

# Order Delivery Slot Plugin for Hikashop by BrainforgeUK

## 1 Examples

In these examples the *Order Delivery Slot Plugin* is illustrated used with the companion *Order Delivery Date Plugin*. They can be used independently, if desired. Refer to the *Order Delivery Date Plugin* documentation for that configuration setup.

### 1.1 Example using Different Delivery Methods

This is a simple example illustrating how this plugin can be used.

Courier Delivery (date / timeslot not selectable)	Collection (date selectable)
<p>You are here: <a href="#">Home</a> / Hikashop Checkout</p> <p>1 Shipping 2 Login 3 End</p> <p>Shipping method</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Click and Collect Free shipping</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Courier Free shipping</p> <p>Additional information</p> <p>Collection Date* n/a</p> <p>Collection Slot* n/a</p>	<p>You are here: <a href="#">Home</a> / Hikashop Checkout</p> <p>1 Shipping 2 Login 3 End</p> <p>Shipping method</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Click and Collect Free shipping</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Courier Free shipping</p> <p>Additional information</p> <p>Collection Date* Today</p> <p>Collection Slot* Today - 12 - 2pm</p>

In this example the *Collection Date / Slot* will default to *Anyday / Anytime* as delivery dates / slots cannot be selected for this shipping method. A Joomla language override has been used to display *n/a* instead (i.e. not applicable).

You can hide the delivery fields when it shows *Anyday / Anytime* – this may reduce the risk of confusing customers (e.g. *Collection Date / Time* would not be shown when using courier shipping).

#### 1.1.1 Configuration (Plugin Tab)

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Handles customer order delivery slot selection.

Today date display: None, D, j F Y, Today

Tomorrow date display: None, D, j F Y, Tomorrow

Other date display: None, D, j F Y

Please select prompt: Show, Hide

When hidden the customer will be shown the first available delivery slot instead of being prompted to select a delivery slot.

Status: Enabled

Access: Public

Ordering: Order Delivery Slot for Hi

Plugin Type: hikashop

Plugin File:

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## 1.1.2 Configuration (Date Configuration Tab)

In this example we have 3 delivery slots morning, lunchtime and afternoon. The morning timeslot must be booked no later than 16:00 the previous day. The lunchtime and afternoon timeslots can be booked the same day up to one hour before the timeslot starts.

The screenshot shows the configuration interface for the Order Delivery Slot Plugin. At the top, there is a dark header with the text "Plugins: Order Delivery Slot for Hikashop" on the left, "4.1.4" in the center, and "Brainforge.UK Demo" on the right. Below the header, there are three buttons: "Save", "Save & Close", and "Close", along with a "Help" button. The main content area has a tabbed interface with "Slot Configuration" selected. Under this tab, there is a sub-section titled "Slot Configuration" with a green plus icon. Below this, there is a light blue box with an information icon and the text "Configure slots for different weekdays and times of day." The main area contains three configuration items, each with a blue plus icon on the left, a text input field for "Configuration name \*", and a green plus icon on the right. The first item has the value "10am - Midday", the second has "12 - 2pm", and the third has "2 - 5pm". Each item also has a blue menu icon and a red minus icon on the right side.

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## 10am – Midday

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Plugin **Slot Configuration** Blocked Delivery Dates Additional Features Help

Slot Configuration

Configure slots for different weekdays and times of day.

Slot Configuration +

Configuration name \* 10am - Midday

Weekdays \* Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Type or select some options

Min days before delivery 1

Min days before delivery count Delivery days only

Earliest order time (first day delivery) \* 00:00

Latest order time (first day delivery) \* 16:00

Max. deliveries in slot 8

Slot Limit Reached Email Off On

Locker collection Disabled Enabled

Disabled slots Show Hide

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## Other Slots – Allowing same day collection

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Plugin **Slot Configuration** Blocked Delivery Dates Additional Features Help

Slot Configuration

Configure slots for different weekdays and times of day.

Slot Configuration +

Configuration name \* 10am - Midday [Menu] [Close] [Add]

Configuration name \* 12 - 2pm [Menu] [Close] [Add]

Weekdays \* Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Type or select some options [Dropdown]

Select the normal weekdays for these delivery slots.

Min days before delivery Today [Dropdown]

Enter the number of days before delivery can be made.  
Set to 0 (zero) for same day and any day following deliveries, 1 (one) for tomorrow and any day following deliveries.

Earliest order time (sameday delivery) \* 00:00 [Dropdown]

Select earliest order time for sameday delivery.

Latest order time (sameday delivery) \* 11:00 [Dropdown]

Select latest order time for sameday delivery.

Disabled slots Show Hide

Sometimes hiding disabled slots can be less confusing for the customer.

Max. deliveries in slot 8

Maximum number of deliveries which can be made during slot.  
Select 0 (zero) for unlimited.

Slot Limit Reached Email Off On

Sends an email to shop administrator when slot usage limit reached.

Repeating slots No Yes

A number of repeating slots over a given timeframe.

