

# Hikashop Shipping Plugin With Extra Features

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## 1. Overview

Using this plugin you can create multiple Hikashop shipping methods with additional criteria in addition to the built-in Hikashop restrictions.

- **Enhanced Postcode Handling**

Initially developed for use with UK postcodes it can also be used (or extended) to cater for other postcode formats. In some cases it may be easier to configure than built-in Hikashop postcode handling.

- **Enhanced Price Restrictions and Shipping Method Prices**

If you have 8 delivery options each with 3 order value tiers then without this plug-in you will have to configure 24 shipping methods. With this plug-in you only need 8 shipping methods.

- **Order Item Product Shipping Method Restrictions**

Shipping methods can be restricted according to order item product categories.

- **Customer Selectable Delivery Dates**

Installing an additional extension allows a customer to select a delivery date.

See: `plg_hikashop_bfdeliverydate`.

This extension can be particularly useful when deliveries (shipping methods) are constrained by a customer postcode.

In addition the number of total number of deliveries available for a particular day of the week can be controlled. This prevents customers selecting a delivery date when that threshold has been reached. Christmas / holiday overrides can be configured.

Other extensions which cater for delivery slots and locker collections are also available.

See: `plg_hikashop_bfdeliverydateslots`

`plg_hikashop_bfdeliverydateslocker`

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## 1.1 Example Shipping Method Listings

Key features are illustrated in following Hikashop shipping method listings.

Note that the shipping methods are processed in the order listed (Hikashop feature).

### 1.1.1 Example Shipping Method Listing

#	<input type="checkbox"/> Name	Price	Restrictions	Type	Order		Delete	Published
1	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Portsmouth (Central)</a>		Postcode type: United Kingdom PO[1-5]_	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK	£	<input type="text" value="1"/>		
2	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Portsmouth (Outer)</a>	£ 5.00	Postcode type: United Kingdom PO[6-9]_ PO[1-2][0-9]_	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK	£	<input type="text" value="2"/>		
3	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Portsmouth (Isle of Wight)</a>	£ 10.00	Postcode type: United Kingdom PO3[0-9]_	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK	£	<input type="text" value="3"/>		
4	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Elsewhere (except Scottish Islands and Highlands)</a>	£ 2.00	Postcode type: United Kingdom AB[3-5][1-9] FK1[7-9] FK21 KA2[78] KW0 KW1[0-7] PA[2-7][0-9] PA[2-7][0-9] PH1[5-9] PH[23][0-9] PH4[5-9] PH[5-9][0-9] IV ZE Shipping not available	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK	£	<input type="text" value="4"/>		
5	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Scottish Islands and Highlands</a>	£ 20.00	Postcode type: United Kingdom Ignore method if postcodes previously matched	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK	£	<input type="text" value="5"/>		

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## 1.1.1 Example Shipping Method Listing (Using Advance Features)

#	Name	Price	Restrictions	Type	Order	Delete	Published
1	<a href="#">Special Delivery Areas</a>		Zone: United Kingdom Readonly method (shows message) Postcode type : United Kingdom AB3[1-8] AB4[0-9] AB5[0-6] BT GY IM IV[1-9] JE KA[1-26] KA[28-99] KW[1-9] PA[2-9] PH[4-9] PO[34][0-9] ZE Ignore method if postcodes previously matched	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK	1		
2	<a href="#">UK Mainland (Large Item)</a>	£ 22.24	Zone: United Kingdom Currency: GBP Postcode type : United Kingdom [A-Z] Ignore method if postcodes previously matched With categories: Headrails	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK	2		
3	<a href="#">UK Mainland (order under £100)</a>	£ 12.00	Minimum price: £ 1.00 Maximum price: £ 99.99 Zone: United Kingdom Currency: GBP Min / Max price with tax Postcode type : United Kingdom [A-Z] Ignore method if postcodes previously matched	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK	3		
4	<a href="#">UK Mainland</a>		Minimum price: £ 100.00 Zone: United Kingdom Currency: GBP Min / Max price with tax Postcode type : United Kingdom [A-Z] Ignore method if postcodes previously matched	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK	4		
5	<a href="#">No delivery address</a>		Readonly method (shows message) Postcode type : United Kingdom Ignore method if postcodes previously matched	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK	5		

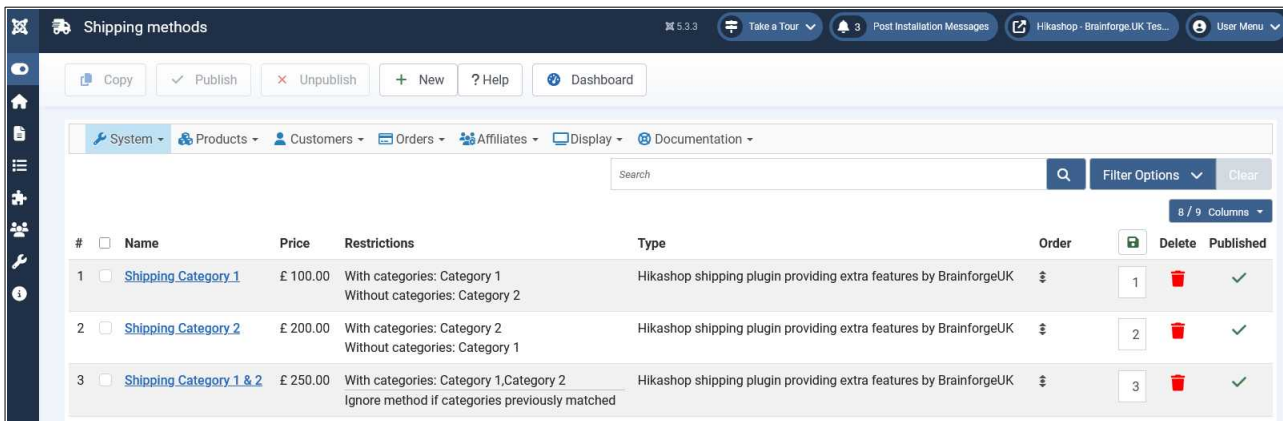
The *Readonly method (shows message)* feature allows you to display a sensible message to the user instead of a shipping method. For instance:

- **Special Delivery Areas** (e.g. not UK mainland & Scottish Highlands).  
Please contact us to arrange delivery and price for delivery.
- **No Delivery Address**  
Delivery price will be calculated after delivery postcode entered.

