



**BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL PROPOSE TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THE
BUS LANE ON AMPHILL ROAD, BEDFORD**

Reason for Proposal:

Taxis and private hire vehicles were previously permitted to use all of the bus lane on Ampthill Road, Bedford. However, as Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEVs) are now permitted to use the bus lane, and to continue to promote greener travel, it is felt that the exemption that allowed the blanket use of the bus lane by any taxis and private hire vehicles should be revoked.

This means that all taxis and private hire vehicles, in line with other vehicles, would now only be permitted to use the bus lane if they were ULEVs.

A ULEV is defined as a vehicle with CO₂ tailpipe emissions of less than 75 grams per kilometre and with a capability of travelling a minimum range of 10 miles with zero CO₂ emissions.

Effect of the Order:

- 1. To permit any Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEVs) to use the existing bus lane:-**

A	Ampthill Road, Bedford
(i)	On its northbound carriageway, from a point approx. 7 metres north of the centre of Sexton Avenue to a point approx. 6 metres south of the centre of the hospital access road.

- 2. To revoke permission for taxis and private hire vehicles to use any part of the bus lane on Ampthill Road, Bedford unless they are ULEVs.**

Relevant proposal documents are currently only available for viewing on the council's website at 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 Andrew Prigmore at Bedford Borough Council on 01234 276691.

Comments supporting or objecting to the proposal should be put in an email, stating the grounds on which they are made, and sent no later than 5th October 2023 to highway.consultations@bedford.gov.uk.

Order Title if made will be:

1. Bedford Borough Council (Bus Lanes and Bus Only Streets, The Borough of Bedford) Consolidation Order 2014 (Amendment No.*) Order 20**

Dated: 7th September 2023

Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street
Bedford, MK42 9AP

Craig Austin
Director of Environment



BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
(BUS LANES AND BUS ONLY STREETS, THE BOROUGH OF BEDFORD)
CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2014
(AMENDMENT NO.*) ORDER 20**

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL (“the Council”) in exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 1(1), 2(1), 2(2) and 4 of, and Part IV of Schedule 9 to, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“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 (Bus Lanes and Bus Only Streets, The Borough of Bedford) Consolidation Order 2014 (Amendment No.*) Order 20**” and shall come into force on ** **** 20**.
2. As from the date upon which this Order comes into force the provisions of the Bedford Borough Council (Bus Lanes and Bus Only Streets, The Borough of Bedford) Consolidation Order 2014 as amended shall be varied as follows:
 - (i) The following paragraph shall be deleted from Article 3 of the Order (“**Interpretation and Definitions**”):
 - “Ultra Low Emission Vehicle” means a vehicle with CO2 tailpipe emissions of less than 75 grams per kilometre and with a capability of traveling a minimum range of 10 miles with zero CO2 emissions.
 - (ii) The following paragraph shall be added to Article 3 of the Order (“**Interpretation and Definitions**”):
 - “Ultra Low Emission Vehicle” means a vehicle with CO2 tailpipe emissions of less than 75 grams per kilometre and with a capability of travelling a minimum range of 10 miles with zero CO2 emissions
 - (iii) The existing “**Schedule 1 – Identification of streets forming a Bus Lane**” shall be deleted and the “**Schedule 1 – Identification of streets forming a Bus Lane**” specified in the Schedule to this Order shall be inserted in its place.
 - (iv) The plan schedule reference “Grid Ref: I 35 Revision No: 1” shall be deleted and the plan schedule reference “Grid Ref: I 35 Revision No: 2” shall be inserted.

- (v) The plan schedule reference “Grid Ref: I 36 Revision No: 1” shall be deleted and the plan schedule reference “Grid Ref: I 36 Revision No: 2” shall be inserted.
 - (vi) The plan schedule reference “Grid Ref: J 31 Revision No: 1” shall be deleted and the plan schedule reference “Grid Ref: J 31 Revision No: 2” shall be inserted.
 - (vii) The plan schedule reference “Grid Ref: J 32 Revision No: 1” shall be deleted and the plan schedule reference “Grid Ref: J 32 Revision No: 2” shall be inserted.
 - (viii) The plan schedule reference “Grid Ref: J 33 Revision No: 1” shall be deleted and the plan schedule reference “Grid Ref: J 33 Revision No: 2” shall be inserted.
 - (ix) The plan schedule reference “Grid Ref: J 34 Revision No: 1” shall be deleted and the plan schedule reference “Grid Ref: J 34 Revision No: 2” shall be inserted.
 - (x) The plan schedule reference “Grid Ref: J 35 Revision No: 1” shall be deleted and the plan schedule reference “Grid Ref: J 35 Revision No: 2” shall be inserted.
3. This Amendment shall be read and construed as one with the Bedford Borough Council (Bus Lanes and Bus Only Streets, The Borough of Bedford) Consolidation Order 2014 as amended.

SCHEDULE

Schedule 1 – Identification of streets forming a Bus Lane

Road name/Town	Class of vehicles permitted to use Bus Lane	Operational hours of restriction	Extent of restriction as shown on the Plans
Ampthill Road, Bedford	<i>Refer to Article "9. (1)" (Items (a) to (j) and Item (l) only)</i>	At all times	I35, I36, J31, J32, J33, J34, J35
Ampthill Road, Elstow	<i>Refer to Article "9. (1)" (Items (a) to (j) only)</i>	At all times	I37, I38
Bedford Road, Kempston	<i>Refer to Article "9. (1)" (Items (a) to (j) only)</i>	At all times	H32, H33, I32
Greyfriars, Bedford	<i>Refer to Article "9. (1)" (Items (a) to (j) only)</i>	At all times	J27
Horne Lane, Bedford	<i>Refer to Article "9. (1)" (Items (a) to (k) only)</i>	At all times	J28
Kingsway, Bedford	<i>Refer to Article "9. (1)" (Items (a) to (j) only)</i>	7am-7pm daily	J29, J30, K30

**THE COMMON SEAL of the
BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL**
was hereunto affixed this
** day of **** 20**
in the presence of:

Authorised Signatory

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



BEDFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
(BUS LANES AND BUS ONLY STREETS, THE BOROUGH OF BEDFORD)
CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2014
(AMENDMENT NO.*) ORDER 20**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Taxis and private hire vehicles were previously permitted to use all of the bus lane on Ampthill Road, Bedford. However, as Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEVs) are now permitted to use the bus lane, and to continue to promote greener travel, it is felt that the exemption that allowed the blanket use of the bus lane by any taxis and private hire vehicles should be revoked.

This means that all taxis and private hire vehicles, in line with other vehicles, would now only be permitted to use the bus lane if they were ULEVs.

A ULEV is defined as a vehicle with CO₂ tailpipe emissions of less than 75 grams per kilometre and with a capability of travelling a minimum range of 10 miles with zero CO₂ emissions.