

PUBLIC NOTICE

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) (HIGH STREET, LEIGHTON BUZZARD) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2022

Notice is hereby given that on 18 March 2022 Central Bedfordshire Council made an Experimental Order under Sections 9, 10 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and all other enabling powers, after consultation with the Chief Officer of the Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act.

The order will come into operation on 29 March 2022 and will introduce a Prohibition of Driving on specified days as detailed on the lengths of roads below.

Effect of the Experimental Order:-

To introduce a Prohibition of Driving on Tuesdays and Saturdays on the following length of road in Leighton Buzzard:-

1. High Street, full length.

There will be exemptions for the following;

- A vehicle being used for Police, Ambulance, Fire Service or Special Forces purposes
- A pedal cycle which is not a motor vehicle
- A vehicle used by a market trader in connection with their business at Leighton Buzzard Market (between the hours of 6am – 8.30am and 3pm - 7pm)
- A vehicle being used for or in connection with the delivery of goods for any premises situated on the road specified above and only between the hours of 6am – 08.30am and 5pm – 12pm
- A vehicle being used to access rear parking courts and only between the hours of 6am – 08.30am and 5pm – 12pm

Reason for Experimental Order: The proposal is intended to run a trial of a new traffic flow management system for the High Street to assess its impact on the patronage of local bus services. Implementing this as an Experimental Orders will enable the Council to monitor the scheme and modify or remove it at any time should the need arise.

It is proposed that the Experimental Order will be in operation for up to 18 months. Central Bedfordshire Council will be considering in due course whether the provisions of these Orders should be continued indefinitely. Within a period of 6 months beginning with the day on which the Orders come into force, any person may object to the making of Orders and making the effects permanent.

Date of Operation: The Experimental Orders will come into operation on the 29 March 2022.

Further Details may be examined during normal office hours at the address shown below or viewed online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/publicstatutorynotices.

Comments the Experimental Orders can remain in operation for up to 18 months. Before their effects can be continued in operation by permanent Orders all objections lodged during the trial of the Experimental Orders will have to be considered. Any comments should be sent in writing to the Traffic Management team at the address below or e-mail highways.consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk by 29 September 2022. Any objections must be in writing and state the grounds on which they are made. **All objections must quote unique reference number A00194.**

High Court Challenge: Any person who wishes to question the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained therein on the ground that it is not within the powers of the relevant Section of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or on the ground that any requirement of that Section had not been complied with in relation to the Orders may, within 6 weeks of the 18 March 2022 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

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