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## 1.1.2 Example Shipping Method Listing (With / Without Categories)



#	Name	Price	Restrictions	Type	Order	Delete	Published
1	<a href="#">Shipping Category 1</a>	£ 100.00	With categories: Category 1 Without categories: Category 2	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK	£	1	✓
2	<a href="#">Shipping Category 2</a>	£ 200.00	With categories: Category 2 Without categories: Category 1	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK	£	2	✓
3	<a href="#">Shipping Category 1 &amp; 2</a>	£ 250.00	With categories: Category 1,Category 2 Ignore method if categories previously matched	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK	£	3	✓

- **With categories**  
The shipping method is **only** available when the order contains one or more products in one (or more) of the selected shipping categories.
- **Without categories**  
The shipping method is **not** available when the order contains one or more products in one (or more) of the selected shipping categories.

See section 2.6.

In this example without the *Shipping Category 1 & 2* method the customer would never be able to place an order containing products in both categories 1 and 2 – they would have to place a separate order for each i.e. giving a total shipping cost of £300.

Adding the *Shipping Category 1 & 2* method allows a customer to include both categories of products in the order thus giving them a saving.

In addition the product quantity, weight, volume, postcode restrictions continue to work as normal.

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## 1.2 Installation Summary

- Install and enable this Hikashop shipping plugin.  
`plg_hikashopshipping_bfextrafeatures`
- If required install and enable one or more postcode handling plug-ins.  
`plg_hikashopbfpostcodes_shippingnetherlands`  
`plg_hikashopbfpostcodes_shippingunitedkingdom`
- If required install and enable the delivery date plugin.  
`plg_hikashop_bfdeliverydates`
  - You may also require one or more of the following.  
`plg_hikashop_bfdeliverydateslots` (only if parent/child shipping methods required).  
`plg_hikashop_bfdeliverydateslocker` (only if collection lockers required)
- If using the *delivery date* plug-ins you will also need to create Hikashop custom fields on the *order* table for the following:
  - Delivery date field.
  - Delivery slot field (when using `plg_hikashop_bfdeliverydateslots`).
  - Delivery locker field (when using `plg_hikashop_bfdeliverydateslocker`).
- Create one or more Hikashop shipping methods using this shipping plugin.

## 1.3 Update Summary

When applicable these plug-ins can be updated in the usual manner.

### 1.3.1 Upgrading Legacy (pre 4.0.0) Versions of `ofplg_hikashopshipping_bfextrafeatures`

All the associated plug-ins (identified above) must also be upgraded to v4.0.0 or above.

Before upgrading a site backup is strongly recommended and, if possible, evaluate the upgrade on a test site.

Refer to Appendix D for more information.

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## 2. Specific Configuration

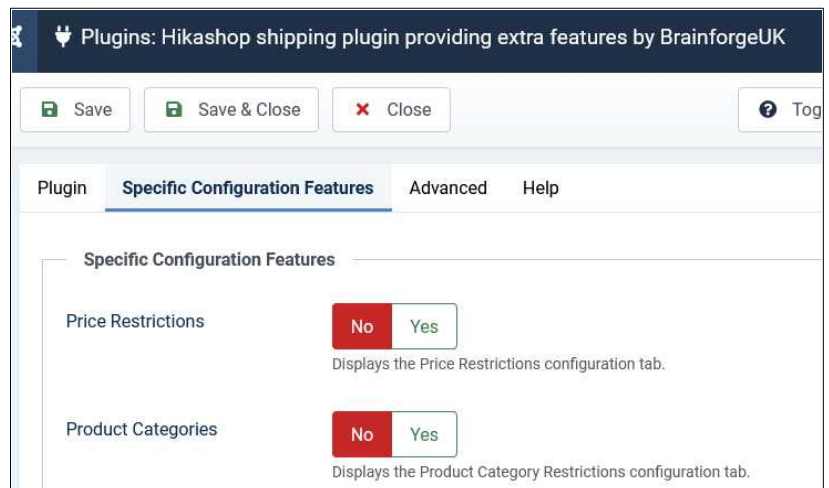
### 2.1 Basic

Without any specific configuration the plugin processes the Hikashop generic configuration and restrictions (i.e. same as the Hikashop Manual Shipping plugin).

<p><b>SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION</b></p> <p>Delivery Dates   Postcodes   Price Restrictions   Product Categories   Help</p> <p>Delivery date <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled <input type="checkbox"/> Enabled</p> <p>Requires Hikashop custom field on order table of type 'shipping delivery date'.</p>	<p><b>SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION</b></p> <p>Delivery Dates   <b>Postcodes</b>   Price Restrictions   Product Categories   Help</p> <p>Postcode format <input type="text" value="Default"/></p> <p>Enhanced shipping method postcode restriction and simple customer postcode validation.</p> <p>Readonly method <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>Displays description as message, no shipping methods / prices displayed.</p>
<p>The <i>Delivery date</i> option is only available when the separately available Hikashop plugin <i>plg_hikashop_bfdeliverydates</i> is installed, enabled and the corresponding delivery date Hikashop custom field type configured on the <i>order</i> table.</p>	<p>The <i>Postcode format</i> option is only available when one or more of the separately available Joomla plug-ins of type <i>plg_hikashopbfpostcodes</i> are installed, and enabled.</p>
<p><b>SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION</b></p> <p>Delivery Dates   Postcodes   <b>Price Restrictions</b>   Product Categories   Help</p> <p>Price <input type="text"/></p> <p>Minimum Price Restriction <input type="text"/></p> <p>Maximum Price Restriction <input type="text"/></p> <p>This allows you to increase (not override) the shipping method price.</p>	<p><b>SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION</b></p> <p>Delivery Dates   Postcodes   Price Restrictions   <b>Product Categories</b>   Help</p> <p>The order must satisfy both these criteria.</p> <p>With categories <input type="text"/></p> <p>Order must have some items in these product categories.</p> <p>Without categories <input type="text"/></p> <p>Order must not have any items in these product categories.</p>

The following built-in features are only available when enabled in the plugin-options.

