

**THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL
TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

**THE DISTRICT OF THREE RIVERS
(SCHOOL MEAD, ABBOTS LANGLEY) (OFF-STREET PARKING)
ORDER NO.2 2026**

Coming into Operation: 27 February 2026

Three Rivers District Council, pursuant to arrangements made with the Hertfordshire County Council under Section 19 Local Government Act 2000 and Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2000, and in exercise of powers conferred on that County under sections, 32, 33, 35 and 124 of Part I and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officers of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the aforementioned 1984 Act, makes the following Order:

PART 1 - GENERAL

CITATION AND COMMENCEMENT

1. This Order shall come into operation on 27 February 2026 and may be cited as THE DISTRICT OF THREE RIVERS (SCHOOL MEAD, ABBOTS LANGLEY) (OFF-STREET PARKING) ORDER 2025

INTERPRETATION

2.
 - (1) In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meaning hereby respectively assigned to them:

“Carriageway” has the same meaning as in section 329(1) of the Highways Act 1980

“Council” means Three Rivers District Council and includes any parking services contractors or authorised agent appointed by and acting on behalf of the Council for the purposes of any function under the provisions of this Order;

“Civil Enforcement Officer” means a person authorised by or on behalf of the Council to supervise any parking place and who is appointed by the Three Rivers District Council under section 76 of the Traffic Management Act 2004;

“Disabled Persons Badge” has the same meaning as in the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (England) Regulations 2000;

“Disabled Person’s Vehicle” means a vehicle displaying a valid Disabled Persons Badge and Parking Disc;

“Driver”, in relation to a vehicle waiting in a parking place or restricted waiting area, means the person driving the vehicle at the time it was left in the parking place or restricted waiting area;

“Dwelling” means a house or self-contained flat registered for Council Tax purposes

“Enactment” means any enactment, whether public general or local, and includes any order, bylaw, rule, regulation, scheme or other instrument having effect by virtue of enactment;

“Motorcycle/s” has the same meaning as in Section 136 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

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

“Owner”, in relation to a vehicle, means the person by whom such vehicle is kept and used and in determining who the owner of a vehicle was at any time it shall be presumed that the owner was the person in whose name the vehicle was at that time registered under the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994

“Parking Bay” means any area within the parking place or part thereof which is provided for the leaving of one vehicle only at a time, unless specifically provided for more than one vehicle, and is indicated as such by markings placed on the surface of the parking place to show the limits of each individual parking bay;

“Parking Place” means the School Mead, Abbots Langley parking bays as detailed in Schedule 1 to this Order and depicted on the Order map, being an area of land, including any access way, that is provided by the Council under section 32 of the 1984 Act for use as an off-street parking place;

“Parking Disc” has the same meaning as in the Disabled Persons (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (England) Regulations 2000

“Passenger Vehicle/s” means a Motor Vehicle constructed solely for the carriage of passengers and their effects and adapted to carry not more than twelve passengers exclusive of the Driver, and not drawing a trailer

“Postal packet” shall bear the same meaning as in Section 65 of the Postal Services Act 2011.

“Provision of a universal postal Service” shall bear the same meaning as in Section 65 of the Postal Services Act 2011.

“Temporary Parking Restriction Dispensation Permit” means a written or electronic document issued by the Council, subject to change, which exempts a vehicle from certain parking restrictions.

“Universal service provider” shall bear the same meaning as in Section 65 of the Postal Services Act 2011.

