

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON (BUS LANES, BUS-ONLY STREETS AND BUS GATES) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL proposes to make the above Order, the effects of which would be:

1. To restrict the use of bus lanes and bus gates within the city by non-Southampton City Council licenced Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles.

Non-Southampton City Council licenced Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles would only be permitted to use the bus lanes and bus gates Monday to Friday between the hours of 7am – 9:30am and 4pm – 6:30pm provided the vehicle was first registered on or after 1st September 2015 for diesel vehicles (reflecting the introduction of Euro 6b emission standards) or, on or after 1st January 2006 for petrol vehicles (reflecting the introduction of Euro 4 emission standards).

Note this only applies to those bus lanes and bus gates which Taxis and Private Hire are currently permitted to use.

These proposals replace the previous The City of Southampton (Bus Lanes, Bus-Only Streets and Bus Gates) Order 2019 proposals.

Copies of the draft Order and statement of reasons will be emailed or posted upon request. Further information may also be obtained from the Highways division on 023 8079 8021.

Any person wishing to comment on or object to the Order must write to the Highways Legal Team at Southampton City Council, Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LY or email [Traffic.Orders.Legal@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:Traffic.Orders.Legal@southampton.gov.uk) quoting the Order Title you are objecting to and stating the grounds for objection, within 21 days of the date of this Notice (i.e. by 19/02/2021).

Dated: 29/01/2021

Richard Ivory, Solicitor  
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Southampton & Fareham Legal Services Partnership



**THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON  
(BUS LANES, BUS-ONLY STREETS AND BUS GATES) ORDER 2021**

Southampton City Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, after consultation with the Chief Office of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the 1984 Act hereby makes the following Order:

**PART ONE – INTRODUCTION**

**CITATION**

- 1.1 This Order shall come into operation on [DATE] and may be cited as The City of Southampton (Bus Lanes, Bus-only Streets and Bus Gates) Order 2021.

**INTERPRETATION**

- 1.2 In this Order, except where otherwise stated, any reference to an Article or Schedule shall be construed as a reference to that Article or Schedule in this Order.
- 1.3 In this Order any reference to an Act, Statutory Instrument or Order shall be construed as a reference to that Act, Statutory Instrument or Order as amended.
- 1.4 In this Order the following expressions shall have the respective meanings assigned to them:
- “Authorised Vehicle” means any vehicle or class of vehicle as specified in schedule A.
- “Bus Lane” means the areas of carriageway described in Columns 1, 2 and 3 of schedule 1, bounded on the nearside by the edge of the carriageway and on the offside by a road marking complying with the diagram at Schedule 9, Part 6, Item 11 of The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 or bounded on the nearside and offside by a road marking complying with the diagram at Schedule 9, Part 6, Item 11 of The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.
- “Bus” means a motor vehicle constructed or adapted to carry more than 8 passengers (exclusive of the driver) and local buses not so constructed or adapted.
- “Bus-only Street” means the lengths of road described in columns 1 and 2 of schedule 3.
- “Contra-flow Bus Lane” means the lengths of road described in columns 1 and 2 of schedule 2.
- “Council” means Southampton City Council.
- “Local Bus” means a Public Service Vehicle used for the provision of a local service not being an excursion or tour.
- “Local Service” has the meaning given in section 2 of the Transport Act 1985.
- “Motor Vehicle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on roads.
- “Pedal Cycle” means a unicycle, bicycle, tricycle, or cycle having four or more wheels, not being in any case mechanically propelled unless it is an electrically assisted pedal cycle of such class as is to be treated as not being a motor vehicle for the purposes of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
- “Permit Holder” means a vehicle which has been issued with a permit for access to Pedestrian Zones in accordance Article 15 of the City of Southampton (Various Roads) (Movement Restrictions) Traffic Regulation Order 2010.
- “Public Service Vehicle” has the meaning given in section 1 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981.

## **PART TWO – BUS LANES, BUS-ONLY STREETS AND BUS GATES**

### **WITH-FLOW BUS LANES**

- 2.1** No person shall cause or permit any vehicle, other than those specified in column 4 of schedule 1, to be in a Bus Lane during the hours specified in column 5 of schedule 1.
- 2.2** No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait, including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading goods from that vehicle, in a Bus Lane during the hours specified in column 6 of schedule 1.

### **CONTRA-FLOW BUS LANES**

- 2.3** No person shall cause or permit any vehicle, other than those specified in column 3 of schedule 2, to proceed along a Contra-flow Bus Lane in the direction specified in column 4 of Schedule 2 during the hours specified in column 6 of schedule 2. All other vehicles must proceed in the direction specified in column 5 of schedule 2.
- 2.4** No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait, including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading goods from that vehicle, in a Contra-flow Bus Lane during the hours specified in column 7 of schedule 2.

### **BUS-ONLY STREETS AND BUS GATES**

- 2.5** No person shall cause or permit any vehicle, other than those specified in column 3 of schedule 3 to be in a Bus-only Street during the hours specified in column 4 of schedule 3.
- 2.6** No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait, including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading goods from that vehicle, in a Bus-only Street during the hours specified in column 5 of schedule 3.