- Price Restrictions
- Product Categories



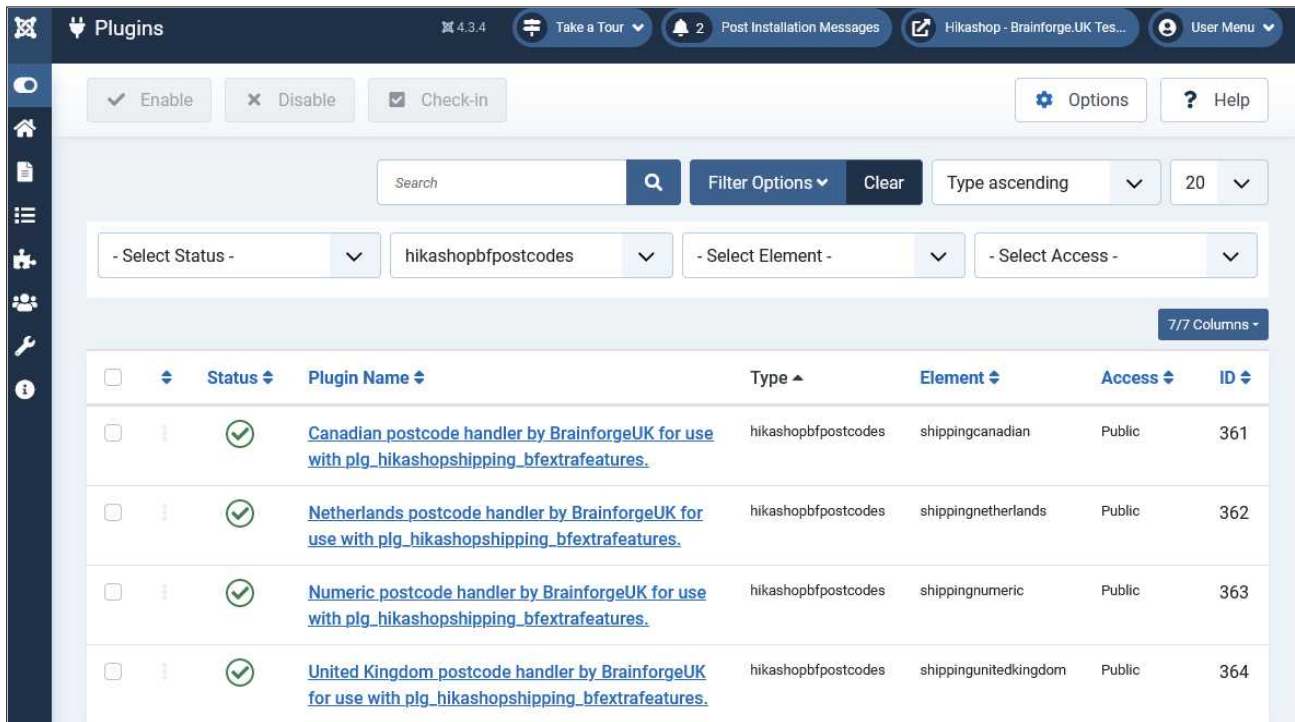
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## 2.1.1 Supplied Postcode Formats

Most sites will only require one of the examples listed to be installed and enabled. Other postcode formats available on request. Please [contact us](#) for further information.

These examples provide simple customer entered postcode format validation. This will detect where an O (letter) has been entered instead of a 0 (zero). Please [contact us](#) if you wish to use a database of all valid postcodes or postcode areas.



The screenshot shows the Joomla! Plugins management interface. At the top, there are buttons for 'Enable', 'Disable', and 'Check-in', along with 'Options' and 'Help'. Below these are search and filter controls. The main table lists four installed plugins, all with a status of 'Enabled' (indicated by a green checkmark) and 'Public' access. The table columns are: Status, Plugin Name, Type, Element, Access, and ID.

Status	Plugin Name	Type	Element	Access	ID
Enabled	<a href="#">Canadian postcode handler by BrainforgeUK for use with plg_hikashopshipping_bfextrafeatures.</a>	hikashopbpostcodes	shippingcanadian	Public	361
Enabled	<a href="#">Netherlands postcode handler by BrainforgeUK for use with plg_hikashopshipping_bfextrafeatures.</a>	hikashopbpostcodes	shippingnetherlands	Public	362
Enabled	<a href="#">Numeric postcode handler by BrainforgeUK for use with plg_hikashopshipping_bfextrafeatures.</a>	hikashopbpostcodes	shippingnumeric	Public	363
Enabled	<a href="#">United Kingdom postcode handler by BrainforgeUK for use with plg_hikashopshipping_bfextrafeatures.</a>	hikashopbpostcodes	shippingunitedkingdom	Public	364

## 2.1.2 Valid Postcode Field Format (applies to all postcode formats)

Enter into this field a space separated list of postcodes (or first part thereof i.e. the area identifier).

Postcodes can be entered either as several on one line (space separated) or singly one on each line.

Regular expressions can be used to define valid postcodes.

Spaces in these postcodes can be included as underscore ('\_').

For example in the United Kingdom PO1 1AA must be entered as PO1\_1AA.

Comment lines can be included in the valid postcode list, the first character must be a hash (#).

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## 2.1.3 Read-only shipping method

This feature allows you to display a message instead of a shipping method / price. Some scenarios where this feature might be useful are illustrated below.

### 2.1.3.1 Cart displayed before the delivery address has been entered.

Please proceed to the next step and enter your delivery address to see all delivery options with, if applicable, any delivery charges.

