

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL (7.5 TONNE WEIGHT RESTRICTION) (SILVER STREET, STEVINGTON) ORDER 2022

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL ("the Council") in exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 1, 2, 3 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:-

- This Order may be cited as the "Bedford Borough Council (7.5 Tonne Weight Restriction) (Silver Street, Stevington) Order 2022" and shall come into force on 13th June 2022.
- 2. In this Order "heavy commercial vehicle" means a vehicle as defined in Section 138 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
- 3. Any reference in this Order to a numbered Article is a reference to the Article bearing that number in this Order.
- 4. Save as provided in Article 5 of this Order no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform, drive or cause to be driven any heavy commercial vehicle the maximum gross weight of which exceeds 7.5 tonnes on any length of road specified in the Schedule to this Order (hereinafter referred to as "the said lengths of road").
- 5. Nothing in Article 4 of this Order shall render it unlawful for a heavy commercial vehicle the maximum gross weight of which exceeds 7.5 tonnes to proceed on any of the said lengths of road if the vehicle is being used:-
 - for fire and rescue service, ambulance service, police, National Crime Agency or special forces purposes;
 - (b) for public service vehicle purposes;
 - in the service of a local authority, water undertaker, sewerage undertaker or the Environment Agency in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;

- in connection with any building, industrial or demolition operation on or adjacent to the said lengths of road or any other road accessible from and only from the said lengths of road;
- in connection with the removal of any obstruction to traffic in the said lengths of road or any other road accessible from and only from the said lengths of road;
- (f) in connection with the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the said lengths of road or any other road accessible from and only from the said lengths of road;
- (g) in connection with the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or adjacent to the said lengths of road or any other road accessible from and only from the said lengths of road of any sewer or any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity, or of telecommunications apparatus as defined in Section 4(3) of the Telecommunications Act 1984:
- (h) for the purposes of agriculture on any land adjacent to the said lengths of road or any other road accessible from and only from the said lengths of road, or in connection with the conveyance or haulage of timber felled upon such land;
- (i) for the purposes of loading, unloading or garaging of vehicles at any premises situated on or adjacent to the said lengths of road or any other road accessible from and only from the said lengths of road;
- (j) in connection with the removal or delivery of furniture from or to premises situated on or adjacent to the said lengths of road or any other road accessible from and only from the said lengths of road.
- 6. The Council are satisfied that by restricting the use of the said lengths of road by heavy commercial vehicles for the prevention of damage to the said lengths of road and any other road accessible from and only from the said lengths of road, and for the prevention of damage to the buildings on or near them, and for the preservation and improvement of the amenities of the village of Stevington, it is requisite that Section 3(1) of the Act should not apply to this Order.
- 7. The restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any restrictions or requirements imposed by any regulations made or having effect as if made under the Act or by or under any other enactment.

SCHEDULE

Length of road upon which a 7.5 tonne weight restriction shall apply:

Α	Silver Street, Stevington	
(i)	From Court Lane/Park Road to a point approx. 550 metres southwest of Court	
	Lane/Park Road.	

THE COMMON SEAL of the BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

was hereunto affixed this 9th day of June 2022 in the presence of:



Authorised Signatory DOORNE

Team Leader (GPP&L) (Solicitor)

AUTHORITY FOR EXECUTION			
COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	MINUTE No.	DATE	
DELEGATED POWER	By whom executed ENVIRONMENT	31/05/2022	
×	OFFICERS INITIALS	DATE	
ORIGINATED AND CHECKED BY	JH	31/05/2022	
APPROVED BY	AP	31/05/2022	



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STATEMENT OF REASONS

Bedford Borough Council have received a request from Stevington Parish Council for a 7.5 tonne weight restriction on Silver Street, Stevington. This follows several instances where HGVs have got stuck or caused damage to property while using Silver Street, particularly at the Court Lane/Park Road junction.

Even though Silver Street is very narrow and signposted as 'Unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles', HGVs continue to regularly use the road and run the risk of damage and injury. Therefore, this proposed weight restriction is deemed necessary to remedy this.

