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BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
(STATION ROAD, WILLINGTON 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 (Station Road, Willington, Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2026” and shall come into force on 27th April 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, neither cause or permit any vehicle to wait, nor load and / or unload, in any length of road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order at any time; nor permit any vehicle to wait in any length of road specified in Schedule 2 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 Schedule 1 and 2 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 Schedule 2 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 Schedules 1 and 2 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 Schedules 1 and 2 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
9th day of April 2026
in the presence of:



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

SCHEDULE

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

A	Warren Farm, Willington
(i)	Southern kerb line: From a point approximately 8.5 metres west of the centreline of the access road serving Warren Farm at its junction with Station Road, extending south-westwards for a distance of approximately 16 metres.
(ii)	Northern kerb line: From a point approximately 8.5 metres west of the centreline of the access road serving Warren Farm at its junction with Station Road, extending north-westwards for a distance of approximately 20.8 metres.
B	Gostwick Place, Willington
(i)	Southern kerb line: From a point approximately 10.5 metres east of the centreline of Gostwick Place at its junction with Station Road, extending south-eastwards for a distance of approximately 50 metres.
(ii)	Northern kerb line: From a point approximately 10.5 metres east of the centreline of Gostwick Place at its junction with Station Road, extending north-eastwards for a distance of approximately 20.8 metres.

AUTHORITY FOR EXECUTION		
COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	MINUTE No.	DATE
DELEGATED POWER	By whom executed ENVIRONMENT	30/03/2026
	OFFICERS INITIALS	DATE
ORIGINATED AND CHECKED BY	DG	30/03/2026
APPROVED BY	AP	30/03/2026



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STATEMENT OF REASONS

Bedford Borough Council has received representations highlighting concerns about vehicles parking near the junctions of Warren Farm and Gostwick Place. Parking in these locations restricts visibility for drivers, obstructs access for residents, and can hinder emergency service vehicles entering or leaving the area.

Introducing 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions will improve sightlines, maintain safe access, and enhance overall highway safety for all users.

