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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984

BOROUGH OF READING
(TOWN CENTRE) (BUS AND ACCESSIBLE TAXI LANES)
(EXPERIMENTAL) ORDER 2011

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**THE BOROUGH OF READING (TOWN CENTRE) (BUS AND ACCESSIBLE TAXI
LANES) (EXPERIMENTAL) ORDER 2011**

The Reading Borough Council (hereinafter referred to as "The Council"), pursuant to its powers under Sections 9 and 10 to The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (The Act of 1984) and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, hereby make the following Order :

1. This Order may be cited as "The Borough of Reading (Town Centre) (Bus and Accessible Taxi Lanes) (Experimental) Traffic Regulation Order 2011" and shall come into operation on 13 May 2011 for a period eighteen months from that date.

**PART I
GENERAL**

2. Section 10(2) of the Act shall apply to this Order and the specified officer for the purposes of Section 10(2) of the Act shall be the Head of Transport.
3. Definitions

In this Order:-

"Bus" has the same meaning as in Regulation 22 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002;

"Bus Lane" has the same meaning as in Regulation 23 of the Traffic Signs and General Directions 2002 (which also includes sign nos. 953, 958, 959 or approved variants);

"Carriageway" means a way constituting or comprised in a highway being a way (other than a cycle track) over which the public have a right of way for the passage of vehicles;

"Cycle" means a bicycle, tricycle, or cycle having four or more wheels, not being in any case a motor vehicle;

"Delivering" and "Collecting" in relation to any goods includes checking the goods for the purpose of their delivery or collection;

"Goods" means goods or burden of any description and includes postal packets of any description;

"Goods Vehicle" means a motor vehicle which is constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of goods or burden of any description and which does not exceed 5.30 metres in length of 2.25 metres in height;

"Hackney Carriage" means a vehicle licensed under Section 37 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847, Section 6 of the Metropolitan Carriage Act 1869 or any similar enactment;

"Immobilisation device" has the same meaning as in Section 104(9) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;

"Licensed Hire Car" means a vehicle used as private hire and licensed under S.48 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976;

"Motor Cycle" and "Invalid Carriage" have the same meanings as in Section 136 of the Road Traffic Act of 1984;

"Owner" in relation to a vehicle means a person who is named in the vehicle registration document as the registered keeper of a goods or passenger vehicle or who has the use of such a vehicle in the course of his employment and who is entitled to use such a vehicle as though he were the registered keeper thereof;

"Parking Attendant" means a person authorised by or on behalf of the Council to supervise any parking area;

"Passenger Vehicle" means a motor vehicle (other than a motor cycle or invalid carriage) not exceeding 5.30m in length and 2.25m in height and constructed for the carriage of passengers and their effects;

"Penalty Charge" and "reduced penalty charge" means a charge set by the Council under the provisions of The Bus Lane Contraventions (Penalty Charges, Adjudication and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2005 and with the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport which is to be paid to the Council within 28 days beginning with the date of the notice, or 14 days in the case of a reduced penalty charge, following the issue of a penalty charge notice;

"Penalty Charge Notice" means a notice issued or served by the Council pursuant to the provisions of regulation 8(1) of The Bus Lane Contraventions (Penalty Charges, Adjudication and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2005;

"permit holder" means a person to whom a permit has been issued;

"Private Hire Vehicle" means a vehicle licensed under S.48 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 as a Licensed Hire Car;

"Taxi" for the purposes of this Order has the same meaning as Hackney Carriage and Licensed Hire Car given above;

"Telegraphic Line" has the same meaning as in the Telecommunications Act, 1984;

"The 2002 Regulations" means the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002;

"Traffic Sign" means a sign of any size, colour and type prescribed or authorised under, or having effect as though prescribed or authorised under Section 64 of the Act of 1984;

"wheelchair accessible taxi" means a hackney carriage or taxi intended or adapted for use as a carriage for wheelchair users;

"with-flow lane" means a traffic lane reserved for a specified class of traffic proceeding in the same direction as general traffic in an adjoining traffic lane;

"contra-flow lane" means a traffic lane reserved for a specified class of traffic proceeding in the opposite direction as general traffic in an adjoining traffic lane.

