Road), 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:-

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

was hereunto affixed this

30th day of April 2026

in the presence of:



David Doorne
Solicitor
Service Manager (GPPL)
Legal Services
Bedford Borough Council



Authorised Signatory

AUTHORITY FOR EXECUTION		
COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	MINUTE No.	DATE
DELEGATED POWER	By whom executed ENVIRONMENT	15/04/2026
	OFFICERS INITIALS	DATE
ORIGINATED AND CHECKED BY	DG	15/04/2026
APPROVED BY	AP	15/04/2026



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STATEMENT OF REASONS

This Order makes permanent the traffic restrictions previously introduced on an experimental basis.

This Order is necessary to continue to create a safer environment for pupils and parents/carers in Oak Road and Canvin Way, 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.