

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004

THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (MELKSHAM AND MELKSHAM WITHOUT)
(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING, PROHIBITION OF STOPPING,
TAXI RANK CLEARWAYS AND ON STREET PARKING) CONSOLIDATION
ORDER 2025

The Council of the County of Wiltshire in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, 53 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1984") as amended and the Traffic Management Act 2004 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 2004") as amended 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 Act of 1984 hereby makes the following Order.

PART I – GENERAL

Commencement and Citation

1. This Order shall come into operation on xxxxxxxxxxxx 2025 and may be cited as The County of Wiltshire (Melksham and Melksham Without) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting, Prohibition of Stopping, Taxi Rank Clearways and On Street Parking) Consolidation Order 2025.

Revocations

2. The following Orders are hereby revoked:

The County of Wiltshire (Melksham and Melksham Without) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting, Prohibition of Stopping, Taxi Rank Clearways and On Street Parking) Consolidation Order 2021

The County of Wiltshire (Melksham and Melksham Without) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting, Prohibition of Stopping, Taxi Rank Clearways and On Street Parking) Consolidation Order 2021 (Amendment No.1) Order 2023

Interpretation

- 3(1) In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:-

“Civil Enforcement Officer” has the meaning defined in Article 76(1) of the Act of 2004

“delivering” and “collecting” in relation to any goods includes checking the goods for the purpose of their delivery or collection

"disabled persons vehicle" means a vehicle lawfully displaying a disabled persons badge

“disabled persons badge” means a badge issued by a local authority in the form prescribed by Regulations 7 and 11 of the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (England) Regulations 2000

“disabled persons bay” means a road or length of road designated for the leaving of vehicles as indicated by appropriate road markings designating that bay as reserved for disabled blue badge holders

“driver” in relation to a vehicle waiting in a parking place or on a road or length of road, means the person driving the vehicle at the time it was left in that parking place or road or length of road

“goods” includes postal packets of any description

“goods vehicle” has the meaning defined in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016

“hackney carriage” means a vehicle licensed under Section 37 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847, or Section 6 of the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act 1869(b) or under any similar enactment

“lay-by” in relation to a main carriageway, means any area intended for the use of waiting of vehicles at the side of the main carriageway

“loading bay area” means the part of a road authorised by this Order to be used as a loading and unloading only area and indicated by item 5 as defined in Part 4 of Schedule 4 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016

“main carriageway” means any carriageway of a road used primarily by through traffic and excludes any lay-by

“medical practitioner” means a fully registered medical practitioner within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983

“Medical Practitioner’s Parking Permit” means a permit bearing the words “Medical Practitioner” (and includes the name and address of the surgery) issued by Wiltshire Council or its agent to a Medical Practitioner for use in a designated Doctor parking bay identified on the plans attached to this Order

“motor cycle” and “invalid carriage” and “passenger vehicle” have the same meaning as defined in Section 136 of the Act of 1984

“parking place” means a road or length of road designated for the leaving of vehicles as indicated by appropriate road markings

“parking bay” means an area contained within a parking place as indicated by the appropriate road markings

“parking disc” has the same meaning as provided in the Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (England) Regulations 2000

“Parking Ticket” means a parking ticket, season ticket, residents parking permit or waiver of any kind (including medical practitioner waiver, Tradesman’s Waiver and Daily Visitor’s Parking Cards)

“permitted hours” means the hours identified for permitted parking (including parking in a disabled parking bay or in a loading bay area) on the plans attached to this Order but excluding any such day that is Christmas Day, Good Friday or a Bank Holiday not being a Public Holiday

“public service vehicle” has the meaning defined in Section 1 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981

"relevant position" means:-

- (a) A vehicle displays a disabled persons badge, parking permit, or ticket issued in accordance with this Order in the relevant position if:
 - (i) it is exhibited in or on the front windscreen, on the dashboard or fascia of the vehicle; or
 - (ii) where the vehicle is not fitted with a dashboard or fascia, the badge, permit or ticket is exhibited in a conspicuous position at the front of the vehicle

so that the front of the badge, permit or ticket (showing any Serial numbers, time, date and expiry or purchase details) is clearly legible from the front of the outside of the vehicle

- (b) A vehicle displays a parking disc in the relevant position if:
 - (i) the disc is exhibited on the dashboard or fascia of the vehicle; or
 - (ii) where the vehicle does not have a dashboard or fascia, the disc is exhibited in a conspicuous position on the vehicle

so that, when marked to show the quarter-hour period during which a period of waiting began, that period is clearly legible from the outside of the vehicle.