PART II PROHIBITED MOVEMENTS

4. No person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a Police Constable in uniform or of a civil enforcement officer, use a vehicle or cause or permit any vehicle except a bus, cycle or wheelchair accessible taxi to be in the lengths of roads designated as a bus lane as specified in Schedule 1.
5. No person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a Police Constable in uniform or a civil enforcement officer use a vehicle, or cause or permit any vehicle except a bus cycle or wheelchair accessible taxi to proceed along the length of road as detailed in Schedule 2 to this Order.
6. No person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a Police Constable in uniform or of a civil enforcement officer cause or permit any vehicle except a bus, cycle, motorcycle or a wheelchair accessible taxi to proceed along the length of roads as detailed in Schedule 3 to this order.
7. No person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a Police Constable in uniform or of a civil enforcement officer use a vehicle or cause or permit any vehicle to be in the lengths of roads as designated as bus lanes in as specified in Schedule 4 to this order.
8. Save as provided in Articles 4, 5, 6 and 7, no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a Police Constable in uniform or

of a civil enforcement officer, use, cause or permit any bus, cycle, or wheelchair accessible taxi as the case may be to proceed along the length of roads as designated as a bus lane, otherwise than in the direction specified in the relevant schedule referred to in the aforementioned Articles in relation to that length of road.

9. No person shall, except upon the direction of a Police Constable in uniform or of a civil enforcement officer, cause or permit any vehicle proceeding along a bus lane in accordance with Article 4, 5, 6 or 7 to cross over the white line unless it is necessary to do so in order to overtake a vehicle which is stationary in the bus lane.
10. Nothing in the foregoing Articles 4, 5, 6 and 7 shall prevent any person causing or permitting any vehicle to be in a bus lane in the direction specified in the relevant Schedules to the aforementioned Articles, insofar as it is absolutely necessary, to enable the vehicle to be used for any of the purposes set out hereunder or to wait in the bus lane for so long as may be necessary for any of those purposes:-
 - (a) the removal of any vehicle or to effect emergency repairs to a vehicle in the bus lane so as to relieve any obstruction.
 - (b) Police, Fire Brigade or Ambulance purposes; or
 - (c) the service of any local authority or water authority in pursuance of statutory powers or duties; or in connection with the supply of gas or electricity, or any telecommunications system as defined in the Telecommunications Act, 1984.
11. Nothing in Articles 4, 5, 6 and 7 shall prevent any person causing or permitting any vehicle:-
 - (a) To enter or be in a bus lane for any of the purposes set out in paragraphs (i) to (iii) below, by crossing the white line, at a point opposite that person's destination, or a point as close as possible to that point, provided that such entry is absolutely necessary in respect of:-
 - (i) the gaining of access to off-street loading or garaging premises adjacent to or accessible only from the bus lane;
 - (ii) the loading or unloading of any goods or burden at these premises adjacent to or accessible only from the bus lane; provided that such loading or unloading can reasonably be carried out only from the bus lane and that it takes place only whilst no prohibition on loading or unloading in the bus lane by virtue of any other order is in force;

- or
- (iii) the removal of any obstruction to traffic in the bus lane;
- (b) In the service of any local authority or water authority in pursuance of statutory powers or duties to be in the bus lane;
 - (c) which is to be used in connection with the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of any lengths of road, or the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or near any of the lengths of road of any sewer or main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water, electricity or telegraph line to be in the bus lane;
 - (d) having entered a bus lane in accordance with (a) above, to wait therein for the purposes set out in (i), (ii) and (iii);
 - (e) having entered a bus lane in accordance with (a) above, to leave the bus lane by crossing the white line at a point as close as possible to the point of entry.

PART III
CONTRAVENTION OF ORDER

12. (1) If a vehicle is in an area of road which is or forms part of a bus lane in contravention of any provision of this Order, a penalty charge shall be payable pursuant to Section 144 of the Transport Act 2000.
- (2) In the case of a vehicle in respect of which a penalty charge is payable, a penalty charge notice showing the information required by section 8 (5) of the Bus Lane Contraventions (Penalty Charges, Adjudication and Enforcement)(England) Regulations 2005 may then be issued by the Council in accordance with section 8(2) and (5) of the said Regulations.

PART IV
SUSPENSIONS

13. The following Orders or parts of Orders are hereby suspended:

1) Stanshawe Road

Borough of Reading, Bus Lane Traffic Regulation Order (2006)
Schedule 8, Prohibition of Vehicles except buses, cycles and hackney carriages

Stanshawe Road, Beyond a point 5 metres east of its junction with Caversham Road in a westbound direction.

2) Oxford Road/Cheapside

Borough of Reading, Bus Lane Traffic Regulation Consolidation Order (2009)
Schedule 3, Prohibition of vehicles except bus, cycles and hackney carriages.

Oxford Road, From a point 11.5 metres east of its junction with Cheapside in an eastbound direction for a distance of 5 metres.

3) Bridge Street

Borough of Reading, Bus Lane Traffic Regulation Consolidation Order (2009)
Schedule 3, Prohibition of vehicles except bus, cycles and hackney carriages.

Bridge Street (Reading), Beyond a point 49 metres south of its junction with Castle Street in a northbound direction to its junction with Castle Street.

4) Duke Street

Borough of Reading, Bus Lane Traffic Regulation Order (2006)
Schedule 3, Bus, Cycle and Taxi Lane

Duke Street, South to North (Contra Flow)

The area of the carriageway of that length of Duke Street which extends from its junction with London Street (North) to its junction with Kings Road.

