



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### **BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL PROPOSE TO INTRODUCE A 5 TONNE WEIGHT RESTRICTION TO A LAY-BY ON THE BRANSTON WAY (A6), KEMPSTON**

#### **Reason for Proposal:**

Concerns have been raised by the public about regular inconsiderate overnight parking of heavy goods vehicles in a lay-by on the south-western side of The Branston Way (A6), Kempston. This action causes noise pollution and vibration to the surrounding area and properties. This lay-by is not intended for overnight parking by lorries, and has no welfare facilities etc, so it is deemed unsuitable for the regular overnight parking of heavy goods vehicles. As such, Bedford Borough Council proposes to introduce a restriction to prohibit goods vehicles with a maximum gross weight of over 5 tonnes from waiting in the lay-by overnight.

#### **Effect of the Order:**

- 1. To prohibit goods vehicles with a maximum gross weight exceeding 5 tonnes from waiting between the hours of 7:00pm and 7:00am on the following length of road:**

<b>A</b>	<b>The Branston Way (A6), Kempston</b>
(i)	Within the lay-by on the south-west side of The Branston Way (A6), from a point approx. 18.5 metres south-east of the projected centre line of The Bower, extending for a distance of approx. 109 metres in a south-easterly direction.

**Relevant proposal documents**, including a plan, are currently only available for viewing on the council's website at [www.bedford.gov.uk/proposedtro](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/proposedtro) due to COVID-19 restrictions. The documents will be placed on deposit until 6 weeks after the Order is made or until it is decided not to continue with the proposal. For further information, please contact Julie Brockett at Bedford Borough Council on 01234 276691.

**Comments** supporting or objecting to the proposal should be sent via email to [highway.consultations@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:highway.consultations@bedford.gov.uk) to reach us no later than 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023. All comments must state the grounds on which they are made.

#### **Order Title if made will be:**

- 1. Bedford Borough Council (5 Tonne Weight Restriction) (The Branston Way (A6), Kempston) Order 20\*\*.**

Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street  
Bedford, MK42 9AP

Craig Austin  
Director of Environment



**BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**(5 TONNE WEIGHT RESTRICTION)**  
**(THE BRANSTON WAY (A6), KEMPSTON)**  
**ORDER 2023**

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:-

1. This Order may be cited as the “Bedford Borough Council (5 Tonne Weight Restriction) (The Branston Way (A6), Kempston) Order 2023” and shall come into force on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023.
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 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 5 tonnes to proceed on any of the said lengths of road if the vehicle is being used:-
  - (a) for fire and rescue service, ambulance service, police, National Crime Agency or special forces purposes;
  - (b) for public service vehicle purposes;
  - (c) in the service of a local authority, water undertaker, sewerage undertaker or the Environment Agency in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;



- (d) 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;
  - (e) 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 town of Kempston, 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 5 tonne weight restriction shall apply:

<b>A</b>	<b>The Branston Way (A6), Kempston</b>
(i)	Within the lay-by on the south-west side of The Branston Way (A6), from a point approx. 18.5 metres south-east of the projected centre line of The Bower, extending for a distance of approx. 109 metres in a south-easterly direction.

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

was hereunto affixed this  
13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022  
in the presence of:

**Wai K. Tsang**  
Solicitor  
Legal Services  
Bedford Borough Council

*Wai K. Tsang*



Authorised Signatory

AUTHORITY FOR EXECUTION		
COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	MINUTE No.	DATE
DELEGATED POWER	By whom executed <b>ENVIRONMENT</b>	13/07/2023
	OFFICERS INITIALS	DATE
ORIGINATED AND CHECKED BY	<b>GM</b>	13/07/2023
APPROVED BY	<b>AP</b>	13/07/2023



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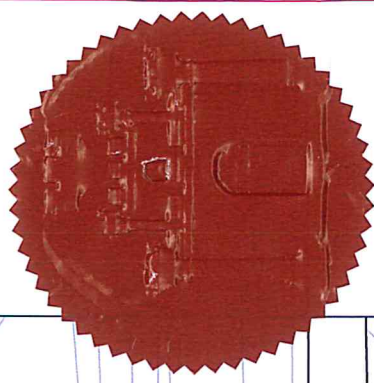
**STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Concerns have been raised by the public about regular inconsiderate overnight parking of heavy goods vehicles in a lay-by on the south-western side of The Branston Way (A6), Kempston. This action causes noise pollution and vibration to the surrounding area and properties. This lay-by is not intended for overnight parking by lorries, and has no welfare facilities etc, so it is deemed unsuitable for the regular overnight parking of heavy goods vehicles. As such, Bedford Borough Council proposes to introduce a restriction to prohibit goods vehicles with a maximum gross weight of over 5 tonnes from waiting in the lay-by overnight.

