



**BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**(BEDFORD CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION**  
**OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2017**  
**(AMENDMENT NO.36)**  
**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 (Bedford Controlled Parking Zone) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) Order 2017 (Amendment No.36) Order 2026” and shall come into force on 16<sup>th</sup> March 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.
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  
5th day of March 2026  
in the presence of:



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



Authorised Signatory

**SCHEDULE**

- 1. To revoke the existing “No Loading 7:45pm-1:00pm, 4:30pm-6:00pm” restriction, and replace with the following: -  
“No waiting at any time” restriction and “No loading at any time” restrictions on the following length of road:**

<b>A</b>	<b>High Street, Bedford</b>
(i)	On its western kerb, from a point 8.3 metres north from the end of the bridge wall extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 26.4 metres.

- 2. To introduce new “No loading at any time” restrictions on the following length of road:**

<b>A</b>	<b>St Paul’s Square, Bedford</b>
(i)	On the southern side of its southern leg, extending from the western side of the High Street for a distance of 13.2 metres in a westerly direction.
(ii)	On the southern side of its southern leg extending from a point 9.8 metres west of the projected west flank wall of property No 1 for a distance of 6.8 metres in a westerly direction.

- 3. To revoke the current “Registrar Only Permit Holders Zone W parking bay” and introduce three “Permit Holders Only (Zone W) parking bays” on the following length of road:**

<b>A</b>	<b>St Paul’s Square, Bedford</b>
(i)	On the southern side of the southern leg, extending from a point 4.5 metres west of the projected east flank wall of property No.6 for a distance of 6 metres in a westerly direction. On the southern side of the southern leg extending from a point 6.2 metres north east of the projected south flank wall of the Old Town Hall for a distance of 8.8 metres in a northerly direction.

**4. To introduce “No waiting at any time” restrictions on the following length of road:**

<b>A</b>	<b>Mayes Yard, Bedford</b>
(i)	<p>On the western kerbline, commencing at a point approximately 5.7 metres west of its junction with St Paul’s Square and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 5.5 metres</p> <p>On the eastern kerbline, commencing at a point approximately 5.6 metres east of its junction with St Paul’s Square and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 5.7 metres.</p>

**5. To revoke existing “No waiting at any time, No Loading 7.45am – 9.30am & 1pm – 6pm” restrictions and extend the existing Red Route Clearway “No stopping at any time” on the following length of road:**

<b>A</b>	<b>High Street, Bedford</b>
(i)	From the projected south flank of Property No 3 and extending in a northerly direction for approx. 22.3 metres.

<b>AUTHORITY FOR EXECUTION</b>		
COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	MINUTE No.	DATE
DELEGATED POWER	By whom executed <b>ENVIRONMENT</b>	26/02/2026
	OFFICERS INITIALS	DATE
ORIGINATED AND CHECKED BY	<b>DG</b>	04/03/2026
APPROVED BY	<b>AP</b>	04/03/2026

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**STATEMENT OF REASONS**

The purpose of the Order is to improve existing restrictions within St Paul's Square and High Street, Bedford, as part of the wider Town Deal public realm improvement scheme.



Corn Exchange

PH 13  
14  
15a  
15  
17

22  
24

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43

29 to 41

23 to 27

19

15  
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Castle Gate

10 to 20  
28.7m

El Sub Stas

Phoenix Chambers

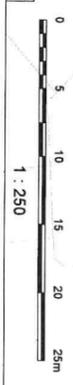
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Bedford County and Magistrates Courts



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KEY:  
Red Route Clearway

GENERAL NOTES:  
G1 Do not scale from this drawing.  
G2 All dimensions are in metres unless stated otherwise.

Rev	Date	Revision Details	WS	WS	DB	DB
A	29/01/26	First Issue	WS	WS	DB	DB

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**TOWN DEAL - ST PAUL'S SQUARE**

