

SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL

On 20 July 2026 the Council made the **Shetland Islands Council (Shetland Space Centre) (Launch Event Traffic Management) Temporary Traffic Order T20/2026** under Section 62 of the Roads Scotland Act 1984, as amended, to manage, control, and restrict traffic access in the interests of safety during a rocket launch from the Shetland Space Centre facility at Lamba Ness, Unst.

The Order shall operate from Monday 10 August 2026 to Sunday 20 September August 2026 for launch events, which shall be on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays only.

Various roads in the north of Unst shall be affected by traffic control measures as follows:

Restriction of Waiting

Between the hours of 8 am and 12 midnight

- The A968 and B9086 roads at Brookpoint, Haroldswick, Unst from 400 metres southeast of the A968/ B9086 Brookpoint junction to 250 metres northwest of the B9086 Stove Crossroads (White Brig).
- The Unclassified Road from the B9086 Stove Crossroads (White Brig) to the B9087 Feall Crossroads.
- The B9087 from the B9087 Feall Crossroads to the B9087 Saxa Vord Camp Crossroads.
- The B9087 (Norwick Road) from the B9087 Saxa Vord Camp Crossroads to the Private Access leading to Virse.
- The B9087 (Beach Road) from the A968/ B9086 roads at Brookpoint to the junction at Bordanoost.
- The B9087 from B9087 (Beach Road) at Bordanoost to the B9087 Feall Crossroads.
- The Unclassified Road from the B9087 at Annslea to the B9087/ C-class (Beach Road) Road at Booth.
- The B9087 (Beach Road) from the B9087 Road at Bordanoost to its junction with the Unclassified Road from Annslea/ C-class (Beach Road) Road.
- The Unclassified Road from the B9087 Feall Crossroads to Feall.
- The C-class (Beach Road) Road from the B9087 (Beach Road) at Booth to its junction with the Unclassified Road to Clibberswick.
- The C-class Road from the C-class (Beach Road) Road and Unclassified Road to Clibberswick to the B9087 Saxa Vord Camp Crossroads.
- The Unclassified Road to Clibberswick from the C-class (Beach Road) Road to Saxa Vord Camp Crossroads Road.
- The Unclassified Road to Garraton from the C-class (Beach Road) Road to Saxa Vord Camp Crossroads Road.
- The Unclassified Road to Skeggie and Spragatup from the C-class (Beach Road) Road to Saxa Vord Camp Crossroads Road.
- The Unclassified Road leading to Saxa Vord from the B9087 Saxa Vord Camp Crossroads to its junction with the Unclassified Road to Northdale.
- The Unclassified Road to Northdale from the Unclassified Road leading to Saxa Vord from the B9087 Saxa Vord Camp Crossroads.
- The B9087 (Norwick Road) from the Private Access leading Virse to its junction with the Unclassified Roads leading to Millfield and Norwick Beach.
- The Unclassified Road leading to Norwick Beach, Valie, and Leawart from the B9087 at Norwick.
- The Unclassified Road leading to Millfield from the B9087 at Norwick..

- The Unclassified Road leading to Skaw from the B9087 (Norwick Road) to a point 33 metres west of Braeview and Troal.
- The Unclassified Road leading to Skaw from 33 metres west of Braeview and Troal to the top of Holsen's Brae and its junction with the Northdale Link Prospective Public Road.
- The Unclassified Road leading to Skaw from Holsen's Brae and the Northdale Link Prospective Public Road to the turning point/ beach access path at Skaw.
- The publicly adopted length of the Unclassified Road leading to Saxa Vord from the Unclassified Road leading to Northdale.
- The Northdale Link Prospective Public Road from the Unclassified Road to Northdale to the Unclassified Road to Skaw at the top of Holsen's Brae.