## **PART THREE – EXEMPTIONS**

### **EXEMPTIONS**

- 3.1** Nothing in this Order shall prohibit any vehicle from being in, proceeding along or waiting in a Bus Lane, Contra-flow Bus Lane or Bus-only Street in the following circumstances:
  - (a) The vehicle is directed to, by or with the permission of a Police Officer or Civil Enforcement Officer.
  - (b) The vehicle is being used for fire and rescue authority (within the meaning of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004), ambulance (including providing a response to an emergency at the request of an NHS ambulance service), bomb or explosive disposal, special forces, police or National Crime Agency purposes and the observance of a provision of this Order would be likely to hinder the use of that vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used.
  - (c) Where necessary due to circumstances beyond the drivers control or in order to prevent an accident.
  - (d) To enter or exit from a road or access where such access is only possible from within the Bus Lane, Contra-flow Bus Lane or Bus-only Street.
  - (e) The vehicle is being used in connection with any building, industrial or demolition operations, the removal of any obstruction of traffic, the maintenance improvement or reconstruction of the road, the laying, erection, alteration or repair of any sewer, or of any main, pipe or apparatus, for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telecommunications apparatus where the vehicle cannot be conveniently used for this purpose in any other place.

- (f) The vehicle is being used by or on behalf of the Council in pursuance of a statutory power or duty where the vehicle cannot be conveniently used for this purpose in any other place.
- (g) The vehicle is being used by or on behalf of a statutory undertaker in pursuance of a statutory power or duty where the vehicle cannot be conveniently used for this purpose in any other place.

## **PART FOUR – CONTRAVENTION & REVOCATIONS**

### **CONTRAVENTION**

**4.1** Any person or vehicle failing to comply with the provisions of this Order shall be in contravention of it.

### **REVOCATIONS**

**4.2** The following orders shall be revoked in their entirety:

- (a) The City of Southampton (Bus Lanes, Bus-only Streets and Bus Gates) Order 2017.

THE COMMON SEAL of  
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL  
was hereunto affixed this [XX] day  
of [XXX] in the presence of:

Authorised Signatory

## **SCHEDULE A – AUTHORISED VEHICLES**

The following vehicles or classes of vehicles are Authorised Vehicles for the purposes of this order:

- (a) Hackney carriages licenced by Southampton City Council under the Town Police Clauses Act 1847.
- (b) Private hire vehicles licenced by Southampton City Council under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.
- (c) Monday to Friday between the hours of 7am – 9:30am and 4pm – 6:30pm only, hackney carriages and private hire vehicles licenced by a local authority other than Southampton City Council provided the vehicle was first registered on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 for diesel vehicles (reflecting the introduction of Euro 6b emission standards) or, on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006 for petrol vehicles (reflecting the introduction of Euro 4 emission standards).

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**SCHEDULE 1 – WITH-FLOW BUS LANES**

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>	<b>Column 4</b>	<b>Column 5</b>	<b>Column 6</b>
<b>Road</b>	<b>Side</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Permitted Vehicles</b>	<b>Bus Lane Restricted Hours</b>	<b>Prohibition of Waiting and Loading Restricted Hours</b>
Bassett Avenue and Chilworth Road (Spine Loop) (A33)	West	From 57m north of the southern boundary of 218 Bassett Green Road to 7.5m south of the southern boundary of the southern access to the Petrol Station	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
Bitterne Road West	North	From its junction with Northam Bridge north-eastwards and eastwards to 50m west of its junction with Rampart Road	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
Bitterne Road West	North	From 65m east of its junction with Cobbett Road westwards to 42m west of its junction with Glenfield Avenue	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
Bitterne Road West (Part)	South	From its junction with Maybray King Way north-westwards to the extended boundary of 216 Bitterne Road West and 218 Bitterne Road West	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
Bitterne Road West (Part)	South	From the extended boundary of 70 Bitterne Road West and 72 Bitterne Road West westwards and south-westwards to its junction with Northam Bridge	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
Civic Centre Road	North	From its junction with West Marlands Road eastwards to its junction with Above Bar Street	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
Lances Hill (included in Bitterne Road West) a.k.a. Bitterne Road, Bitterne Village	South-west	From 20m north-west of its junction with Peartree Avenue north-westwards to its junction with Bitterne Road West	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
Link Road from Paynes Road to Millbrook Road West	South	The nearside lane for its entire length	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
London Road	East	From 15m north of its junction with Cumberland Place northwards for 15m (offside lane only)	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
London Road	West	From 40m north of its junction with Carlton Crescent northwards to its junction with the Avenue	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
Maybray King Way (Spine) (Part)	South	From 53m east of its junction with Lances Hill (included in Bitterne Road West) (Bitterne Road, Bitterne Village) westwards to its junction with Bitterne Road West	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
Maybray-King Way (westbound carriageway)	South-west	From its junction with Bursledon Road (western section) north-westwards for 60m	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A

