

THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARKING AND DAGENHAM

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ORDER

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARKING AND DAGENHAM (RAINHAM ROAD SOUTH, DAGENHAM) (BUS LANE) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2026

The Council of the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham in exercise of their powers under Sections 9, 10, 122 (1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter called “the Act”) and of all other enabling and amending legislation and powers and after consultation with the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis in accordance with Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Act, hereby make the following Order:

1. This Order shall come into operation on Monday 12 January 2026 and may be cited as The London Borough of Barking and Dagenham (Rainham Road South, Dagenham) (Bus Lane) Experimental Order 2026.
2. This Order shall cease to have effect 18 months after it comes into operation or when a further Order to reproduce and continue in force indefinitely the provisions of this Experimental Order is made, whichever is the earliest.
3. The authorised officer of Council of the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham pursuant to section 10(2) of the Act, may if it appears essential in the interests of the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic on the highway, or in the interests of providing suitable and adequate on-street parking facilities or for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which any road affected by the order runs, modify or suspend the operation of the order or any of its provisions.
4. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply to this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Interpretation

5. In this Order-

- (a) a reference to a numbered article or schedule shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to the article, or schedule, bearing numbers in this Order;
- (b) causing includes permitting;
- (c) “carriageway” has the same meaning as in section 329(1) of the Highways Act 1980;
- (d) “council” means the Council of the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham;
- (e) “vehicle” includes part of a vehicle;
- (f) “bus”, “local bus”, “pedal cycle”, “taxi”, “traffic lane”, “contra-flow” and “with-flow lane” have the meanings given in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016;
- (g) “bus lane” means a traffic lane on a length of carriageway which is specified in column (2) in schedule 1 and in respect of which traffic signs are in place indicating the controls specified in this Order;

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- (h) "dial-a-ride bus" means a vehicle-
 - (i) displaying so as to be conspicuous on the outside of the vehicle a logo in a form approved by or with the authority of the Council and containing the words "dial-a-ride";
 - and
 - (ii) constructed or adapted for the carriage of disabled persons and their companions and which is being used to provide a service for the carriage of such persons;
- (i) "motor cycle/s" has the same meaning as in Section 136 of The Act of 1984;
- (j) "times of operation" means
 - in relation to a bus lane specified in an item in column (2) in schedule 1, the times specified in column (3) of that Schedule
- (k) "traffic sign" has the same meaning as in section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;

Bus Priority Controls

- 6. (1) Except as provided in articles 7, no person shall cause a vehicle to be in a bus lane in a length of carriageway specified in an item in column (2) of the table in schedule 1 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.

Exemptions - Bus Lanes

- 7. (1) The controls specified in articles 6(1) do not apply in respect of a vehicle being in a bus lane if the vehicle is being used in-
 - a) 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, 2000) provided the vehicle bears the livery of a universal service provider;
 - c) connection with the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
 - d) connection with the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of any road;
 - e) connection with the maintenance, improvement or construction of any street furniture including bus stop infrastructure;
 - f) 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 telecommunications apparatus as defined in paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 2 of the Telecommunications Act 1984;
 - g) connection with the repair or removal of a local bus;
 - h) if 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.
- (2) The controls specified in articles 6(1) do not apply in respect of a vehicle being in a bus lane-
 - a) 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;

b) if it is being used for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes.

(3) The controls specified in articles 6(1) do not apply in respect of anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform or a traffic warden.

(4) The controls specified in articles 6(1) do not apply so as to prevent a vehicle being in a bus lane for as long as necessary-

- a) in connection with any building operation or demolition;
- b) so as to avoid an accident;
- c) to allow a person to get or give help in consequence of an accident or emergency or otherwise take action for public safety;
- d) if that vehicle is unable to proceed because of a mechanical fault or to any other vehicle which is engaged in the repair of or the removal of such a vehicle;
- e) while any gate or other barrier at the entrance to premises to which the vehicle requires access or from which it has emerged is being opened or closed;

if and in so far as the activity is not prohibited by the provisions of any other Order.

Dated this 30 day of December 2025

The COMMON SEAL of the
MAYOR AND THE BURGESSES OF THE
LONDON BOROUGH OF BARKING AND
DAGENHAM was hereunto affixed in the
presence of:



CATHRYN MCCRIMMON

Being an Officer of the
Council of the said London Borough
authorised to attest the Common Seal thereof.

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SCHEDULE 1

Article 6(1)

Bus Lanes (where all buses, cycles and taxis are permitted)

<i>(1)</i> <i>Item</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Lengths of carriageway</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Times of operation</i>	<i>(4)</i> <i>Direction of travel and type of bus lane</i>	<i>(5)</i> <i>Type of permitted vehicle</i>
1	Rainham Road South, Dagenham (eastern lane of the southbound carriageway) from a point 36.5 metres south of its junction with Manor Road for a distance of 97 metres in a southerly direction.	Mon-Sat 7am- 7pm	South bound with-flow lane	Buses Dial-a-ride buses Pedal cycles Taxis