Road Closure

Between the hours of 8 am and 12 midnight other than for specific exemptions:

- The Unclassified Road leading to Skaw from 33 metres west of Braeview and Troal to the top of Holsen's Brae and its junction with the Northdale Link Prospective Public Road.
- The Unclassified Road leading to Skaw from Holsen's Brae and the Northdale Link Prospective Public Road to the turning point/ beach access path at Skaw.
- The publicly adopted length of the Unclassified Road leading to Saxa Vord from the Unclassified Road leading to Northdale.
- The Northdale Link Prospective Public Road from the Unclassified Road to Northdale to the Unclassified Road to Skaw at the top of Holsen's Brae.

Between the hours of 12 noon and 12 midnight other than for specific exemptions:

- The B9087 from the B9087 Feall Crossroads to the B9087 Saxa Vord Camp Crossroads.
- The B9087 (Norwick Road) from the B9087 Saxa Vord Camp Crossroads to the Private Access leading to Virse

Between the hours of 12 noon and 12 midnight other than for specific exemptions:

- The Unclassified Road from the B9087 Feall Crossroads to Feall.
- The C-class (Beach Road) Road from the B9087 (Beach Road) at Booth to its junction with the Unclassified Road to Clibberswick.
- The C-class Road from the C-class (Beach Road) Road and Unclassified Road to Clibberswick to the B9087 Saxa Vord Camp Crossroads.
- The Unclassified Road to Clibberswick from the C-class (Beach Road) Road to Saxa Vord Camp Crossroads Road.
- The Unclassified Road to Garraton from the C-class (Beach Road) Road to Saxa Vord Camp Crossroads Road.
- The Unclassified Road to Skeggie and Spragatup from the C-class (Beach Road) Road to Saxa Vord Camp Crossroads Road.
- The Unclassified Road leading to Saxa Vord from the B9087 Saxa Vord Camp Crossroads to its junction with the Unclassified Road to Northdale.
- The Unclassified Road to Northdale from the Unclassified Road leading to Saxa Vord from the B9087 Saxa Vord Camp Crossroads.
- The B9087 (Norwick Road) from the Private Access leading Virse to its junction with the Unclassified Roads leading to Millfield and Norwick Beach.
- The Unclassified Road leading to Norwick Beach, Valie, and Leawart from the B9087 at Norwick.
- The Unclassified Road leading to Millfield from the B9087 at Norwick..

- The Unclassified Road leading to Skaw from the B9087 (Norwick Road) to a point 33 metres west of Braeview and Troal.

One-way Traffic

Between the hours of 8 am and 12 midnight:

- The B9087 (Beach Road) from the A968/ B9086 roads at Brookpoint to the junction at Bordanoost, and the B9087 (Beach Road) from the B9087 Road at Bordanoost to its junction with the Unclassified Road from Annslea/ C-class (Beach Road) Road other than in a westerly then southerly direction towards the A968/ B9086 Brookpoint junction.
- The B9087 from B9087 (Beach Road) at Bordanoost to the B9087 Feall Crossroads other than in a generally southerly direction from the B9087 Feall Crossroads towards B9087 (Beach Road) Road at Bordanoost;
- The Unclassified Road from the B9087 at Annslea to the B9087/ C-class (Beach Road) Road at Booth other than in a generally southeasterly direction from the B9087 Road at Annslea towards B9087/ C-class (Beach Road) Road at Booth.

Exceptions

Various exemptions are in place on applicable road sections for:

- Fire Brigade, Ambulance Service, Police, Coastguard, and Shetland Islands Council authorised activities.
- Essential Shetland Space Centre operations, Shuttle or Park & Ride services and authorised vehicles carrying a disabled badge holder to and from Virse.
- Authorised vehicles carrying a person or persons registered at a residential or business property.
- Authorised access for the purposes of essential livestock welfare/ management.

Alternative Route

No alternative routes are available.

Full Details

The original Order and Appendices can be inspected at the Shetland Islands Council Roads Service during normal office hours Monday to Friday from 0900hrs until 1600hrs or online at <https://www.shetland.gov.uk/>

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