5) London Street (North)

Borough of Reading, Bus Lane Traffic Regulation Order (2006)
Schedule 3, Bus, Cycle and Taxi Lane

The area of the carriageway of the length of London Street, that extends from its junction with Duke Street to its junction with Mill Lane (North)

6) The Forbury

Borough of Reading, Bus Lane Traffic Regulation Consolidation Order (2009)
Schedule 3, Prohibition of vehicles except bus, cycles and hackney carriages.

The Forbury (East/West Section) From a point 85 metres east of its junction with Friar Street in a westerly direction between the northern kerb edge and the central island for a distance of approximately 32 metres.

7) Kings Road

Borough of Reading, Bus Lane Traffic Regulation Consolidation Order (2009)
**Schedule 4, Prohibition of vehicles except bus, cycles and hackney
carriages and motorcycles.**

Kings Road, From a point 7 metres west of its junction with Forbury Road
eastwards to the western kerb line extension of its junction with Forbury
Road


8) Gun Street

Borough of Reading, Bus Lane Traffic Regulation Order (2006)
Schedule 3, Bus, Cycle and Taxi Lane
Gun Street, East to West (With Flow)

THE COMMON SEAL OF)
READING BOROUGH COUNCIL)
was hereunto affixed on the 6th)
day of May 20 (the presence of:-)




Authorised Signatory

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Originator	CA
Seal No.	163/11
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LIST OF SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 - Bus, Cycle and wheelchair accessible taxi lane

SCHEDULE 2 - Prohibition of vehicles except bus, cycle and wheelchair accessible taxi

SCHEDULE 3 - Prohibition of vehicles except bus, cycles, motorcycles and wheelchair accessible taxi

SCHEDULE 4 - Prohibition of motor vehicles except bus, wheelchair accessible taxi and permit holder, Monday to Sunday 7am -11am and 4pm-7pm

SCHEDULE 1

Bus, Cycle and wheelchair accessible taxi lane

1) Gun Street, East to West (With Flow)

The area of the carriageway of that length of Gun Street which extends from its junction with St Mary's Butts to a point 20 metres east of that point.

2) West Street (North to South)

The area of the carriageway of that length of West Street which extends from its junction with Friar Street (Western Section) to its junction with Broad Street and bounded on the west side by a road marking complying with diagram 1049 in Schedule 6 to the Traffic Signs Regulations and general directions.

3) Friar Street (Western Section) East to West Section

The area of carriageway of that length of Friar Street (western section) which extends from its junction with Greyfriars Road and -bounded on the north side by a road marking complying with Diagram 1049 in Schedule 6 to the Traffic Signs Regulations and general directions.

SCHEDULE 2

Prohibition of vehicles except bus, cycle and wheelchair accessible taxi

4) Stanshawe Road

Beyond a point 5 metres east of its junction with Caversham Road in a westbound direction.

5) Oxford Road

From a point 11.5 metres east of its junction with Cheapside in an eastbound direction for a distance of 5 metres.

6) Bridge Street (Reading),

Beyond a point 49 metres south of its junction with Castle Street in a northbound direction to its junction with Castle Street.

7) Duke Street, South to North (Contra Flow)

The area of the carriageway of that length of Duke Street which extends from its junction with London Street (North) to its junction with Kings Road.

8) London Street (North)

The area of the carriageway of the length of London Street, that extends from its junction with Duke Street to its junction with Mill Lane (North)

9) The Forbury (East/West Section)

From a point 85 metres east of its junction with Friar Street in a westerly direction between the northern kerb edge and the central island for a distance of approximately 32 metres.

10) Blagrove Street (East to West Section)

From a point 22 metres west of its junction with Forbury Road (Centre Line) in a westerly direction

11) Blagrove Street (East to West Section)

From a point 14 metres north of its junction with Station Road in a northerly direction

SCHEDULE 3
Prohibition of vehicles except bus, cycles, motorcycles and wheelchair accessible taxi

12) Kings Road

From a point 7 metres west of its junction with Forbury Road eastwards to the western kerb line extension of its junction with Forbury Road

SCHEDULE 4
Prohibition of motor vehicles except bus, wheelchair accessible taxi and permit holder, Monday to Sunday 7am -11am and 4pm-7pm

13) St Marys Butts, Northbound

from its junction with Hosier Street

14) Friar Street , Eastbound,

between its junction with Greyfriars Road and its junction with Station Road

15) Minster Street Westbound,

From its junction with Broad Street

16) West Street, Northbound,

From its junction with St Marys Butts to its junction with Friar Street

17) The Forbury (East/West Section)

The Forbury (East/West Section) From a point 50 metres east of its junction with Friar Street in a westerly direction