“school entrance marking” means an area of carriageway which is comprised within the road marking prescribed in Diagram 1027.1 in Part 4 of Schedule 7 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016, and indicated by the sign prescribed in Part 6 of Schedule 7 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016

“taxi” has the meaning defined in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and “taxi rank” means an area of carriageway reserved for use by taxis waiting to pick up passengers

“telecommunications apparatus” has the same meaning as in Schedule 2 of the Telecommunications Act 1984

“the Council” means the authority known as Wiltshire Council

“traffic sign” means a sign of any size, colour and type prescribed or authorised under, or having effect as though prescribed or authorised under Section 64 of the Act of 1984

“Virtual Parking Permit” means an electronic record of parking ticket, permit or waiver issued and confirmed by Wiltshire Council to exempt a vehicles from a restriction under the terms and charges applicable at the time of issue

“waiver” means a formal document issued by Wiltshire Council to exempt a vehicle from a restriction under the terms and charges applicable at the time of issue

- (2) Where reference is made to “The County of Wiltshire (Melksham and Melksham Without) Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting, Prohibition of Stopping, Taxi Rank Clearways and On Street Parking) Consolidation Order” in the map schedules to this Order, this shall mean The County of Wiltshire (Melksham and Melksham Without) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting, Prohibition of Stopping, Taxi Rank Clearways and On Street Parking) Consolidation Order 2025.
- (3) For the purpose of this Order the prohibitions and restrictions contained in the Articles to this Order and shown on the attached plans shall apply to the full extent of the public highway, with the exception of Clearways which apply to the extent of the carriageway.
- (4) For the purpose of this Order a vehicle shall be taken as waiting on a length of road if any point on that length of road is below the vehicle or its load (if any).
- (5) The prohibitions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any restriction, prohibition or requirement imposed by any Regulations or Orders made or having effect as if made under the Act of 1984, or by or under any other enactment.
- (6) Insofar as any provision of this Order conflicts with the effect of markings placed on the carriageway, as specified by Diagram 1025.1 of Part 4 of Schedule 7 of The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 (“TSRGD”) conveying the existence of a ‘bus stop/clearway’ as defined by Part 6 of Schedule 7 of TSRGD then the effect of those markings and the existence of that bus stop/clearway shall prevail.
- (7) For the purposes of this Order, Wiltshire Council accepts no responsibility for any inaccuracies contained in the Ordnance Survey data relied upon in the preparation of the plans attached to this Order. Where a restriction applies to the edge of a length of carriageway or highway (adjacent to the kerb) that restriction will continue to apply to the actual edge of carriageway or highway irrespective of changes to either the carriageway width or to the underlying Ordnance Survey data.

PART II

GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO WAITING, LOADING, STOPPING AND TAXI RANK CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS

4. Save as provided in Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 of this Order no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a Police Constable in uniform or of a Civil Enforcement Officer cause or permit any vehicle (and/or drawn trailer) to wait on the roads or sides of the roads subject to restrictions identified as No Waiting during a specified time limit, for the periods identified on the plans attached to this Order.
5. Save as provided in Articles 8 and 9 of this Order no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a Police Constable in uniform or of a Civil Enforcement Officer cause or permit any vehicle to load or unload in the roads or sides of the roads identified as No Loading, and for the periods identified on the plans attached to this Order.

6. Save as provided in Articles 8(c), 8(d), 8(f) and 8(g) of this Order, no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a Police Constable in uniform or of a Civil Enforcement Officer cause or permit a vehicle, other than a taxi to stop or wait in a taxi rank area in the roads or sides of the roads identified as No Stopping Except Taxis for the periods identified on the plans attached to this Order.
7. Save as provided in Articles 8(c), 8(d), 8(f) and 8(g) of this Order, no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a Police Constable in uniform or of a Civil Enforcement Officer causer or permit a vehicle to stop or wait on a school entrance marking in the roads or sides of roads identified as No stopping on entrance markings for the periods identified on the plans attached to this Order.
8. Nothing in Articles 4, 5, 6 and 7 of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to wait in any of the roads, lengths of road or on the sides of road identified in the plans attached to this Order for so long as may be necessary to enable:
 - (a) a person to board or alight from the vehicle;
 - (b) goods to be loaded onto or unloaded from the vehicle provided that loading is carried out in one continuous operation and that no vehicle shall so wait on any of the lengths of road identified on the plans attached to this Order where loading and unloading is prohibited on such days and times so identified on the aforementioned plans;
 - (c) the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road, to be used for the purpose of any building operation, demolition or excavation, or the maintenance or improvement or reconstruction of the said lengths or sides of road or any works connected with any sewer, main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telecommunications apparatus;
 - (d) the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road, to be used in the service of the local authority in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;
 - (e) the vehicle of a universal service provider (as defined in Section 4(3) and (4) of the Postal Services Act 2000) to be used for the purpose of delivering and/or collecting mail;
 - (f) the vehicle to be used in the service of the Police, Fire & Rescue Service or Ambulance Service;
 - (g) the vehicle to be used in any case where the person in control of the vehicle:
 - (i) is required by law to stop or wait or is permitted to stop or wait by a Police Officer in uniform;
 - (ii) is obliged to stop so as to prevent an accident; or
 - (iii) is prevented from proceeding by circumstances outside his control
 - (h) the vehicle to be loaded or unloaded whilst it is in actual use in connection with the removal of furniture and effects from one office or dwelling house to another or to such premises from a depository or

