

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

THE HERTFORDSHIRE (A507 CLOTHALL ROAD, BALDOCK, CLOTHALL AND RUSHDEN, A507 BALDOCK ROAD, RUSHDEN, COTTERED AND BUNTINGFORD) (7.5 TONNES WEIGHT LIMIT) ORDER 2023

NOTICE is given that the Hertfordshire County Council in order to improve road safety proposes under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to introduce a new 7.5 tonne weight limit on parts of Baldock, Clothall, Rushden, Cottered and Buntingford as specified in the Schedule to this Notice.

Documents giving more detailed particulars of the proposals may be inspected from 20 July 2023 during normal office hours, at Main Reception, Hertfordshire County Council, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, or may be viewed on-line at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/trafficorders by selecting North Herts and looking at Ref: NH00323.

General enquiries relating to the proposals should be referred to the Highways Engineer concerned Miltiadis Nikolaidis tel: 01992 658157 or miltos.nikolaidis@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Objections to the proposals should be made **in writing** to TRO Services Team, Postal Point (CHO242), First Floor, East Link Corridor, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, Herts, SG13 8DN or tro.team@hertfordshire.gov.uk by 10 August 2023 stating the grounds on which they are made.

SCHEDULE: 7.5 tonnes weight limit – those sections of road listed below and as set out in the Order and accompanying plan -
Parts of A507 Clothall Road, Baldock, Clothall and Rushden and A507 Baldock Road, Rushden, Cottered and Buntingford.

Consulting on this scheme is a statutory duty of the County Council. Any personal data you provide in responding to this Notice will be treated as confidential but will be shared with HCC Officers; County Councillors and contracted third parties who are involved in the statutory process. We will not share identifiable data with third parties outside of the statutory process. Guidance on your rights in respect of personal data are published in the Privacy Policy on our website, Hertfordshire.gov.uk

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20 July 2023
Scott Crudgington
Deputy Chief Executive & Executive Director (Resources)

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Date of Order:
Order No:

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE (A507 CLOTHALL ROAD, BALDOCK, CLOTHALL AND
RUSHDEN, A507 BALDOCK ROAD, RUSHDEN, COTTERED AND BUNTINGFORD)
(7.5 TONNES WEIGHT LIMIT) ORDER 2023**

The Hertfordshire County Council in exercise of their powers under Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act of 1984”) and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 of the Act of 1984 hereby make the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as “The Hertfordshire (A507 Clothall Road, Baldock, Clothall and Rushden, A507 Baldock Road, Rushden, Cottered and Buntingford) (7.5 Tonnes Weight Limit) Order 2023” and shall come into operation on
2. Save as provided in Articles 3 and 4 of this Order no person shall, except upon direction of a police constable in uniform, cause or permit any heavy commercial vehicle (as defined in Section 138(1) of the Act of 1984) to enter or be in those lengths of A507 Clothall Road, Baldock, Clothall and Rushden, A507 Baldock Road, Rushden, Cottered and Buntingford between its junction with Wallington Road, Baldock and its junction with A10 Buntingford Bypass, Buntingford.
3. Nothing in Article 2 of this Order shall apply so as to prevent any person from causing or permitting any heavy commercial vehicle to enter or be in those lengths of road restricted by Article 2 to this Order for the purposes of access to any premises located in or directly adjacent to those lengths of restricted road.
4. Nothing in Article 2 of this Order shall apply so as to prevent any person from causing or permitting any heavy commercial vehicle to enter or be in those lengths of road restricted by Article 2 to this Order if the vehicle is being used:-
 - (a) in connection with any building operation or demolition in or adjacent to that length of road.
 - (b) the removal of any obstruction to traffic in that length of road.
 - (c) the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of that length of road.
 - (d) the laying, erection, alteration or repair 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 paragraph 1(1) of the Telecommunications Code contained in Schedule 2 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 in or adjacent to that length of road.
 - (e) for fire and rescue service, police or ambulance purposes.
 - (f) in the service of the local authority or statutory water undertaker or water authority in pursuance of statutory powers or duties.
 - (g) for the purpose of loading or unloading goods directly to or from premises located in or directly adjacent to that length of road.
5. The Hertfordshire County Council in making this order are satisfied that this Order is required to prevent the likelihood of danger to persons or other traffic using the road.
6. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

7. 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 any other enactment.

Signed:

Charlotte McKay
Assistant Chief Legal Officer

Dated:

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE HERTFORDSHIRE (A507 CLOTHALL ROAD, BALDOCK, CLOTHALL AND RUSHDEN, A507 BALDOCK ROAD, RUSHDEN, COTTERED AND BUNTINGFORD) (7.5 TONNES WEIGHT LIMIT) ORDER 2023

Hertfordshire County Council is proposing to introduce a new weight limit restriction in parts of Baldock, Clothall, Rushden, Cottered and Buntingford.

The proposals will comprise of –

- ‘7.5 tonnes weight limit restriction’ on parts of A507 Clothall Road, Baldock, Clothall and Rushden, A507 Baldock Road, Rushden, Cottered and Buntingford.