- (2) Any reference in this Order to a numbered Article or Schedule shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to the Article or Schedule bearing that number in this Order.
- (3) Any reference in this Order to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended, applied, consolidated, re-enacted by or as having effect by virtue of any subsequent enactment.
- (4) For the purposes of this Order a vehicle shall be regarded as displaying a disabled persons badge in the relevant position when it is so regarded for the purposes of Regulation 4(1) of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (England) Regulations 2000.
- (5) The restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation from any restriction or requirement imposed by any other regulations made or having effect as if made under the Act of 1984 or by or under any other enactment.
- (6) The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

PART 2 CONDITIONS OF USE OF PARKING PLACES

VEHICLES FOR WHICH PARKING PLACES ARE DESIGNATED

- 2.1. Each parking place referred to in Schedule 1 may be used, subject to the provisions of this Order, for the leaving during permitted hours of such vehicles, as are passenger vehicles, goods vehicles (the overall height of which does not exceed 2.3 metres and the overall height does not exceed 5 metres) and motorcycles.

USE OF PARKING PLACES

- 2.2. A vehicle left in a Parking Place must be parked wholly within the boundary of that Parking Bay.
- 2.3. No vehicle left in a Parking Place shall be in a position which prevents access to any premises, or which obstructs other road users.
- 2.4. The driver of a Motor Vehicle using a Parking Place must stop the engine as soon as the vehicle is in position and must not start the engine except to change the position of the vehicle or depart from the Parking Place.
- 2.5. Unless the prior written consent of the Council is obtained no vehicle left in a Parking Place shall be used in connection with the sales of any goods or services except where goods (including postal parcels) are being delivered to any premises in the immediate area.

SUSPENSION OF PARKING PLACES

2.6. The Council or any person so authorised by the Council may suspend the use of any Parking Place or part of a Parking Place without prior notice.

(1) Any person duly authorised by the Council may suspend the use of a parking place or any part thereof whenever they consider such suspension reasonably necessary:

- (a) For the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting its safety;
- (b) For the purpose of any building operation, demolition or excavation adjacent to the parking place, the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the highway or the cleansing of gullies in or adjacent to the parking place, the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or adjacent to the parking place of any sewer or of any main, pipe, or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any electronic communications network or the placing, maintenance or removal of any traffic sign;
- (c) For the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the parking place on any occasion of the remove of furniture to or from one office or dwelling adjacent to the parking place from or two a depository, another office or dwelling;
- (d) On any occasion on which it is likely by reason of some special attraction that any street will be thronged or obstructed; or
- (e) For the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the parking place at times of weddings and funerals, or on other special occasions.

(2) A Police constable in uniform may suspend the use of a parking place for no longer than twenty-four hours whenever they consider such suspension reasonably necessary for the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting safety.

(3) Any person suspending the use of a parking place or any part thereof in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article shall thereupon place or cause to be placed in or adjacent to that parking place or part thereof a traffic sign indicating that waiting by vehicles is prohibited.

(4) No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to be waiting in a parking place or any part thereof during which such period as there is in or adjacent to that parking place or part thereof a traffic sign placed in pursuance of paragraph (3) above provided that nothing in this paragraph shall apply –

- (a) In respect to any vehicle being used for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes or any vehicle which is waiting for any reason specified in paragraph (1)(b), (d) or (e) above; or

- (b) To anything done with permission of the person suspending the use of the parking place or part thereof in pursuance of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article.

2.7. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait in a Parking Place which has been suspended.

REMOVAL OF VEHICLES

2.8. Where a vehicle is in contravention of Articles 2.1 to 2.5 the Council or any person so authorised by the Council or a Police constable in uniform, or Civil Enforcement Officer in uniform may remove the vehicle or arrange for the vehicle to be removed from the Parking Place in any manner as they consider necessary.

2.9. Any person removing or arranging for a vehicle to be removed under Article 2.9 must make such arrangement as reasonably necessary for the reasonable safe custody of that vehicle.

LIMITED WAITING

2.10. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait in the Parking Places specified in columns 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 1 during the hours specified in column 4 of Schedule 1 for longer than the period of time specified in column 5 of Schedule 1.

2.11. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle waiting in the Parking Places specified in columns 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 1 during the hours specified in column 4 of Schedule 1 to return to the same Parking Place within the period of time specified in column 6 of Schedule 1.