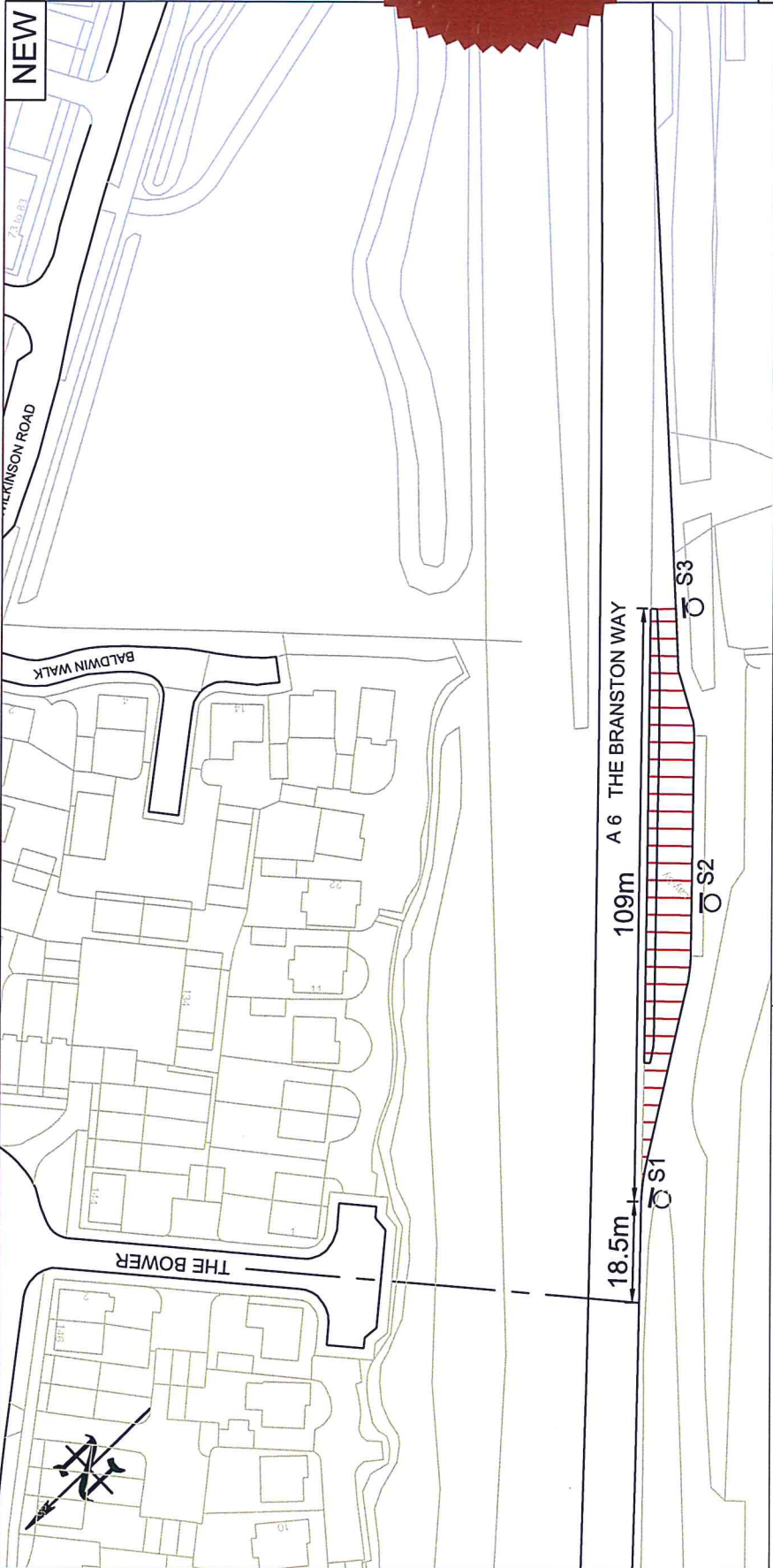


**NEW**

- KEY:**
-  Extent of new weight limit restriction
  -  New 76mm diameter sign post with weight limit sign



*WVA*



13/07/2023	TRO	1	GM
02/06/2023	Consultation	0	GM
	AMENDMENTS		
DATE	BY		



**Traffic Management**  
 BOROUGH HALL, CAULDWELL ST, BEDFORD, MK42 9AP  
 TEL: (01234) 257422

CLIENT  
**Environment**

SCHEME  
**A6 The Branston Way, Kempston**

DRAWING TITLE  
**New 5 Tonnes weight restriction in lay-by**

SCALE @ A3	DATE	DRAWN	CHECKED
NTS	02/06/2023	GM	RW



Scheme Ref.	Sign Ref.	Sign S3	x-height	20.0
Letter colour	BLACK	SIGN FACE	Width	305 mm
Background	YELLOW	Height	240 mm	Area
Border	BLACK	Material	Class R3B-UK	0.07 m <sup>2</sup>



Scheme Ref.	Sign Ref.	Sign S1	x-height	20.0
Letter colour	BLACK	SIGN FACE	Width	305 mm
Background	YELLOW	Height	240 mm	Area
Border	BLACK	Material	Class R3B-UK	0.07 m <sup>2</sup>



Scheme Ref.	Sign Ref.	Sign S2	x-height	20.0
Letter colour	BLACK	SIGN FACE	Width	305 mm
Background	YELLOW	Height	190 mm	Area
Border	BLACK	Material	Class R3B-UK	0.06 m <sup>2</sup>