**PROPOSED TRO ORDERS HIGH STREET**

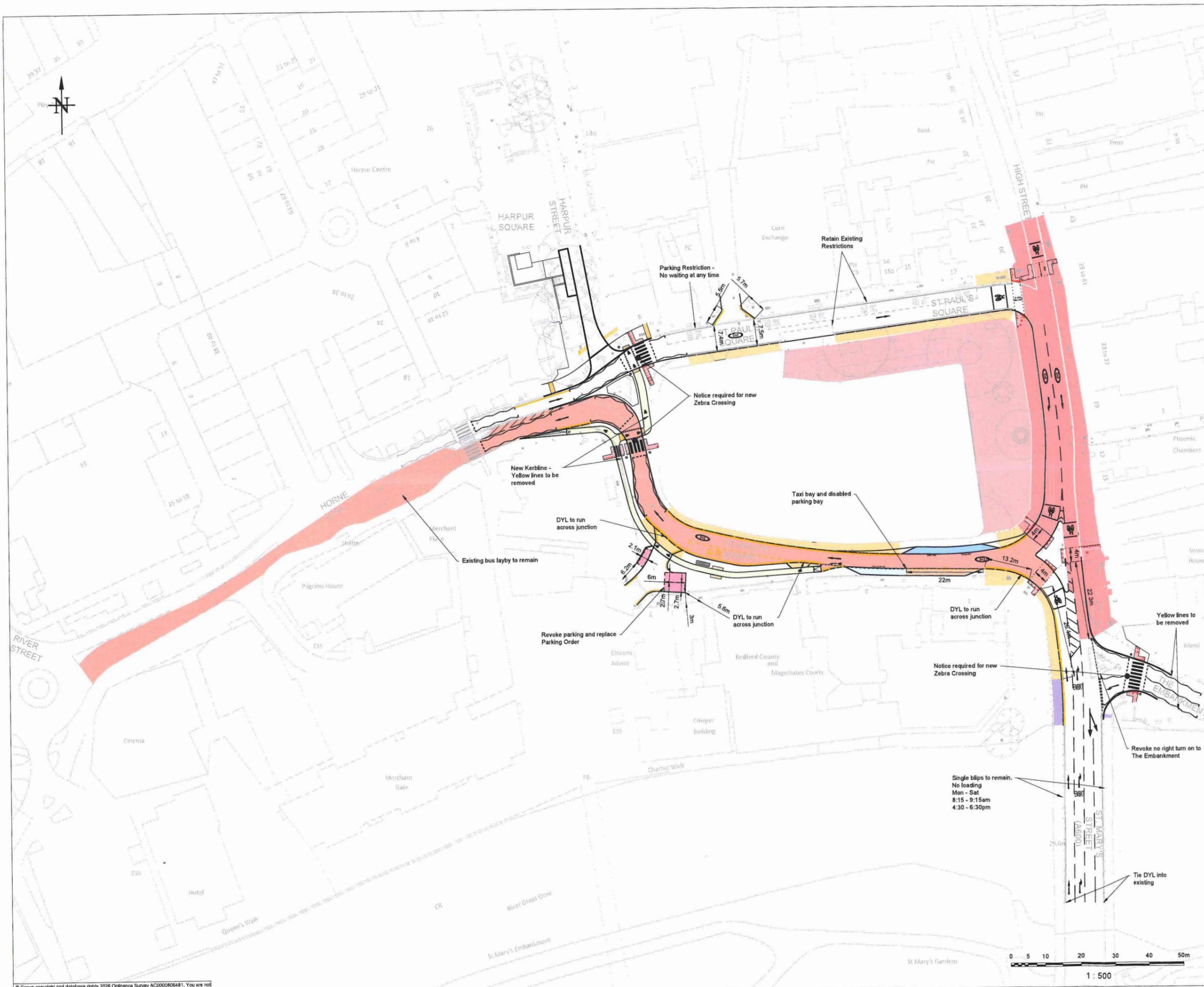
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Original Drawing Size Date: 29/01/26  
A1 (841x594mm)  
Drawing Code: Drawing Authority

Drawing Number	Project	Value	Design No.	Revision
M10038	BBC	HGN	C	A

**FOR INFORMATION**

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**KEY:**

- Layby
- No loading at any times
- No loading  
Mon - Sat  
8:15 - 9:15am  
4:30 - 6:30pm
- New Cycle Order
- Red Route Clearway
- Permit holders W - at all times
- Disabled Parking Bay
- Taxis Stand
- No Parking on footway or verge
- Land is not Highway maintainable at public expense

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B	16/01/26	2x parking bays added and 1x bay near Town Hall amended for permit holders. Red route clearway extended upto Embankment east side & footway included. No Parking on verge/footway added. DYL added in front of Bedford hub, #2 and Corn exchange access. Kerb blips added to VXO #1. Road marking shown for taxi and disabled bay. Council land added. Loading restriction amended opp. Embankment west side.	WS	WS	DB	DB
	A	15/01/25	First Issue	WS	WS	HS
Rev	Date	Revision Details	Dm	Des	Chk	App

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**PROPOSED TRO ORDERS AND NOTICES PLAN**

Scale	1:500	Drawn	WS	Designed	WS	Checked	HS	Approved	DB
Original Drawing Size	A1 (841x594mm)	Date	15/01/25	Date	15/01/25	Date	15/01/25	Date	15/01/25

**S2 FOR INFORMATION**

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Location	F1 - DR - 0100 - 045	Revision	B

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