

CITY OF COVENTRY (LONDON ROAD)
(7.5 TONNE WEIGHT RESTRICTION) (EXPERIMENTAL) ORDER 2026

The Council of the City of Coventry ("the Council"), in exercise of their powers under Sections 9 and 10 and Parts III IV and VI of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") (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, hereby make the following Order:-

1. This Order shall come into operation on the **2nd March 2026**, (for a period not exceeding 18 months) and may be cited as the "City of Coventry (London Road) (7.5 Tonne Weight Restriction) (Experimental) Order 2026".

2(i) In this Order:-

(a) reference to an Article followed by a number is reference to the Article of this Order so numbered;

(b) the following expressions shall have the meanings assigned to them:-

"heavy goods vehicle" has the same meaning as in The Road Traffic Act 1988 which for the avoidance of doubt is a mechanically and/or electrically powered vehicle intended or adapted for use on the road and shall include the whole or any part of the said vehicle and shall weigh 7.5 tonnes gross weight or more

"maximum gross weight" has the same meaning as in Regulation 4 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016

"road" shall have the same meaning ascribed to it by Section 142 of the Act

"the 2016 Regulations" means the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and includes any enactment or re-enactment or amendment thereto;

(ii) The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(iii) Reference to any Statutory Instrument, Act, Regulation or Order referred to in this Order shall be read as construed as the Statutory Instrument, Act, Regulation or Order as amended, varied, reenacted or revoked.

3 Save as provided in Article 4 of this Order no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform or a traffic warden, cause or permit any heavy goods vehicle or any other vehicle with the maximum gross weight of which exceeds 7.5 tonnes to enter or proceed on the lengths of road specified in the Schedule.

4 Nothing in Article 3 of this Order shall render it unlawful for a person to cause or permit any heavy goods vehicle to enter or proceed on the lengths of road specified in the Schedule, if the goods vehicle is:

(a) a heavy goods vehicle granted special written exemption by the Council

(b) in connection with the carrying out on, or on premises situated on or adjacent to, that length of road of any of the following operations, namely:

- (i) building, industrial or demolition operations;
- (ii) the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
- (iii) the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of that length of road;
- (iv) the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or in land adjacent to that length of road of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telecommunications apparatus as defined in the Digital Economy Act 2017;

(c) for Fire Brigade, Police or Ambulance purposes;

(d) in the service of a local authority or water authority in connection with work being carried out on, or on land adjacent to that length of road in pursuance of statutory powers or duties.

- 5. The Council is satisfied that for preserving or improving the amenities of the area by prohibiting or restricting the use of the road or roads in that area of goods vehicles, it is requisite that Section 3(1) of the Act should not apply to this Order.
- 6 The Council's Director of Regeneration and Economy, or such other officer as the Council may from time to time designate or modify any provision of this Order or suspend and/or revoke the operation of this Order or any part of it where it appears necessary to do so:-
 - a) In the interest of the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic,
 - b) For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which any road affected by the Order runs.
- 7 The restrictions, prohibitions and requirements imposed by this Order shall be read and construed as not being in derogation of any restriction, prohibition or requirement imposed by any other enactment and any exception or exemption to the provisions of this Order is without prejudice to the provisions of any other enactment.

SCHEDULE

| Road in the City of Coventry | Extent |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| London Road | Southbound - between its junctions with Allard Way and Tonbridge Road |
| London Road | Northbound – from its junction with Tonbridge Road to a point 5 metres south of the London Road Service Road. |

The Common Seal of THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF COVENTRY was hereunto
affixed on 26th day of February 2026 in
the presence of:

Authorised Signatory

Name of Signatory