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Path:  Words: 22

Module Menu Contact Field + Article Media

### SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION

Delivery Dates **Postcodes** Help

**Postcode format**    
Enhanced shipping method postcode restriction and simple customer postcode validation.

**Ignore method if postcodes previously matched**  No  Yes

**Matching postcodes**   
Space separated list of postcodes (or area part).  
Replace any spaces in postcode with underscore ('\_') e.g. for UK 'PO1\_1AA'.  
Limited regular expression support e.g. for UK 'PO1[3-5] PO1\_[12]'.

**Block shipping on matching postcodes**  No  Yes  
Shipping not available with matching postcodes

**Readonly method**  No  Yes  
Displays description as message, no shipping methods / prices displayed.

## Checkout Display

1 Cart 2 Login & Address 3 Shipping & Payment

### Shipping method

Delivery Options  
Please proceed to the next step and enter your delivery address to see all delivery options with, if applicable, any delivery charges.

Image	Name	Unit price	Quantity

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## 2.1.3.2 Blocked Postcodes (e.g. Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Isle of Wight).

**SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION**

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Delivery Dates   **Postcodes**   Price Restrictions   Product Categories   Help

Postcode format:  ▼  
Enhanced shipping method postcode restriction and simple customer postcode validation.

Ignore method if postcodes previously matched:  No    Yes

Matching postcodes:   
Space separated list of postcodes (or area part).  
Replace any spaces in postcode with underscore (\_) e.g. for UK 'PO1\_1AA'.  
Limited regular expression support e.g. for UK 'PO1[3-5] PO1\_[12]'.

Block shipping on matching postcodes:  No    Yes  
Shipping not available with matching postcodes

Readonly method:  No    Yes  
Displays description as message, no shipping methods / prices displayed.

For these postcodes no shipping method will be available and this message displayed at checkout:

*No shipping method for postcode.*

Alternatively you might want to cater for those blocked postcodes like this:

<a href="#">Elsewhere (except Scottish Islands and Highlands)</a>	£ 2.00	Postcode type: United Kingdom AB[3-5][1-9] FK1[7-9] FK21 KA2[78] KW0 KW1[0-7] PA[2-7][0-9] PA[2-7][0-9] PH1[5-9] PH[23][0-9] PH4[5-9] PH[5-9][0-9] IV ZE Shipping not available
<a href="#">Scottish Islands and Highlands</a>	£ 20.00	Postcode type: United Kingdom Ignore method if postcodes previously matched

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## 2.2 Supported Postcode Formats

The following postcode formats are available as additional plugins and usually distributed with this *Extra Features* shipping plugin.

Other formats may be available or can be implemented on request.

### 2.2.1 UK Postcode Format

SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION				
Delivery Dates	Postcodes	Price Restrictions	Product Categories	Help
Postcode format	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/> <span>▼</span> Enhanced shipping method postcode restriction and simple customer postcode validation.			
Ignore method if postcodes previously matched	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes			
Matching postcodes	<input type="text" value="PO[6-9]_"/> <input type="text" value="PO[12][0-9]_"/> Space separated list of postcodes (or area part). Replace any spaces in postcode with underscore ('_') e.g. for UK 'PO1_1AA'. Limited regular expression support e.g. for UK 'PO1[3-5] PO1_[12]'. <input type="text"/>			
Block shipping on matching postcodes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes Shipping not available with matching postcodes			
Readonly method	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes Displays description as message, no shipping methods / prices displayed.			

#### UK Postcode Districts With a Single Digit (e.g. PO1 M1 etc.)

To restrict a shipping method to only PO1 postcodes you must add an underscore ( ) suffix (PO1\_). Just PO1 on its own will match all of PO1, PO11, PO12, PO13 etc...

#### Using Exclamation To Negate Postcode Match Result

Entering an exclamation mark (!) at the beginning of the *Valid postcodes* field will negate the result. ! PO[1-2]\_ will match everything except PO1 and PO2.

In this simple example PO[^1-2]\_ would achieve the same result (using regular expression syntax). This is similar to using the *Block shipping on matching postcodes* parameter.

#### UK Postcode Districts With a Suffix (e.g. WC1A EC1B etc.)

You can match these using WC1[A-E] WC1[F-Z] or simply WC1 WC2 etc..

There is currently no risk of confusion with WC10 and WC20 as these don't exist.

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## 2.2.2 Netherlands Postcode Format

**SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION**

Delivery DatesPostcodesPrice RestrictionsProduct CategoriesHelp

Postcode format

Ignore method if postcodes previously matched

Matching postcodes

Block shipping on matching postcodes

Readonly method

Netherlands▼

Enhanced shipping method postcode restriction and simple customer postcode validation.

NoYes

1420-1439  
# This is a comment  
1980-2235  
# Multiple postcodes on one line  
#2300-2481 2800-2871

Space separated list of postcodes (or area part).  
Replace any spaces in postcode with underscore ('\_') e.g. for UK 'PO1\_1AA'.  
Limited regular expression support e.g. for UK 'PO1[3-5] PO1\_[12]'.

NoYes

Shipping not available with matching postcodes

NoYes

Displays description as message, no shipping methods / prices displayed.

This screenshot illustrates how you could define a single shipping method covering Amsterdam, Haarlem and Leiden.

Assuming no other restrictions apply this is easier to implement as a single shipping method than the Hikashop Manual shipping plugin.

Entering an exclamation mark (!) at the beginning of the *Valid postcodes* field will negate the result. For example:

! 1435 2230 2820-2029

will match everything except 1435 2230 2820, 2821, 2822 etc...

On the Hikashop shipping method admin listing (see screenshot in *Overview* section) this method will appear as follows (*Name* is the name of the shipping method):

Name	Price	Restrictions
<a href="#">Amsterdam, Haarlem and Leiden</a>		Postcode type : Netherlands 1420-1439 1980-2235 2300-2481 2800-2871

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## 2.2.3 Canada Postcode Format

**SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION**

Delivery Dates **Postcodes** Price Restrictions Product Categories Help

Postcode format  ▼  
Enhanced shipping method postcode restriction and simple customer postcode validation.

