

PUBLIC NOTICE

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE 7.5 TONNES HEAVY GOODS VEHICLE WEIGHT RESTRICTION ON VARIOUS ROADS IN DUNSTABLE AND HOUGHTON REGIS

Reason for the proposal: The proposed Order is considered necessary on the grounds of promoting road safety and improving the environment of the area. The proposed restriction would prohibit HGVs over 7.5 tonnes from using roads in the zone identified below as through routes. The proposal is primarily intended to protect residential streets from extraneous lorry traffic. The restriction would also force heavy goods vehicles to make full use of the major road network in the area, including new roads currently under construction that will be open before these restrictions come into force.

Effect of the Order:

To introduce a 7.5 tonnes HGV Weight Restriction on roads in Houghton Regis, as follows:-

- The proposed weight restriction covers most roads in Houghton Regis, except for Houghton Road from High Street North, Dunstable to Morrisons. The restricted zone will incorporate existing weight restrictions covering the Tithe Farm and Parkside areas.
- The entry points to the weight restriction zone are at:-
 - a) Thorn Road, to the east of A5 London Road;
 - b) A5120 Bedford Road to the south of the planned M1-A5 link road;
 - c) Sundon Road, Chalton to the south-west of the connecting road to the Woodside link road;
 - d) Parkside Drive to the north of the planned Woodside link road;
 - e) Park Road North to the north-west of the planned Woodside link road;
 - f) Cemetery Road to the south of Queen Street;
 - g) Cumberland Street to the south of Queen Street;
 - h) King Street to the south of A5120 High Street;
 - i) A5120 High Street to the east of Cemetery Road.

To introduce a 7.5 tonnes HGV Weight Restriction on roads in East Dunstable, as follows:-

- The proposed weight restriction zone covers roads in East Dunstable, except for A505 Luton Road, Dunstable.
- The entry points to the weight restriction zone are at:-
 - j) Poynters Road, Dunstable to the south-east of Porz Avenue;
 - k) Poynters Road, Dunstable at its junction with Brunel Road;
 - l) Poynters Road, Dunstable at its junction with Leagrave High Street;
 - m) Poynters Road, Dunstable at its junction with Emerald Road;
 - n) Poynters Road, Dunstable to the north of A505 Luton Road;
 - o) Evelyn Road, Dunstable to the north of A505 Luton Road;
 - p) Linden Road, Dunstable to the north of A505 Luton Road;
 - q) Woodford Road, Dunstable to the north of A505 Luton Road;
 - r) Ridgeway Avenue, Dunstable to the north of A505 Luton Road.

To introduce a 7.5 tonnes HGV Weight Restriction on roads in Central, West and South Dunstable, as follows:-

- The proposed weight restriction zone covers roads in Dunstable, except for specific routes to commercial areas, including A505 Luton Road and Boscombe Road to Woodside Industrial Estate. The restricted zone will incorporate existing weight restrictions covering the Capron Road/Olma Road, North-west Quadrant area, Court Drive area, Kingsway area, South-east Quadrant area and South-west Quadrant area.
- The entry points to the weight restriction zone are at:-
 - s) Brewers Hill Road to the south-west of Creasey Park Drive;
 - t) A5 High Street North to the south-east of A5120 Houghton Road/Brewers Hill Road;
 - u) Olma Road, to the south-east of Houghton Road;
 - v) College Drive immediately to the south-west of the Asda delivery access;
 - w) Kingsway, to the south of College Drive;
 - x) A505 Luton Road to the west of the western leg of the Boscombe Road gyratory;
 - y) A5 London Road to the south-east of Beech Road (continuous from proposed weight restriction to the south of Dunstable);
 - z) Beech Road, to the south-west Lowther Road at its boundary with Kensworth Parish (continuous from proposed weight restriction to the south of Dunstable);
 - aa) B4541 Whipsnade Road, at its boundary with Whipsnade Parish (continuous from proposed weight restriction to the south of Dunstable);
 - bb) B489 Tring Road, to the south-west of Totternhoe Road (continuous from proposed weight restriction to the south of Dunstable);
 - cc) Totternhoe Road, to the north-west of B489 Tring Road (continuous from existing weight restriction in Totternhoe).

Exemptions: The proposed Orders will include exemptions to allow heavy goods vehicles over 7.5 tonnes to enter the restricted zone for access and delivery requirements. There will also be exemptions for emergency vehicles, for certain other building and maintenance purposes and for professional driver training and testing purposes.

Further Details may be examined during normal office hours at the address shown below, viewed online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/weightlimits or tel. 0300 3005003.

Comments should be sent in writing to the Traffic Management team at the address below or e-mail traffic.consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk by 12 August 2016. Any objections must state the grounds on which they are made.

Order Title: If made will be “Central Bedfordshire Council (Various Roads, Houghton Regis) (Weight Restriction) Order 201*”; “Central Bedfordshire Council (Various Roads, East Dunstable) (Weight Restriction) Order 201*”; and “Central Bedfordshire Council (Various Roads, Dunstable, Billington, Totternhoe, Eaton Bray, Whipsnade, Studham, Kensworth, Caddington and Slip End Area) (Weight Restriction) Order 201*”

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