

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

The Oxfordshire County Council (“the Council”) in exercise of its powers under Section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the Act”) and all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, make the following Order.

1. This Order may be cited as the Oxfordshire County Council (Burford 7.5 tonne Goods Vehicle Weight Restriction) (Experimental) Order 2020 and shall come into force on the fifth day of August 2020.
  
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  - (1) Any reference in this Order to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended or replaced by any subsequent enactment.
  
  - (2) Words importing the masculine gender shall also include the feminine gender and words in the singular include the plural and vice versa.
  
  - (3) The restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation from any restriction or requirement imposed by any other enactment.
  
  - (4) Any reference in this Order to a numbered Article shall unless the context otherwise requires be construed as a reference to the numbered Article bearing that number in this Order.
  
3. In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the following meanings:  
  
“articulated vehicle” means a vehicle with a trailer so attached to it as to be partially superimposed upon it;  
  
“goods vehicle” means a motor vehicle or trailer constructed or adapted for use for the carriage or haulage of goods or burden of any description;  
  
“maximum gross weight” means:
  - (a) in the case of a motor vehicle not drawing a trailer or in the case of a trailer, its maximum laden weight;
  - (b) in the case of an articulated vehicle, its maximum laden weight (if it has one) and otherwise the aggregate maximum laden weight of all the individual vehicles forming part of that articulated vehicle; and
  - (c) in the case of a motor vehicle (other than an articulated vehicle) drawing one or more trailers, the aggregate maximum laden weight of the motor vehicle and the trailer or trailers drawn by it.

“maximum laden weight” means:

- in relation to a vehicle (including a vehicle which is a trailer),
- (a) in the case of a vehicle as respects which a gross weight not to be exceeded in Great Britain is specified in Construction and Use requirements (as defined by Section 41(8) of the Road Traffic Act 1988), the weight so specified;
- (b) in the case of a vehicle as respects which no such weight is so specified, the weight which the vehicle is designed or adapted not to exceed when in normal use and travelling on a road laden;

“Permit Scheme” means a scheme administered by Burford Town Council exempting specific vehicles/operators registered with said Council from the restrictions applicable to vehicles not so registered;

“trailer” means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle;

“Restricted Road(s)” means those lengths of road specified in the schedule to this order;

“Restricted Vehicle” means an Articulated Vehicle or Goods Vehicle with a maximum gross weight exceeding 7.5 tonnes.

- 4 Save as provided by Articles 5 & 6, no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform or a traffic warden, cause or permit a Restricted Vehicle to proceed in any Restricted Road(s) specified in the Schedule to this Order.
- 5 Nothing in Article 4 of this Order shall have effect so as to prevent such access as may be reasonably required, for vehicles of any class or description:
  - (1) to any premises or land accessible from a Restricted Road, or situated within or adjacent to any Restricted Road, or for loading onto or unloading from the vehicle in any such roads;
  - (2) operating under a Permit Scheme by Burford Town Council.
6. Nothing in Article 4 of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a vehicle to proceed in any such length of road if it is being used:
  - (1) for the purposes of police, fire or ambulance services,
  - (2) in connection with any of the following:
    - (a) undertaking any building operation, demolition or excavation in or adjacent to the road;
    - (b) moving any obstruction to traffic from the road;
    - (c) undertaking works in or adjacent to the road in relation to any sewer or water main or in relation to the supply of gas, water, electricity or communication services;
    - (d) undertaking works to any traffic sign or road lighting;

- (e) carrying out any statutory functions of a local authority;
- (3) in connection with military purposes or training operations.

7. The County Council is satisfied under Section 3 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 that on the grounds of:

- (1) avoiding danger to persons or traffic, or for preventing the likelihood of danger arising;
- (2) preventing damage to roads or buildings or other structures on or near the road;
- (3) facilitating of passage of vehicular traffic on the road;
- (4) preserving or improving amenities of the area by prohibiting /restricting heavy goods vehicles,

that vehicles defined as Restricted Vehicles should be prohibited (except as provide in articles 5 and 6 of this order) from using Restricted Roads.

8. If the Council decides that the provisions of the Experimental Order (together with any subsequent variation or modification as applicable) should be continued in force indefinitely, they will be incorporated (by amendment) into the Oxfordshire County Council (Oxfordshire 7.5 tonne Maximum Gross Weight Restriction) Order 2007 (as amended).

**GIVEN UNDER** the Common Seal of the Oxfordshire County Council  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

**SCHEDULE**

**Restricted Roads:**

A361 High Street, Lower High Street and The Hill	From its junction with the A40 Burford roundabout, northwards	to its junction with the A424 Fulbrook roundabout
Barns Lane	From its junction with the A40 Burford roundabout, northwards	for its entire length
Tanners Lane	From its junction with the A40, northwards	for its entire length.

**THE COMMON SEAL** of **THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

Solicitor / Designated Officer