Ignore method if postcodes previously matched  No  Yes

Matching postcodes  

```
# Ontario  
K0[GH]_[0-9][A-Z][0-9]  
K0J_[0-9][B-Z][0-9]  
K0[KLM]_[0-9][B-Z][0-9]  
# Ottawa  
[1-3][A]_[0-9][A-Z][0-9]
```

Space separated list of postcodes (or area part).  
Replace any spaces in postcode with underscore (\_) e.g. for UK 'PO1\_1AA'.  
Limited regular expression support e.g. for UK 'PO1[3-5] PO1\_[12]'.

Block shipping on matching postcodes  No  Yes  
Shipping not available with matching postcodes

Readonly method  No  Yes  
Displays description as message, no shipping methods / prices displayed.

This screenshot illustrates how you could define a single shipping method covering Ottawa and Ottawa.

Assuming no other restrictions apply this is easier to implement as a single shipping method than the Hikashop Manual shipping plugin.

Entering an exclamation mark (!) at the beginning of the *Valid postcodes* field will negate the result.

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## 2.2.4 Generic Numeric Postcode Format

**SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION**

Delivery Dates **Postcodes** Price Restrictions Product Categories Help

Postcode format  ▼  
Enhanced shipping method postcode restriction and simple customer postcode validation.

Ignore method if postcodes previously matched  No  Yes

Matching postcodes   
Space separated list of postcodes (or area part).  
Replace any spaces in postcode with underscore ('\_') e.g. for UK 'PO1\_1AA'.  
Limited regular expression support e.g. for UK 'PO1[3-5] PO1\_[12]'.  
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Block shipping on matching postcodes  No  Yes  
Shipping not available with matching postcodes

Readonly method  No  Yes  
Displays description as message, no shipping methods / prices displayed.

Assuming no other restrictions apply this is easier to implement as a single shipping method than the Hikashop Manual shipping plugin.

This could be used instead of *Netherlands Postcode Format* examples above but in this case there will not be any validation of the address data (e.g. 123456789 could be entered).

Entering an exclamation mark (!) at the beginning of the *Valid postcodes* field will negate the result.

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## 2.5 Price Restrictions

This screenshot illustrates a shipping plugin which has different shipping prices according to the size of the order.

- Shipping charged at £1 for orders below £40.
- Shipping charged at £0.50 for orders above £39.99 and below £80.
- Shipping free for orders over £79.99.

Without this feature implementing this would require 3 shipping methods one for each price criteria. If you have lots of shipping methods for different postcode / delivery date combinations the number of methods can quickly multiply making maintenance difficult.

The screenshot shows the 'Shipping methods' management page. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'System', 'Products', 'Customers', 'Orders', 'Affiliates', 'Display', and 'Documentation'. Below these is a search bar and a 'Filter Options' dropdown. The main content area displays a table of shipping methods. The first method listed is 'Portsmouth Sameday (Central)'. Its details include: Postcode type: United Kingdom, PO[1-5], days Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri, latest order time 11:59, and various holiday restrictions. The 'Additional shipping prices (by order value)' section shows: 0->£ 39.99=£ 1.00 and £ 40.00->£ 79.99=£ 0.50.

The 'SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION' window shows the 'Price Restrictions' tab. It features a 'Delivery dates' toggle set to 'Enabled'. Below this are tabs for 'Delivery Constraints', 'Delivery Dates', 'Postcodes', 'Price Restrictions', 'Product Categories', and 'Help'. The 'Price Restrictions' section contains two rows of configuration fields. The first row has: Price (1), Minimum Price Restriction (blank), and Maximum Price Restriction (39.99). The second row has: Price (0.5), Minimum Price Restriction (40), and Maximum Price Restriction (79.99). A note at the bottom states: 'This allows you to increase (not override) the shipping method price.'

For no *Maximum price restriction* leave this field blank. In the shipping method listing an infinity symbol will be displayed.

For no *Minimum price restriction* leave this field blank. In the shipping method listing 0 (zero) will be displayed.

0->£ 39.99=£ 2.00  
£ 40.00->∞=£ 0.00

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## 2.6 Product Categories

**SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION**

Delivery dates  Disabled  Enabled  
Requires Hikashop custom field on order table of type 'shipping delivery date'.

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Delivery Constraints   Delivery Dates   Postcodes   Price Restrictions   **Product Categories**   Help

The order must satisfy both these criteria.

With categories    
Order must have some items in these product categories.

Without categories   
Order must not have any items in these product categories.

Ignore method if categories previously matched  No  Yes

## 3. Online Manuals

For convenience these are directly available from the Hikashop shipping method edit page.

**SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION**

Delivery dates  Disabled  Enabled  
Requires Hikashop custom field on order table of type 'shipping delivery date'.

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Delivery Constraints   Delivery Dates   Postcodes   Price Restrictions   Product Categories   **Help**

Extra features manual [plg\\_hikashopshipping\\_bfextrafeatures.pdf](#)  
Link to manual for this plugin.

Delivery dates manual A separate plugin needs to be installed and enabled.  
If feature required please contact supplier.

Delivery date locker manual A separate plugin needs to be installed and enabled.  
If feature required please contact supplier.

Delivery date slots manual A separate plugin needs to be installed and enabled.  
If feature required please contact supplier.