from such premises to a depository notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph (b) above as to waiting in the roads or sides of the roads identified and for the periods identified on the plans attached to this Order;

- (i) a security vehicle to be used in the course of delivering or collecting cash to/from properties in any of the lengths of road identified on the plans attached to this Order and being a vehicle specifically designed for that purpose.
9. Nothing in Articles 4 and 5 of this Order shall apply to any vehicle:
- (a) being used as part of a wedding or funeral cortege or otherwise in connection with a wedding or funeral; or
 - (b) being licensed as a hackney carriage whilst waiting at a duly authorised taxi rank as marked on the carriageway.
10. Nothing in Article 4 of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a disabled persons vehicle which displays in the relevant position a disabled persons badge and a parking disc (on which the driver, or other person in charge of the vehicle, has marked the time at which the period of waiting began) to wait in any of the lengths of road referred to in those Articles for a period not exceeding three hours (not being a period separated by an interval of less than one hour from a previous period of waiting by the same vehicle in the same length of road).
11. Nothing in Article 4 of this Order shall prevent any person from causing or permitting any vehicle to wait in any of the lengths of road referred to in that Article provided permission has been obtained from Wiltshire Council by means of a waiver to be displayed in the front or nearside of the vehicle and which includes information to enable the driver to be contacted in an emergency and providing that an obstruction is not caused by so doing and that the vehicle is moved if the driver is requested to do so by a Police Officer in uniform or Civil Enforcement Officer.
12. Nothing in Article 4 of this Order shall render it unlawful for a taxi to stop or wait in any of the lengths of road identified as No Waiting Except Taxis on the plans attached to this Order.

PART III

GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE USE OF ON-STREET PARKING PLACES, LOADING BAY AREAS AND DOCTORS BAYS

13. The parts of the roads identified as Parking places on the plans attached to this Order are authorised to be used, subject to the following provisions of this Order by the class of vehicle specified, if none specified then all classes of vehicle, on such days and during such permitted hours as identified on the plans attached to this Order and in such positions as indicated by the appropriate road markings. Parking places shall operate at all times unless otherwise specified in the Articles to this Order.

14.
 - (1) Nothing in Article 13 of this Order shall restrict the power of the Council, for preventing obstruction of the streets, by order on the occasion of any public markets or fairs or of any public procession, rejoicing or illumination, or where the streets are thronged or liable to be obstructed, to close any parking places or part thereof;
 - (2) Nothing in Article 13 of this Order shall prevent the Council, by notice displayed at any parking place:
 - (a) from closing that parking place or any part thereof for any period while any works are being executed therein or adjacent thereto or whilst that parking place or any part thereof is required for use for some special purpose;
 - (b) from setting aside for use only by specially authorised vehicles of any part(s) of that parking place on all days or on certain days or during certain parts of certain days.
15. Nothing in Article 13 of this Order shall apply so as to prevent any person from causing any vehicle to wait in the parking place specified in that Article if the vehicle is being used in connection with the provisions contained within Article 8(c), (d) and (f) of this Order.
16. Where in the roads or sides of the roads identified on the plans attached to this Order a parking place is described as available for vehicles of a specified class, a specified position, or a specified day, the driver of a vehicle shall not permit it to wait in that parking place:
 - (a) unless it is of the specified class appropriate to that parking place and that specified day and;
 - (b) otherwise than wholly within the limits of a parking bay marked out in that parking place as indicated by white line carriageway markings.
17.
 - (1) Except as provided in Article 19 the driver of a vehicle shall not permit it to wait in a parking place for longer than the maximum period permitted for waiting specified in relation to that parking place and as identified on the plans attached to this Order; and
 - (2) When a vehicle has left a parking place after waiting thereon, the driver thereof shall not within the period specified in relation to that parking place and as identified on the plans attached to this Order after its leaving permit it to wait again upon that parking place.
18. The driver of a vehicle drawing a trailer shall not permit the vehicle or the trailer to wait in a parking place unless they have been disconnected and for the purpose of this Order the vehicle and the trailer shall be deemed to be separate vehicles and the driver shall be deemed to be the driver of each of the said vehicles.
19. The driver of a vehicle being an invalid carriage, or a disabled persons vehicle which displays in the relevant position a disabled persons badge, shall be exempt from any limitation on time when left in a parking place (not being a designated disabled parking bay, Doctors bay or loading bay area) identified on the plans attached to this Order.