PART 3 - EXEMPTIONS

GENERAL EXEMPTIONS

3.1. Nothing in this Order shall prohibit any vehicle from waiting for as long as reasonably necessary in the following circumstances:

- (a) Anything done with the permission of or at the direction of a Police Constable in uniform; or with the permission of a Civil Enforcement Officer
- (b) A vehicle being used for Fire and Rescue, Ambulance or Police purposes;
- (c) To prevent a road traffic collision
- (d) The vehicle cannot be moved due to an unavoidable breakdown
- (e) The vehicle, not being a Passenger Vehicle, is stopped or waiting only for so long as may be reasonably necessary to enable it to be used for the purpose of any building operation, demolition or excavation or the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of any said lengths of road or the laying erection, alteration, removal or repair of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or any telegraphic line or traffic sign in any said lengths of road

- (f) The vehicle, not being a Passenger Vehicle, is in actual use in connection with the removal of furniture from one office or dwelling to another or the removal of furniture from such premises to a depository or to such premises from a depository, provided that notice is given twenty-four hours in advance to the Council and their consent is obtained and any conditions imposed are complied with
- (g) The vehicle is being used for the purpose of delivering or collecting postal packets
- (h) 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 it is required to do so by law.
- (i) A vehicle which is stationary in order that it may be used for one or more of the purposes specified in Article 3.2 below and which cannot reasonably be used for such a purpose without stopping in the restricted area; or
- (j) 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.
- (k) In this Article –
The expression “universal service provider”, “provision of a universal postal service” and “postal packet” shall have the same meanings as in the Postal Services Act 2000.

3.2. The purposes referred to in Article 3.1(i) 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 the laying, erection, alteration, repair, or cleaning of any sewer or of any main pipe or apparatus lawfully kept installed in any position.

LIMITED WAITING EXEMPTIONS

- 3.3. Nothing in Article 2.10 & 2.11 shall apply to a vehicle waiting for as long as necessary in the following circumstances:
- a) The vehicle is a Disabled Persons Vehicle
 - b) The vehicle is a cleaning or refuse vehicle collecting rubbish in the immediate vicinity
 - c) The vehicle is a liveried utility company vehicle being used in connection with works of that utility in the immediate vicinity
 - d) The vehicle is a wedding car or hearse and is being used in connection with a wedding or funeral cortege in the immediate vicinity
 - e) The vehicle is displaying a valid Temporary Parking Restriction Dispensation Permit issued by the Council.

PART 4 - CONTRAVENTIONS

CONTRAVENTION

4. Any person or vehicle failing to comply with the provisions of this Order, shall be in contravention of or failure to comply with it and the owner of the vehicle in question shall

be liable for a penalty charge as set by the Council in accordance with The Civil Enforcement of Road Traffic Contraventions (Approved Devices, Charging Guidelines and General Provisions) (England) Regulations 2022 and the provisions of Part 6 and Schedule 9 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

Given under the Common Seal of Three Rivers District Council the 27th day of January 2026.

The Common Seal of THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL was hereunto affixed on the 27 day of January 2026 in the presence of:-

~~for Assistant Director of Legal Services~~

Authorised Signatory *Jonathan Boyle*

Jonathan Boyle
Principal Lawyer (Property)
(Deputy Monitoring Officer)



SCHEDULE 1 – Limited Waiting Parking Bay Mon-Sat 8am-6:30pm, 2 Hours, No Return within 2 Hours

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
STREET NAME	SIDE OF STREET	LOCATION	PERMITTED HOURS	MAXIMUM STAY	NO RETURN
School Mead	East	<p>5 parking bays – From a point 47 metres south of its junction with Hazelwood Lane for a distance of 12 metres in a southerly direction.</p> <p>15 parking bays – From a point 63 metres south of its junction with Hazelwood Lane for a distance of 37 metres in a southerly direction.</p>	Monday to Saturday 8am to 6:30pm	2 Hours	2 Hours