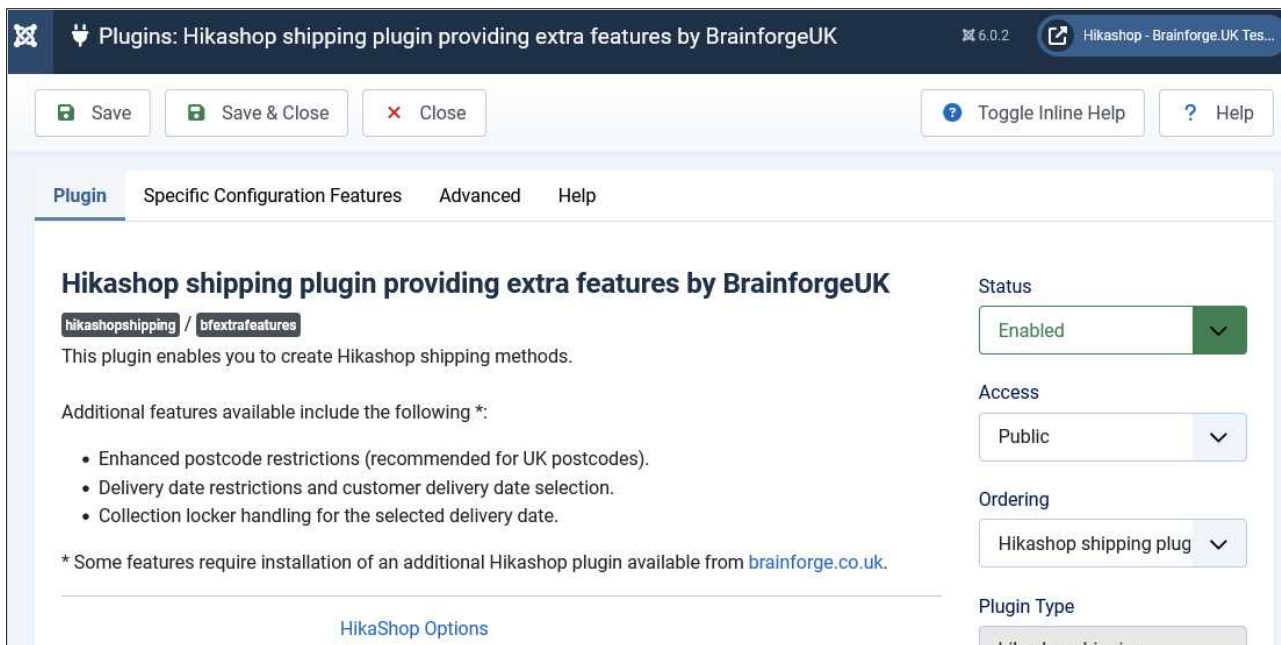
Notes   
Enter any information which you might find useful in the future.

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## 4 Plugin Parameters

### 4.1 Basic



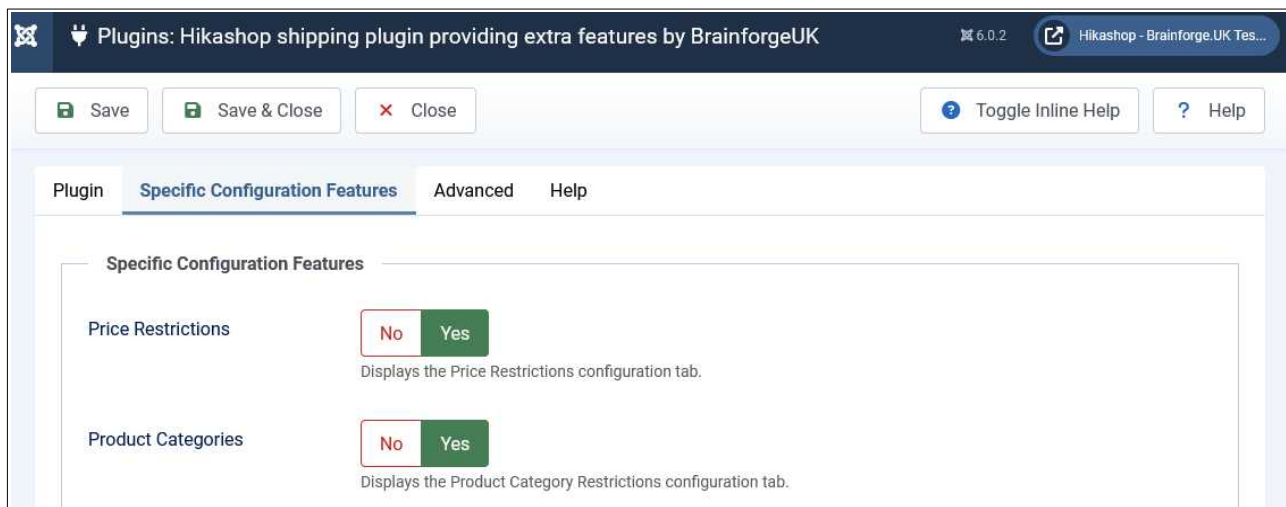
The screenshot shows the Joomla! administrator interface for the 'Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK'. The page title is 'Plugins: Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK'. The version is 6.0.2. The plugin is currently 'Enabled'. The access level is set to 'Public'. The ordering is set to 'Hikashop shipping plug'. The plugin type is 'hikashopshipping'. The description states: 'This plugin enables you to create Hikashop shipping methods. Additional features available include the following \*:'

- Enhanced postcode restrictions (recommended for UK postcodes).
- Delivery date restrictions and customer delivery date selection.
- Collection locker handling for the selected delivery date.

\* Some features require installation of an additional Hikashop plugin available from [brainforge.co.uk](http://brainforge.co.uk).

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### 4.2 Specific Configuration Features



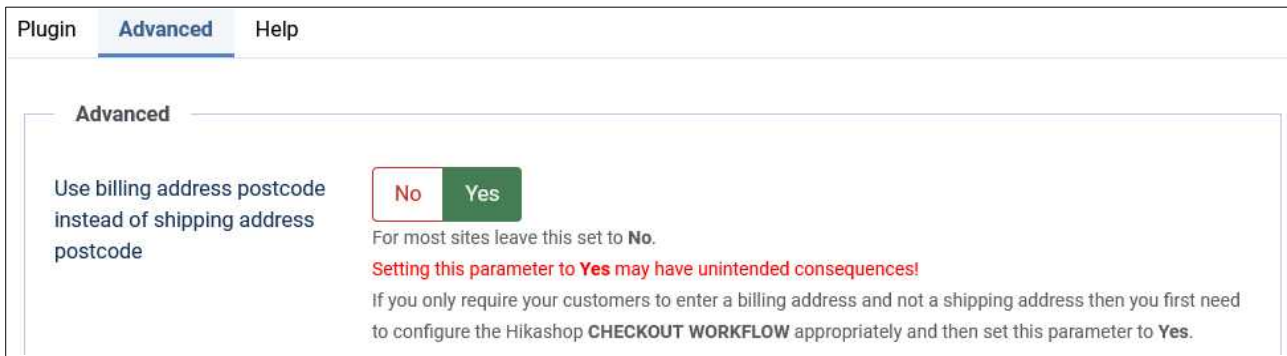
The screenshot shows the 'Specific Configuration Features' tab of the plugin configuration page. It contains two toggle switches:

- Price Restrictions:** A toggle switch with 'No' (red) and 'Yes' (green) options. Below it, the text reads: 'Displays the Price Restrictions configuration tab.'
- Product Categories:** A toggle switch with 'No' (red) and 'Yes' (green) options. Below it, the text reads: 'Displays the Product Category Restrictions configuration tab.'

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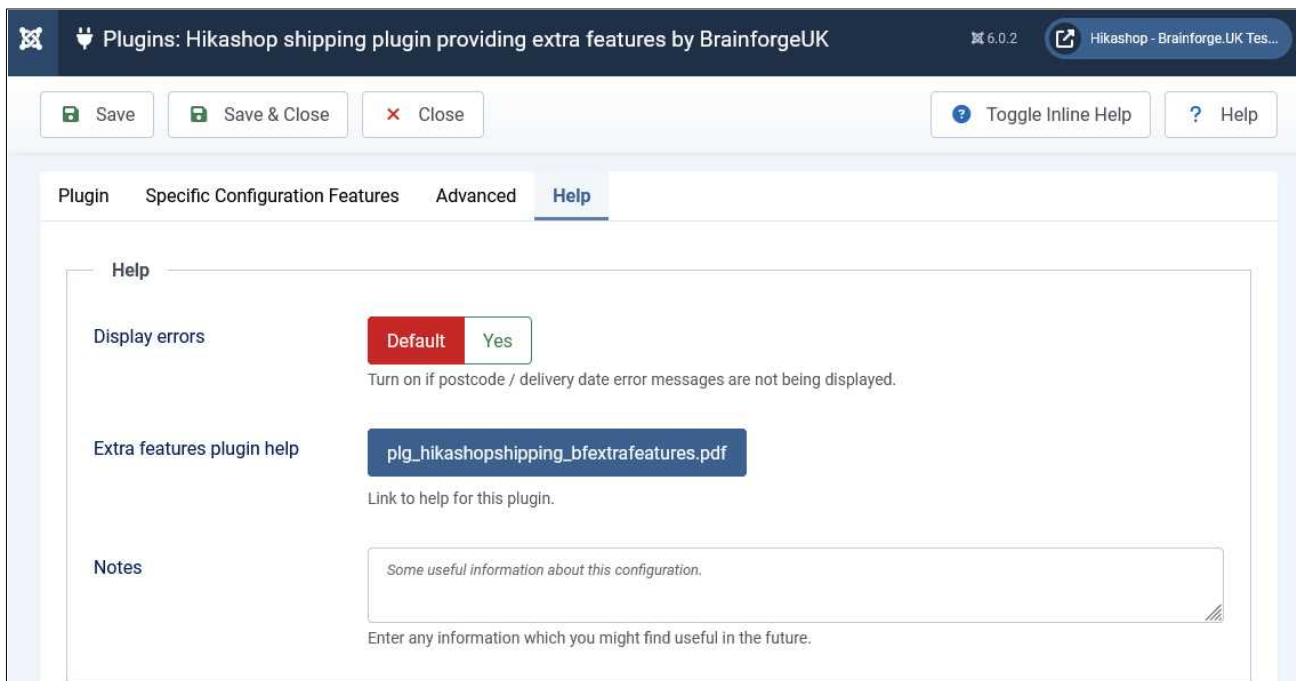
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## 4.3 Advanced



The screenshot shows the 'Advanced' configuration page for the Hikashop shipping plugin. At the top, there are tabs for 'Plugin', 'Advanced', and 'Help', with 'Advanced' selected. The main content area is titled 'Advanced' and contains a single configuration option: 'Use billing address postcode instead of shipping address postcode'. This option is controlled by a radio button group with 'No' selected and 'Yes' unselected. Below the radio buttons, there is explanatory text: 'For most sites leave this set to **No**. **Setting this parameter to Yes may have unintended consequences!** If you only require your customers to enter a billing address and not a shipping address then you first need to configure the Hikashop **CHECKOUT WORKFLOW** appropriately and then set this parameter to **Yes**.'