20. The driver of a vehicle displaying at its front or nearside a valid waiver issued by Wiltshire Council shall be exempt from any limitation of time in the lengths of road or on any of the sides of road identified as Parking places identified on the plans attached to this Order when left in a parking place.
21. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this part of the Order, any vehicle may wait during the permitted hours in a parking place (other than a parking place or part thereof the use of which has been suspended under Article 22 of this Order) for so long as may be necessary if:-
- (a) the vehicle is a vehicle used for Police, Fire & Rescue Service or Ambulance purposes, or a vehicle (other than a passenger vehicle) in the service of a local authority or its agent which is being used in pursuance of statutory powers or duties to maintain the highway;
 - (b) the vehicle (not being a passenger vehicle) is waiting to enable it to be used for the purpose of any building operation, demolition or excavation in or adjacent to the parking place or the maintenance or improvement of the parking place or any works connected with any sewer, main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telecommunications apparatus;
 - (c) the vehicle (not being a passenger vehicle) is in actual use in connection with the removal of furniture from one business or dwelling house to another or the removal of furniture from such premises to a depository or to such premises from a depository.

Power to Suspend Use of Parking Places

22. (1) Any person authorised by the Council may suspend the use of a parking place or any part thereof whenever the Council considers such suspension reasonably necessary:-
- (a) for the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting its safety; or
 - (b) for any purpose specified in Articles 14 and 21(b) of this Order;
- (2) A Police Officer in uniform may suspend for not longer than twenty-four hours the use of a parking place or any part thereof whenever he considers such suspension reasonably necessary for the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting its safety.
- (3) Any person suspending the use of a parking place or any part thereof in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) of this Article shall thereupon place or cause to be placed in or adjacent to that parking place or the part thereof the use of which is suspended, a traffic sign indicating that waiting by vehicles is prohibited.
- (4) No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to be left in any part of a parking place during such period as either there is in or adjacent to that part of a parking place a traffic sign placed in pursuance of paragraph (3) of this Article.

23. Provided that nothing in Article 22(1) of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a vehicle to be left in a parking place if it is being used:
- (a) for the Fire & Rescue Service, ambulance or Police purposes or in the service of a local authority or its agents in pursuance of its statutory powers and duties to maintain the highway;
 - (b) or if the vehicle is left with the permission of the person suspending the use of the parking place or part thereof in pursuance of Article 22(1) of this Order, a Police Constable in uniform or of a person authorised in that behalf by the Council.
24. Subject to the proviso hereto, when a vehicle is left in a parking place in contravention of any of the provisions contained in Articles 16, 17, 22(4) and 27 of this Order, a person authorised in that behalf by the Council may remove the vehicle or arrange for it to be removed from that parking place provided that when a vehicle is waiting in the parking place in contravention of the provisions of Article 16(b) of this Order, a person authorised in that behalf by the Council may alter or cause to be altered the position of the vehicle in order that its position shall comply with that provision.
25. Any person removing a vehicle or altering its position by virtue of the last preceding Article of this Order may do so by towing or driving the vehicle or in such other manner as he may think necessary to enable him to remove it as aforesaid and may take such measures in relation to the vehicle as necessary to enable the vehicle to be removed or to alter the position of the vehicle as the case may be and shall make such arrangements as may be reasonably necessary for the safe custody of the vehicle.

PART IV

LOADING BAY AREAS **PROVISIONS RELATING TO LOADING BAY AREAS**

26. (1) The parts of the roads identified on the plans attached to this Order as Loading are authorised to be used, subject to the following provisions of this Order, as loading bay areas for vehicles, in such positions and on such days and during such permitted hours as identified on the plans attached to this Order for the purpose of loading and unloading only.
- (2) Nothing in paragraph (1) of this Article shall apply so as to prevent any person from causing any vehicle to wait in the loading bay area specified in that paragraph if the vehicle is being used in connection with the provisions contained within Article 8(c), (d) and (f) of this Order.
27. The driver of a vehicle shall not permit it to wait in a loading bay area for longer than is necessary to enable goods to be loaded or unloaded from a vehicle.
28. Subject to the proviso hereto, when a vehicle is left in the loading bay area in contravention of the provision contained in Article 27 of this Order, a person

authorised in that behalf by the Council may remove the vehicle or arrange for it to be removed from that loading bay area.

