

WEST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
BARTHOLOMEW STREET, BRIDGE STREET, MANSION HOUSE STREET, MARKET PLACE, NORTHBROOK
STREET AND WHARF STREET, NEWBURY
(PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES) (10:00AM TO 11:00PM)
(EXPERIMENTAL) ORDER 2025

West Berkshire District Council has made an Order under Section 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the Act”) and all other enabling powers, the effect of which is to prohibit all motor vehicles from proceeding as follows:

IN THE TOWN OF NEWBURY
PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (10:00AM TO 11:00PM) NEWBURY

BARTHOLOMEW STREET (excluding that length of the carriageway leading from the junction with Market Street to the entrance to the Multi Storey Car Park)	Between its junction with Market Street and its junction with Mansion House Street, a distance of approximately 245 metres.
BRIDGE STREET	Between its junction with Bartholomew Street and its junction with Northbrook Street, a distance of approximately 38 metres.
MANSION HOUSE STREET	Between its junction with Bartholomew Street and its junction with Market Place, a distance of approximately 48 metres.
MARKET PLACE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Between its junction with Wharf Street and its junction with Mansion House Street, a distance of approximately 32 metres. b. Between its junction with Mansion House Street and its junction with Cheap Street, a distance of approximately 100 metres.
NORTHBROOK STREET	Between its junction with Bridge Street and its junction with West Street, a distance of approximately 270 metres.
WHARF STREET	Between its junction with Market Place and a point approximately 69 metres east of that junction.

The **West Berkshire District Council Various Roads (In the town of Newbury, Thatcham and Hungerford) and (In the Parishes East Ilsley, Holybrook, and Shaw-Cum-Donnington) (Prohibition of Motor vehicles, Bus Lane) and (One Way Traffic) Order 2016, Schedule 1** will be suspended in its entirety whilst this Experimental Order remains in force.

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The Council has given due regard to its duties under Section 122 and considers the proposed Order as necessary:

- i) For the purposes of avoiding danger to persons using the affected roads and for preventing the likelihood of such danger arising.
- ii) For facilitating the passage on the affected roads by pedestrians and cyclists
- iii) For preserving and improving the amenities of the area through which the affected roads run.

The Council intends to proceed with the proposed Order by way of experiment so that the public's response to the Order may be assessed over a trial period, after which the Council will consider whether it is appropriate to make the Order permanent.

The effect of the Order will be to extend the hours of the Pedestrian and Cycle Zone in Newbury town centre from 10am-5pm to 10am-11pm.

The proposed extension to the hours of the Pedestrian and Cycle Zone will reduce conflict between motorised and non-motorised traffic between the hours of 5pm and 11pm. This will provide a safer traffic-free environment for users of the town centre in the late afternoon and evening periods and will encourage sustainable travel, particularly active travel. It will provide safer and more pleasant outdoor space for customers of local hospitality businesses and allow outdoor community events to take place more easily, which in turn will create a more attractive visitor experience for the town centre and help support the local economy.

Copies of the Order and explanatory Statement can be inspected during the hours of 9.00a.m. to 4.30p.m. Mondays to Fridays at the offices of West Berkshire District Council (at main reception on the ground floor), Council Offices Market Street Newbury Berkshire RG14 5LD and on the Council's website at www.westberks.gov.uk/consultations

The Council will be considering in due course whether the provisions of the Order should be continued in force indefinitely. Within the period of the Order (6 months) from the 19th May 2025 (or if the Order is subsequently varied by another Order under Section 9 of the Act or modified pursuant to sub-section (2) of Section 10 of the Act from the coming into operation of that variation or modification whichever is the latest) any person may object to the making of an Order for the purposes of such indefinite continuation. Any such objection must be in writing and must give the grounds on which it is made and must be sent to the undersigned quoting reference 009194HH.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or any instrument under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may, within six weeks from the 6th May 2025 apply to the High Court for this purpose

The Order was made on the 6th May 2025 and will come into operation on the 19th May 2025 and will be in force until the 19th November 2026

Dated 8th May 2025

Jon Winstanley, Service Director, Environment, West Berkshire District Council, Market Street Newbury Berkshire RG14 5LD