

**OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BURFORD - 7.5 TONNE GOODS VEHICLE WEIGHT RESTRICTION)
(EXPERIMENTAL) ORDER 2020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 20 July 2020 Oxfordshire County Council made the above experimental Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The effect of the order, which comes into force on **5 August 2020**, is to prevent goods vehicles that exceed 7.5 tonnes passing through Burford town using the following roads:

- 1) the A361 (The Hill & High Street) from the A40 Burford roundabout to the A424/A361 Fulbrook mini-roundabout,
- 2) Barns Lane from its junction at Burford roundabout.
- 3) Tanners Lane from the A40.

(Witney Street and Sheep Street are currently covered by weight limits and these are unchanged).

Alternative routes for HGV traffic will be informed of the restriction using advance road signage on the A40, A44, A361, A422, A424, A429 & A436.

Permit applications for exemption will be managed by Burford Town Council from HGV owners/operators who are locally based. Details of the scheme are outlined below.

This Experimental Order will remain in force for a period of up to eighteen months from 5 August 2020. Burford Town Council and County Council will monitor the effects of the order and report to OCC traffic committee accordingly.

The Order contains provisions allowing the Council's Director of Communities/Infrastructure Delivery to modify or suspend the Order or any provisions of the Order after carrying out statutory consultation in accordance with Section 10(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The County Council will be considering in due course (after 6 months) whether the provisions of the experimental Order should be continued in force indefinitely. Any person may object to the making of such Order for the purposes of such indefinite continuation within a period of six months -

- a) beginning with the day on which the Experimental Order came into force, or
- b) if the Order is varied by any order made by the County Council or modified by the Director of Communities/Infrastructure Delivery pursuant to Section 10(2) of the 1984 Act, beginning with the day on which the variation or modification came into force.

Any such objection must be sent in writing within 6 months from **5 August 2020** to the address below and state the grounds on which it is made.

Documents, including a copy of this notice, the experimental Order, a road plan showing the areas of restriction, and a copy of the Statement of Reasons for making the order are available for public inspection online by visiting:

<https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk>, Copies may be made available on request. These documents will remain on deposit for the duration of the Experimental Order.

If the Council decides that the provisions of the experimental Order (or subsequent variation or modification) should be continued in force indefinitely, they will be incorporated into the existing Oxfordshire County Council (Oxfordshire 7.5 tonne Maximum Gross Weight Restriction) Order 2007 (as amended).

The County Council will consider objections and representations received in response to this notice. They may be disseminated widely for these purposes and made available to the public.

Burford Town Council (BTC) HGV Exemption Scheme:

Locally based HGV owners/operators (for load/goods carrying purposes) may apply for a permit exempting them from the restrictions (allowing them to drive through without the need to stop in the town).

BTC* will administer the scheme which includes the provision of permit application documents and their management (GDPR compliant), criteria for permit allocation, their duration, cost and renewal procedures, and the displaying on vehicles of permits supplied by BTC.

BTC will alone decide on eligibility to grant a permit, and action to take in the event of non-compliance with application and renewal requirements, and/or permit conditions of use (vehicle specific – non-transferable).

Enforcement of the restriction will be undertaken by BTC manually and by camera recording. Breaches will be considered for written warnings by BTC, or for prosecution by the preparation of a court file - to be undertaken by Oxfordshire County Council.

There will be statutory exemptions for emergency services, for any HGV delivering or collecting goods within the restricted roads, and for utility services, as well as for non-goods vehicles e.g. agricultural vehicles, private horse transports, fairground vehicles, military vehicles.

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