PART V

DESIGNATED PARKING PLACES FOR DISABLED PERSONS

29. (1) The parts of the roads identified as Disabled parking on the plans attached to this Order and therein designated 'Disabled badge holders only' may be used, subject to the provisions of this part of the Order, as parking places for disabled persons vehicles, in such positions and on such days and during such permitted hours as so identified.
- (2) Where within a parking place, there is a sign or surface marking which indicates that a parking bay is available only for a disabled persons vehicle, the driver of a vehicle shall not permit it to wait in the parking bay unless the vehicle is a disabled persons vehicle.
30. The driver of a vehicle shall exhibit a parking disc on the vehicle in the relevant position and set the disc to indicate a quarter-hour period during which the vehicle arrived at the disabled persons bay.
31. (a) The driver of a vehicle shall not permit it to wait continuously in a disabled persons bay for longer than the maximum period permitted for waiting specified in relation to that parking place and as identified on the plans attached to this Order, such period being calculated as commencing from the later time indicated on the parking disc set in accordance with the provisions of Article 30 of this Order and when the vehicle has left that parking place after waiting therein shall not within the period specified in relation to that parking place and identified on the plans attached to this Order after its waiting return to that parking place.
- (b) Where a parking disc exhibited in pursuance of this Order on a vehicle waiting in a disabled persons bay is showing a quarter-hour period, the later time indicated by the disc showing the end of that period shall be treated as evidence that the vehicle has been waiting in that parking place since that later time.

No person shall:-

32. (a) After the parking disc exhibited on a vehicle has been set in accordance with Article 30 of this Order, alter the indications given by that parking disc whilst the said vehicle remains in the disabled persons bay; or
- (b) knowingly exhibit on any vehicle any parking disc which has been altered, defaced, mutilated or added to or upon which the figures or particulars have become illegible.
- (c) It shall be assumed, unless the contrary is shown, that the parking disc mentioned in Article 30 is an approved device.

PART VI

PROVISIONS RELATION TO VIRTUAL PARKING PERMITS

33. Where in this Order there is a requirement or option to obtain a Parking Ticket, this requirement or option may be discharged by the obtaining of a Virtual Parking Permit, as an alternative to any method set out in this Order.
34. A Virtual Parking Permit may be obtained by any of the methods provided from time to time by the Council and to be valid must be registered on an account in an electronic database approved by the Council and an indication that payment has been made and the parking period for which payment has been made shall either;
 - (a) appear on a hand-held device; or
 - (b) be obtained by a Civil Enforcement Officer contacting the service provider.
35. Without prejudice to the provisions of this Order, if at any time while a vehicle is left in a parking place there is no indication as set out in Article 34 to this Order that payment of the charge for a Parking Ticket has been made using the Virtual Parking Permit system, or there is an indication that the parking period for which payment was made has expired, it shall be presumed, unless the contrary is proved, that either:
 - (a) the charge for the Parking Ticket has not been duly paid in respect of that vehicle; or
 - (b) the parking period for which payment was made had already expired.
36. Where a Virtual Parking Permit has been obtained as an alternative to a Parking Ticket and remains valid, any requirement in this Order for the Parking Ticket to be displayed on the vehicles to which it relates shall not apply.
37. Any other provisions in this Order relating to the validity of a Parking Ticket shall except where the context otherwise provides apply to a Virtual Parking Ticket.

PART VII

CONTRAVENTION OF RESTRICTIONS

38. Where a vehicle has been left in contravention of the restrictions imposed by this Order, a Penalty Charge shall be incurred, the amount of which will be set by Wiltshire Council under the provisions of the Act of 2004 relating to the Civil Enforcement Areas and Special Enforcement Areas.
39. Where a Penalty Charge is payable, a Penalty Charge Notice shall be issued by a Civil Enforcement Officer in accordance with the Act of 2004.

Manner of Payment of Penalty Charge Notice

40. The Penalty Charge shall be paid within 28 days payable to Wiltshire Council under the terms referred to in the said Notice.

Restriction on Removal of Penalty Charge Notice

41. Where a notice has been attached to a vehicle in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 2004, no person not being the driver of the vehicle or duly authorised representative of the Council shall remove the notice from the vehicle unless authorised to do so by the driver.

THE COMMON SEAL of
WILTSHIRE COUNCIL was
hereunto affixed this
xx day of xxxxxxxxx 2025
in the presence of: