

WATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER
THE BOROUGH OF WATFORD
(HIGH STREET, WATFORD)
(WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2026

Watford Borough Council, pursuant to arrangements made under Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Arrangement for discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2000 with Hertfordshire County Council, and in exercise of powers conferred on that Council under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (which said Act of 1984 is hereinafter referred to as "the 1984 Act") and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the 1984 Act 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 1984 Act, hereby makes the following Order:

PART ONE - INTRODUCTION

CITATION

- 1.1. This order shall come into operation on XXXXX 2026 and may be cited as The Borough of Watford (High Street, Watford) (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2026.

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, Regulation 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:

"Civil Enforcement Officer" means a person appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 76 Traffic Management Act 2004

"Council" means Watford Borough Council

"Goods Vehicle" has the same meaning as given in Schedule 1 to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

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

“Motor Vehicle” has the same meaning as in Section 136 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

“Taxi” has the same meaning as in Schedule 1 to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

PART TWO - PROHIBITION OF WAITING

- 2.1** Save as provided in Part 3 of this order, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to stop, wait, or load within the length of road specified in Columns 1, 2 and 3 in Schedule 1 to this Order with the exception of Goods Vehicles which may wait, load or unload between the hours of 2am and 9am Monday to Friday or Taxis which may wait, load or unload between the hours of Midnight to 2am and 9am to Midnight Monday to Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday.

PART THREE - EXEMPTIONS

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- 3.1** Nothing in Part 2 of this Order applies to the lengths of road restricted by that Article (which said lengths of road are referred to in this Article as “the restricted area”) in relation to –

- (a) a vehicle being used for Fire and Rescue, Ambulance or Police purposes.
- (b) anything done with the permission of or at the direction of a Police Constable in uniform; or with permission of a Civil Enforcement Officer as defined by the Traffic Management Act 2004 and appointed by Watford Borough Council.
- (c) a vehicle which is prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond the drivers control or which has stopped in order to avoid injury or damage to persons or property or when required to do so by law;
- (d) a vehicle which is stationary in order that it may be used for one or more of the purposes specified in Article 3.2 and which cannot reasonably be used for such a purpose without stopping in the restricted area;
- (e) a marked vehicle which, whilst used by a universal service provider in the course of the provision of a universal postal service, is stationary only for so long as may be reasonably necessary for postal packets to be delivered or collected;

In this Article –

The expressions “universal service provider”, “provision of a universal postal Service” and “postal packet” shall bear the same meanings as in Section 65 of the Postal Services Act 2011.

3.2 The “purposes” referred to in sub-Article 3.1(d) of this Article are –

- (a) any operation involving building, demolition or excavation;
- (b) the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
- (c) the maintenance, improvement, or reconstruction of a road;
- (d) constructing, improving, maintaining, or cleaning of any street furniture; or
- (e) the laying, erection, alteration, repair or cleaning of any sewer or of any main pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity, or of any telecommunications apparatus kept or installed for the purposes of a telecommunications code system or of any other telecommunications apparatus lawfully kept installed in any position.

PART FOUR – REVOCATION

4.1 In accordance with Part IV of Schedule 9 of the 1984 Act the following order is to be revoked only in respect of the length of the roads affected by this Order:

The Borough of Watford (High Street, Watford) (Waiting Restrictions Order) 2004.

PART FIVE – SUMMARY

5.1 The restrictions, prohibitions and requirements imposed by this Order are in addition to and not in derogation of any restriction, prohibition or requirement imposed by any other enactment and any exception or exemption to the provisions of this Order is without prejudice to the provisions of any other enactment.

5.2 References to any statutory provision herein shall include reference to any statutory modification substitution or re-enactment thereof.

Dated this day of 2026

THE COMMON SEAL of THE WATFORD)
BOROUGH COUNCIL was hereunto)
Affixed this day of 2026

In the presence of:

Authorised Officer
Watford Borough Council

SCHEDULE 1

**Goods Vehicles Loading Only Monday to Friday 2am to 9am. No Waiting
Except Taxis Midnight to 2am & 9am to Midnight Monday to Friday and
All day Saturday and Sunday.**

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Street	Side	Description
High Street, Watford	South West Side	From a point 90 metres north west of its junction with King Street for a distance of 40 metres in a north westerly direction