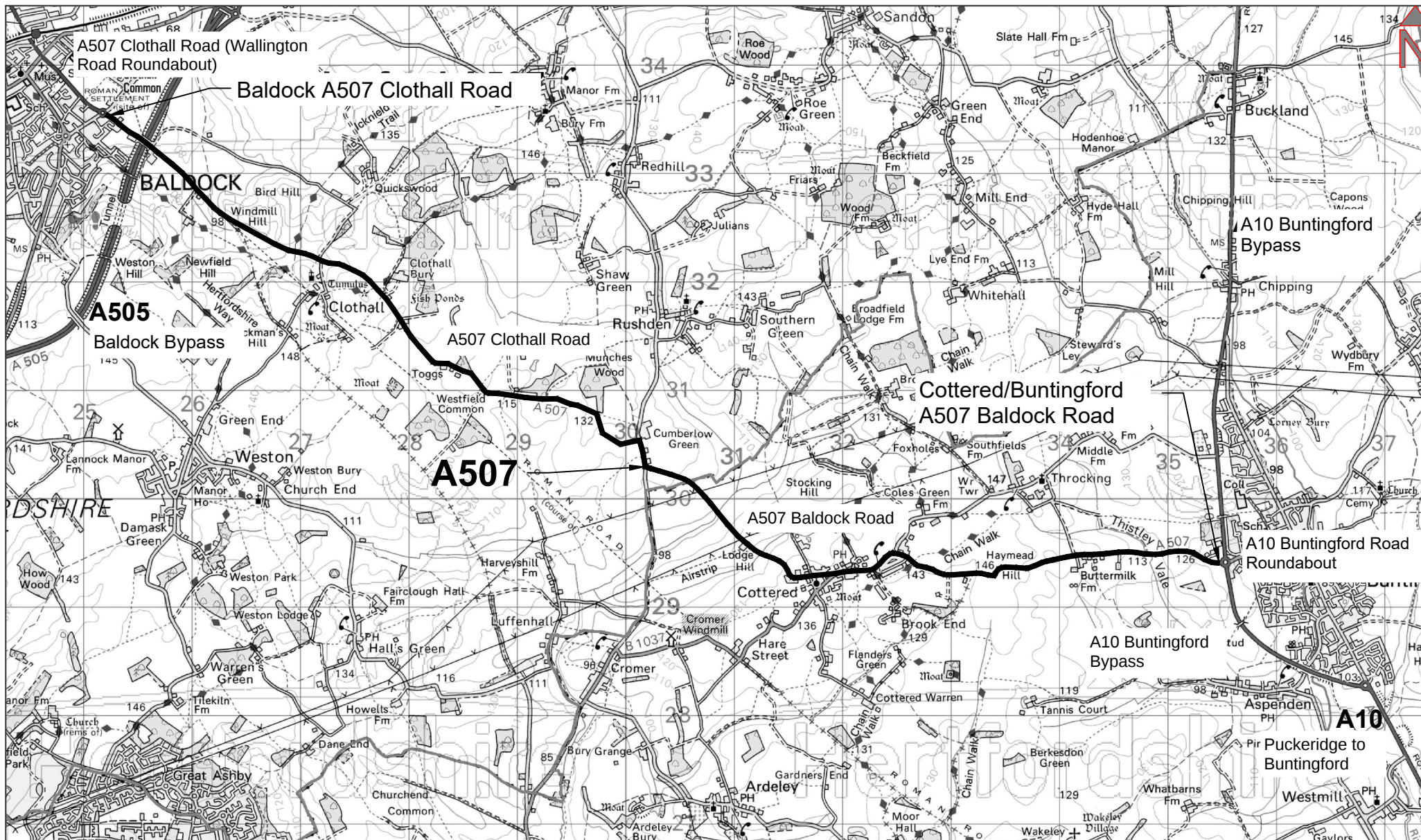
A weight limit ban for any vehicle above 7.5 tonnes across the A507, from its junction with Wallington Road roundabout, Baldock to the A10 Buntingford Road roundabout, Buntingford to minimise the disruption caused by HGV traffic, following representation to the Highways Cabinet Panel by local communities and to improve overall safety on the A507.

The road will still be used by HGV's for the purposes of access and for loading or unloading to premises in or adjacent to the restricted road.

Through the weight limit ban HGV traffic on the A507 will be minimised and the road will become much safer.

Therefore, having also considered the duty imposed under Section 122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, it appears to the Highway Authority that it is necessary and expedient to make an Order in the interests of avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road and for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, for 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 for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

The proposal has been subject to consultation with local and County Councillors representing the area and North Hertfordshire District Council and East Hertfordshire District Council. The local Police, Ambulance, Fire & Rescue Services, Aspenden Parish Council, Aston Parish Council, Ashwell Parish Council, Bygrave Parish Council, Bengoe Rural Parish Council, Cottered & Throcking Parish Council, Clothall with Luffenhall Parish Council, Datchworth Parish Council, Graveley Parish Council, Great Ashby Community Council, Great Munden Parish Council, Hertford Town Council, Little Munden Parish Council, Rushden & Wallington Parish Council, Sandon Parish Council, Thunderidge Parish Council, The Mundens (Sacombe) Parish Council, Walkern Parish Council, Ware Town Council, Watton at Stone Parish Council, Weston Parish Council, Westmill Parish Council, Wymondley Parish Council, Strategic Cycling Lead, Cycling Review, Forty-Plus Cycling Club East Herts, Watton Wheelers Cycling Club, Crescent Wheelers Cycling Club, Cheshunt & Ware U3A, Stevenage and North Herts CTC, Forty-Plus Cycling Club North Herts, Letchworth Velo Club, Royston Rockets BMX Racing Club, Cycle Club Ashwell, Stevenage Cycling Club, East Herts Footpath Society, East Herts Ramblers, Walking For Health – Puckeridge & Standon, Watton Ramblers, North Herts People First, Ramblers Association – North Herts/Stevenage, N.F.U, Transport Association, Road Haulage Association, National Highways, local business and residents are also being consulted.



Key:


Description:
Proposed 7.5 tonnes weight limit



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A507 - Buntingford to Baldock

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