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Road	Side	Description	Permitted Vehicles	Bus Lane Restricted Hours	Prohibition of Waiting and Loading Restricted Hours
New Road	North	From Park Walk eastwards to 50m west of East Park Terrace	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
New Road	North	From 81m east of the eastern kerbline of East Park Terrace eastwards for 110m	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	All
New Road	South	From 173m east of Palmerston Road westwards to 46m east of Palmerston Road	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
New Road	South	From its junction with Kingsway to its junction with Kingsway	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
New Road and Civic Centre Road	South	From 13m west of the junction of New Road with Palmerston Road westwards to 22m east of the junction of Civic Centre Road with Havelock Road	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
Northam Bridge	East	From its junction with Bitterne Road West south-eastwards to 100m north of Northam Service Road	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
Northam Bridge	West	From 90m north of its junction with Union Road northwards for its entire length	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
Northam Road	East and South-east	From 73m south of the southern kerbline of Princes Street to 52.5m north-east of the eastern kerbline of Britannia Road	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	All
Northam Road	South	From 50m east of the eastern kerbline of the spur of Northam Road situated between Nos 33 and 37 eastwards for 57m	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
Portsmouth Road	South	From the western kerbline of Oak Road eastwards for 60m	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
Redbridge Road	South-west	From its junction with Old Redbridge Road north-westwards to its junction with Redbridge Roundabout	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
Shirley Road	North-east	From 93m south-east of the south-eastern kerbline of Malmesbury Road to 47m north-west of the north-western kerbline of Howard Road	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	All

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Road	Side	Description	Permitted Vehicles	Bus Lane Restricted Hours	Prohibition of Waiting and Loading Restricted Hours
Shirley Road	North-east	From 20m north-west of the north western kerbline of Tintern Grove south-eastwards for 160m	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
Six Dials (Westbound Carriageway)	South	The entire length of the nearside one of the two lanes leading to New Road on the approach to the junction with Kingsway	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
The Avenue	West	From its junction with London Road northwards to 33m south of the southern kerbline of Archers Road	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
The Avenue	West	From 15m north of the northern kerb-line of Archers Road northwards to 8m south of the northern kerbline of Banister Road	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
West End Road	South-east	From 10m south-west of its junction with the slip road from the eastbound carriageway of Maybray-King Way south-westwards for 80m	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A

**Note** – This draft order reflects the changes introduced under The City of Southampton (A3024) (Bus Lane) Experimental Order 2020, however a decision has yet to be taken on whether to make that order permanent.



**SCHEDULE 2 – CONTRA-FLOW BUS LANES**

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>	<b>Column 4</b>	<b>Column 5</b>	<b>Column 6</b>	<b>Column 7</b>
<b>Road</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Permitted Vehicles</b>	<b>Direction of Travel for Permitted Vehicles</b>	<b>Direction of Travel for all other vehicles</b>	<b>Restricted Hours</b>	<b>Prohibition of Waiting and Loading Restricted Hours</b>
Above Bar Street	From 9m south of the southern kerbline of Brunswick Place southwards for 25m	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	North	South	All	N/A

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**SCHEDULE 3 – BUS-ONLY STREETS**

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>	<b>Column 4</b>	<b>Column 5</b>
<b>Road</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Permitted Vehicles</b>	<b>Restricted Hours</b>	<b>Prohibition of Waiting and Loading Restricted Hours</b>
Aldermoor Road	The entire length of the turning bay situated on the eastern side of Aldermoor Road near its junction with Coxford Road	1 - Buses	All	N/A
Eastbound link road from Bitterne Road West to Bitterne Road (Lance's Hill)	From its junction with the eastbound carriageway of Bitterne Road West to its junction with the westbound carriageway of Maybray-King Way	1 - Buses 2 - Authorised Vehicles	All	N/A
The slip road on the northern side of the junction of Wright's Hill and Weston Lane	From its junction with Wright's Hill eastwards to its junction with Weston Lane	1 - Buses	All	N/A
The Itchen Bridge Bus Lane	For its entire length	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles	All	N/A
Vincent's Walk	From 57m south of the southern kerbline of Poundtree Road southwards for 30.5m	1 - Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Authorised Vehicles	All	All
Bargate Street	From its junction with Portland Terrace to its junction with West Bargate	1 - Local Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Permit Holders	All	N/A
Hanover Buildings	From its junction with West Bargate to 10m west of the western kerb-line of York Walk	1 - Local Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Permit Holders	All	N/A
West Bargate	From its junction with West Bargate to its junction with Hanover Buildings	1 - Local Buses 2 - Pedal Cycles 3 - Permit Holders	All	N/A

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Statement of Reasons

This Order is being proposed for the following reasons:

- To manage and improve air quality.
- For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.
- To promote a high operating standard for licensed taxis operating in the city.
- To promote new licenced taxi emission standards.

Southampton City Council is proposing the implementation of a measure to restrict access to bus lanes and bus gates by non-Southampton City Council taxis and private hire vehicles under its Local NO2 Plan and the associated ministerial direction.

In authorising the advertisement of these proposals the Council has given consideration to its duty under s122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway (while having regard to the matters specified in s122 subsection (2) of that Act).