

MEDWAY COUNCIL

The Medway Council (Prescribed Routes) (High Street, Gillingham)
Experimental Order 2025

NOTICE OF MAKING

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Medway Council on 16 December 2025, having consulted the Chief of Police, made the above-mentioned Order under sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and all other enabling powers.
2. The general effect of the Order will be, on an experimental basis, to suspend the exemption for the purposes of loading or unloading between 5.30 p.m. and Midnight throughout the week in the pedestrian zone that applies to the lengths of road specified in the Schedule to this Notice. The pedestrian zone will continue to operate 'at any time' and the exemption for loading will apply between midnight and 10.30 a.m. throughout the week:-
3. The Order provides that in pursuance of section 10(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Director of Place at Medway Council, or some other person authorised by the Council may, if it appears essential in the interests of the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic or for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which any road affected by the Order extends, modify or suspend the Order or any provision thereof.
4. The Council will be considering in due course whether the provisions of the Order should be continued indefinitely by means of an Order made under sections 1, 2, 4 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Any person may object to the making of this Order for the purpose of such indefinite continuation within a period of six months beginning with the day on which the Order comes into operation, or, if the Order is varied by another Order or modified pursuant to section 10(2) of the 1984 Act, beginning with the day on which the variation or modification or the latest variation or modification came into operation.
5. Copies of the Order, which will come into effect on 12 January 2026 and remain in effect for a period not exceeding 18 months, plans and the Council's statement of reasons for making the Order, may be inspected at the front reception, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TR during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive (except for bank and public holidays). Alternatively, electronic copies of the documents can be requested by sending an email to **parkingdesign@medway.gov.uk** Electronic copies are requested on the understanding that it may take up to 5 working days for the request to be completed.
6. Any objections or other representations to the proposed Orders should be sent in writing to be considered, by email to **parkingdesign@medway.gov.uk** or by post to "Parking Design" at the address specified in paragraph 5 above by **Tuesday 13 July 2026** stating name, address and the grounds for objection, support or otherwise.
7. Any person desiring to question the validity of the Experimental Order or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks of the date on which the Order was made, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

SCHEDULE
Pedestrian Zone operating 'at any time'
(except for loading between midnight and 10.30 a.m. throughout the week)

GREEN STREET, GILLINGHAM, between its junction with High Street, Gillingham and a point 27.5 metres south-west of the north-eastern wall of No. 131 High Street, Gillingham.

HIGH STREET, GILLINGHAM, between its junction with Britton Street and its junction with Skinner Street.

HIGH STREET, GILLINGHAM, between its junction with Skinner Street and its junction with King Street.

JAMES STREET, GILLINGHAM, between its junction with High Street, Gillingham and a point 13 metres north-east of the south-western wall of No. 110 High Street, Gillingham.

SAPPERS WALK, GILLINGHAM, between its junction with High Street, Gillingham and a point 43.5 metres north-east of the south-western wall of Nos. 122-124 High Street, Gillingham.

Thursday, 18 December 2025

Adam Bryan, Director of Place

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STATEMENT OF REASONS

The Order, by way of an experiment, will suspend for an initial period of 6 months the existing provisions that permit entry for the purpose of loading between Midnight and 10.30 am and between 5.30 p.m. and Midnight throughout the week, so as to only apply between Midnight and 10.00am.

This means that it will no longer be permitted to enter the lengths of road below between 10.00am and midnight each day to load or unload goods (including food takeaways/deliveries).

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The objective of the Experimental Order is gauge whether it will stop, or help to manage the antisocial behaviour that is currently taking place, which should assist in:-

- (a) preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property, and
- (b) preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

The Experimental Order also permits Medway Council to make any appropriate modifications if required. If it is considered successful, the Council may choose to make the Experimental Order permanent (subject to any objections being received during the initial 6-month consultation period, or any subsequent 6-month consultation period) within a maximum period of 18 months from the date the Order came into force.

Adam Bryan, Director of Place
December 2025

