

WATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

THE BOROUGH OF WATFORD A411 HEMPSTEAD ROAD SERVICE ROAD, WATFORD) (DISABLED BADGE HOLDERS AND TAXIS) 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 and 4, 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 (A411 Hempstead Road Service Road Watford) (Disabled Badge Holders and Taxis) 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

“Disabled Persons Vehicle” has the same meaning as in Section 142 (1) of the Act of 1984

“Disabled Persons Badge” has the same meaning as in The Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles)(England)Regulations 2000.

“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

"Relevant Position" means

a) In relation to the display on a vehicle of a disabled persons badge which it is displayed in accordance with the provisions of The Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (England) Regulations 2000.

b) In relation to the display on a vehicle of a valid ticket or permit on the front or nearside of the vehicle as specified in relation thereto in the definition of "valid" hereafter

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

Valid" in relation to a disabled persons badge means that

a) badge is clearly displayed on the vehicle left within the marked area of the highway and

b) The date of expiry of the badge has not elapsed

c) The badge is clearly displayed on the dashboard or fascia of the vehicle.

d) The time of arrival is indicated on the disabled persons badge and shall not exceed the time of stay set out in Schedule 1 of this order.

PART TWO – SHARED USE BAY – RESTRICTION OF USE

- 2.1** Save as provided in Part 3 of this order, in the area of road specified in Schedule 1 of this order, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle, to wait, load or unload within the marked bay. except for a disabled persons vehicles which displays the relevant position of a disabled persons badge, and which is parked wholly within the marked bay, during the hours of 6am to 5pm (7 days a week).
- 2.2** Save as provided in Part 3 of this order, in the area of road specified in Schedule 1 of this order, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle except for a taxi to wait, load or unload within the marked bay between the hours of 5pm to Midnight and Midnight to 6am (7 days a week).

PART THREE - EXEMPTIONS

EXEMPTIONS

- 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 –SUPERSEDED

- 4.1** This order supersedes any previous order, in relation to the area of road set out in Schedule 1 of this order.

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

Disabled Badge Holders Only – Monday to Sunday 6am to 5pm (Maximum Stay 3 hours no return within 2 hours) and No Waiting Except Taxis 5pm to Midnight and Midnight to 6am

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Street	Side	Description
A411 Hempstead Road Service Road	East Side of the Service Road, located adjacent to Watford Library.	From a point 6 metres southwest of the west side of the access to the Avenue Clinic, for a distance of 16 metres.