## 4.4 Help



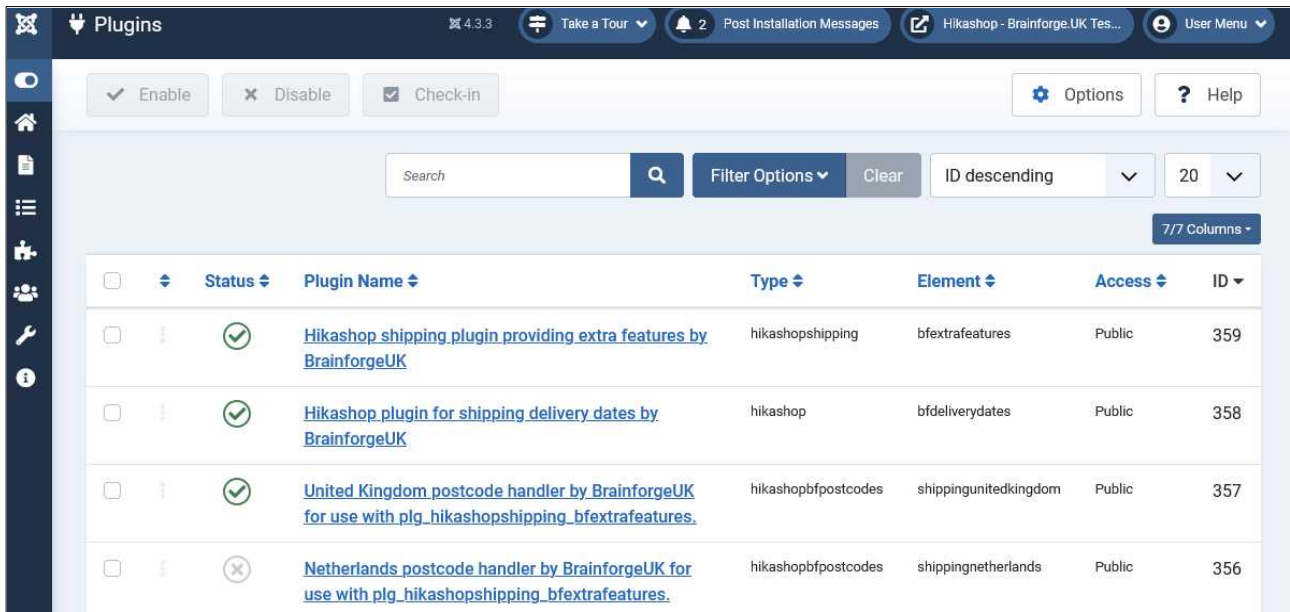
The screenshot shows the 'Help' configuration page for the Hikashop shipping plugin. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the text 'Plugins: Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK' and a version number '6.0.2'. Below the header, there are buttons for 'Save', 'Save & Close', and 'Close', along with 'Toggle Inline Help' and 'Help' buttons. The main content area is titled 'Help' and contains three sections: 'Display errors' with a radio button group where 'Default' is selected and 'Yes' is unselected, with the text 'Turn on if postcode / delivery date error messages are not being displayed.'; 'Extra features plugin help' with a blue button labeled 'plg\_hikashopshipping\_bfextrafeatures.pdf' and the text 'Link to help for this plugin.'; and 'Notes' with a text area containing the placeholder text 'Some useful information about this configuration.' and the instruction 'Enter any information which you might find useful in the future.'

The help link points to a copy of this document.

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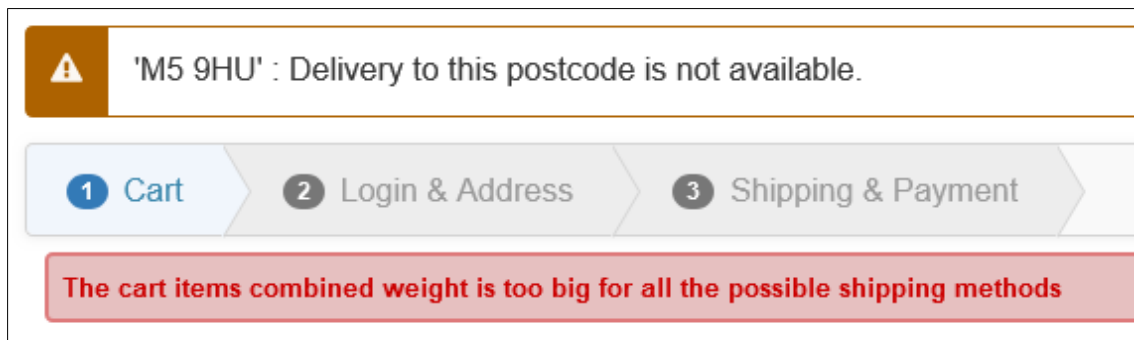
## Appendix A Example Plugin Listing (UK Postcodes)



The screenshot shows the Joomla! Plugins management interface. At the top, there are buttons for 'Enable', 'Disable', and 'Check-in', along with 'Options' and 'Help' buttons. Below these are search and filter controls. The main table lists several plugins:

	Status	Plugin Name	Type	Element	Access	ID
<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<a href="#">Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK</a>	hikashopshipping	bfextrafeatures	Public	359
<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<a href="#">Hikashop plugin for shipping delivery dates by BrainforgeUK</a>	hikashop	bfdeliverydates	Public	358
<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<a href="#">United Kingdom postcode handler by BrainforgeUK for use with plg_hikashopshipping_bfextrafeatures.</a>	hikashopbfpostcodes	shippingunitedkingdom	Public	357
<input type="checkbox"/>	✗	<a href="#">Netherlands postcode handler by BrainforgeUK for use with plg_hikashopshipping_bfextrafeatures.</a>	hikashopbfpostcodes	shippingnetherlands	Public	356

## Appendix B Overweight Item Message Example



## Appendix C Legacy Shipping Plug-ins Previously Available from Brainforge.UK

This plugin is intended to replace the following plug-ins previously available from <https://brainforge.co.uk>.

plg\_hikashopshipping\_bfmanual  
plg\_hikashop\_bforderdeliverydate2  
plg\_hikashop\_bforderdeliveryslot2

Existing customers are recommended to investigate this replacement and, if it suits their purposes, install on their site(s). For more information or in case of difficulty please [contact us](#).

Note that there is no automatic upgrade path – your existing configuration must be re-entered manually.

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## Append D Upgrading Existing Installations

### D.1 Upgrading to v4.0.0 and Above

If installed the following plugins **MUST** be simultaneously upgraded to v4.0.0 (or above).

plg\_hikashopshipping\_bfextrafeatures

plg\_hikashop\_bfdeliverydates

plg\_hikashop\_bfdeliverydateslots (depends on plg\_hikashop\_bfdeliverydates)

plg\_hikashop\_bfdeliverydatelocker (depends on plg\_hikashop\_bfdeliverydates)

If you are only using postcode plugins the following information does not apply to you.

Following the upgrade some shipping methods using *plg\_hikashop\_bfdeliverydates* may not be available and require manual intervention. In many cases all that is required is for the shipping method to be saved from the method edit form and the updates will be automatically applied.

This manual step is provided so that you can verify the new configuration.

It also provides you with an opportunity to simplify your configuration by using the new feature for inheriting method parameters from the plugin parameters.

You will be warned when this manual intervention is required from the Hikashop shipping method admin pages, like this:

