

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

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**(A427 STATION ROAD, OUNDLE) (BRIDGE No. 1093)**

**(PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES OVER 3 TONNES MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT  
& 2.1 METRES WIDTH RESTRICTION, & REVOCATION OF 18 TONNES RESTRICTION  
MILL ROAD, OUNDLE AND BARNWELL ROAD, BARNWELL)  
ORDER 2018**

**STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Northamptonshire County Council has carried out a structural assessment of the Oundle North Bridge (No. 1093) A427 Station Road, Oundle which has shown that the structure is only capable of carrying a maximum load of 3 tonnes (in accordance with 'BD/21- DESIGN MANUAL FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES').

In order to maintain the safety of the travelling public and the integrity of this ancient monument, Grade II listed building, the County Council is proposing the introduction of a 3 tonnes structural weight limit and 2.1 metres width restriction on all vehicles.

A further effect of the order is the revocation of the existing prohibition of heavy commercial vehicles over 18 tonnes (maximum gross weight) currently in place on Mill Road, Oundle and Barnwell Road, Barnwell. This is to allow for an alternative route for Heavy Goods Vehicles into Oundle.

For the purposes of the Traffic Regulation Order and in accordance with provisions set out in Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the order is being promoted to:

- Reduce damage to the road surfaces and bridge structure for which the road runs.
- Avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the roads and prevent the likelihood of any such danger arising.
- Prevent the use of the roads by traffic which is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the roads.
- Preserve the amenities of the area through which the roads run.