

LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1)
(LOWER ROAD)

(TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC)

1. The Council of the London Borough of Southwark hereby gives notice that to continue the operation of a mandatory bus lane, it has made an order under section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to prohibit certain categories of vehicular traffic from entering part of the above named road as detailed in the schedule to this notice.

2. Except as provided in Article 3 of this order, no person shall cause a vehicle to be in a bus lane in a length of road specified in an item in column (2) of the table in the Schedule during the times specified in that item in column (3) of that item unless that vehicle is proceeding in the direction specified in column (4) of that item and is of a type specified in column (5) of that item.

3. Exemptions - bus lane.

3.1 The controls specified in Article 2 do not apply so as to prevent a vehicle being in a bus lane if and for as long as necessary-

- (a) to enable a person to get on or off the vehicle; or
- (b) taxis and motorcycles to use the bus lane between Ann Moss Way and Culling Road
- (c) to enable goods to be loaded on to or unloaded from the vehicle; if and in so far as the activity is not prohibited by the provisions of any other Order.

3.2 The controls specified in Article 2 do not apply in respect of a vehicle which is being used for a purpose which is within an exemption to a restriction or prohibition imposed by any other Order or which is permitted by any other Order.

3.3 The controls specified in Article 2 do not apply in respect of a vehicle crossing a bus lane to get to or from any road adjacent to the bus lane or any vehicular access to premises adjacent to the bus lane.

3.4 The controls specified in Article 2 do not apply in respect of a vehicle being in a bus lane if the vehicle is being used:-

- (a) in the service of a local authority for the purpose of collecting refuse;
- (b) for the purposes of the provision of a universal postal service (as defined in the Postal Services Act 2011e) provided the vehicle bears the livery of a universal service provider (as defined in the aforementioned Act);
- (c) in connection with the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
- (d) in connection with the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of any road;
- (e) in connection with the maintenance, improvement or construction of any street furniture including bus stop infrastructure;
- (f) in connection with any building operation or demolition;
- (g) in connection with the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or near the bus lane of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity, or of any electronic communications network (as defined in section 32 of the Communications Act 2003f), providing the vehicle cannot be used for that purpose without being in the bus lane and in so far as the activity is not prohibited by the provisions of any other Order.

3.5 The controls specified in Article 2 do not apply in respect of a vehicle being in a bus lane:

- (a) so as to avoid an accident;
- (b) to allow a person to get or give help in consequence of an accident or emergency or otherwise take action for public safety;
- (c) to such an extent and for such a time as is needed to comply with any requirement resulting from works or an emergency in any part of the road adjoining the bus lane;
- (d) if it is being used for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes.

4. Definitions and Interpretation

- (a) "carriageway" has the same meaning as in section 329(1) of the Highways Act 1980b;
- (b) "Council" means the Council of the London Borough of Southwark;
- (c) "bus", "local bus", "traffic lane", "contra-flow" and "with-flow lane" have the meanings given in Schedule 1 to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016c;
- (d) "bus lane" means a traffic lane on a length of road which is specified in column (2) in the table in the Schedule below and in respect of which traffic signs are in place indicating the controls specified in this Order;
- (e) "enactment" means any enactment, whether public general or local, and includes any order, bye-law, rule, regulation, scheme or other instrument having effect by virtue of an enactment;
- (f) "kerb-line" means the imaginary line which is the projection of the line formed by the edge of the carriageway of a street;
- (g) "times of operation" means in relation to a bus lane specified in an item in column (3) of the table

5. This order under section 14(1) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 will be in place for up to 18 months, until the 28th of May 2026.

6. Further information may be obtained by contacting Road Network Management at tmo@southwark.gov.uk

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Schedule – Bus Lane

(1) Item	(2) Length of Road	(3) Times of operation	(4) Direction of travel and type of bus lane	(5) Type of vehicle permitted
1	<p>LOWER ROAD the length of the carriageway that extends;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •from a point 6 metres north-west of the north-western kerb-line of Ann Moss Way, •to a point 8.5 metres south-east of the south-eastern kerb-line of Culling Road. <p>The lane of the carriageway is a single lane:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> of which to the south-west is bounded; •in part by the 'bus boarder' island site located to the north-west of the Lower Road junction with Ann Moss Way, •and in part by the dual-flow cycle lane, <p>And on the north eastern side where it is bounded,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •in part by a lane of with-flow traffic, •and in part by the edge of the kerbed island located to the south-east of the Lower Road junction with Culling Road. 	At all times.	North-westbound with-flow bus lane	Bus, Taxi, Motorcycle