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## Product Category and Shipping Method Configuration

Product category mode	<input type="button" value="Block selected"/> <input checked="" type="button" value="Allow all"/> <input type="button" value="Allow selected"/>
<p>This controls slot configuration availability according to order product categories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Block selected - Slot never available if order contains a product from one of these categories.</li><li>• Allow all - Slot available regardless of order product categories.</li><li>• Allow selected - Slot only available if order contains a product from one of these categories.</li></ul>	
Shipping method mode	<input type="button" value="Block selected"/> <input type="button" value="Allow all"/> <input checked="" type="button" value="Allow selected"/>
<p>This controls slot availability according to selected shipping method.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Block selected - Slot never available when one of these shipping methods selected.</li><li>• Allow all - Slot available regardless of shipping method selection.</li><li>• Allow selected - Slot only available if one of these shipping methods selected.</li></ul>	
Shipping methods	<input type="button" value="Click and Collect x"/> Type or select some options <input type="button" value="v"/>
<p>Select the relevant shipping methods.</p>	
No shipping address	<input type="button" value="Allow all"/> <input checked="" type="button" value="Check shipping method"/>
<p>You can select behaviour when shipping address not available.</p>	

## Locker Collection Using an Access Code

Min days before delivery	<input type="text" value="Today"/>
<p>Enter the number of days before delivery can be made. Set to 0 (zero) for same day and any day following deliveries, 1 (one) for tomorrow and any day following deliveries</p>	
Earliest order time (sameday delivery) *	<input type="text" value="00:00"/>
<p>Select earliest order time for sameday delivery.</p>	
Latest order time (sameday delivery) *	<input type="text" value="16:00"/>
<p>Select latest order time for sameday delivery.</p>	
Max. deliveries in slot	<input type="text" value="4"/>
<p>Maximum number of deliveries which can be made during slot. Select 0 (zero) for unlimited.</p>	
Slot Limit Reached Email	<input checked="" type="button" value="Off"/> <input type="button" value="On"/>
<p>Sends an email to shop administrator when slot usage limit reached.</p>	
Locker collection	<input type="button" value="Disabled"/> <input checked="" type="button" value="Random Allocation"/> <input type="button" value="Sequential Allocation"/>
<p>Collect from a numbered locker (1 to Max Deliveries in Slot) using a random 8-digit access code.</p>	
Disabled lockers	<input type="text" value="11,17,34"/>
<p>Comma separated list of disabled (broken?) lockers.</p>	
Disabled slots	<input type="button" value="Show"/> <input checked="" type="button" value="Hide"/>
<p>Sometimes hiding disabled slots can be less confusing for the customer.</p>	

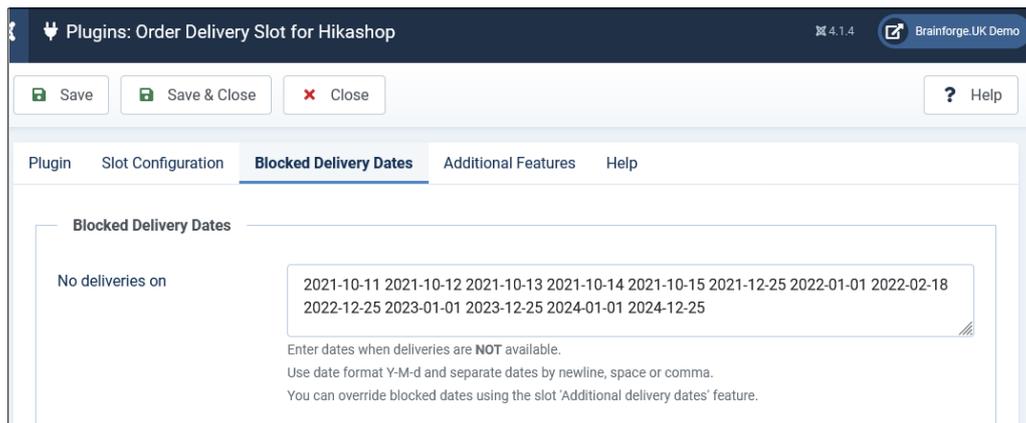
With *Max. deliveries in slot* is defined you can enable the *Locker collection* feature. In this example you would have 4 lockers.

When an order is *confirmed* a locker is allocated (numbered 1 to 4 in this example) and assigned a unique, randomly generated, 4 digit access code. Lockers can be assigned either randomly (each locker gets equal usage) or sequentially (number 4 will be the least used).

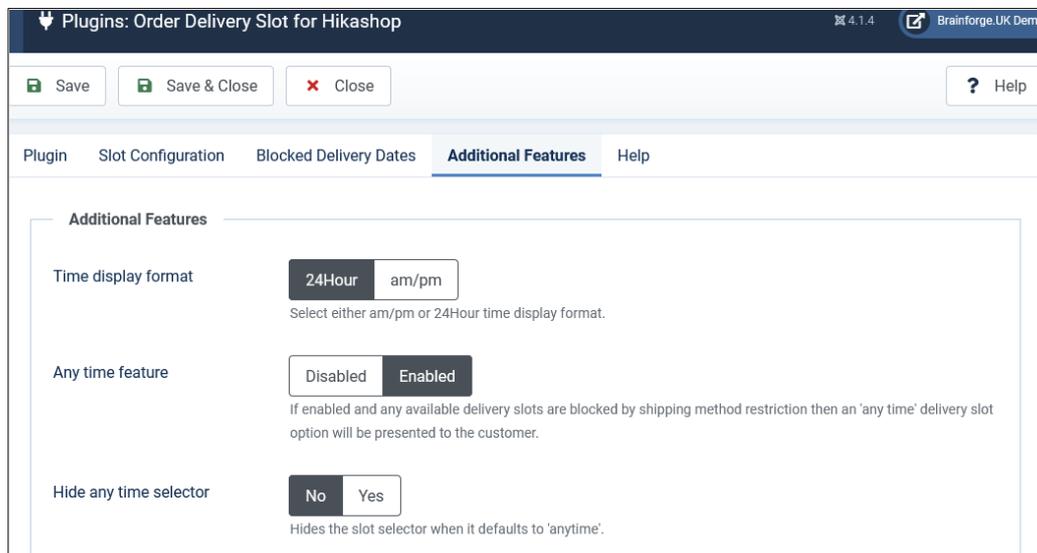
On occasions one or more lockers may be unavailable (broken?) – these can be individually disabled.

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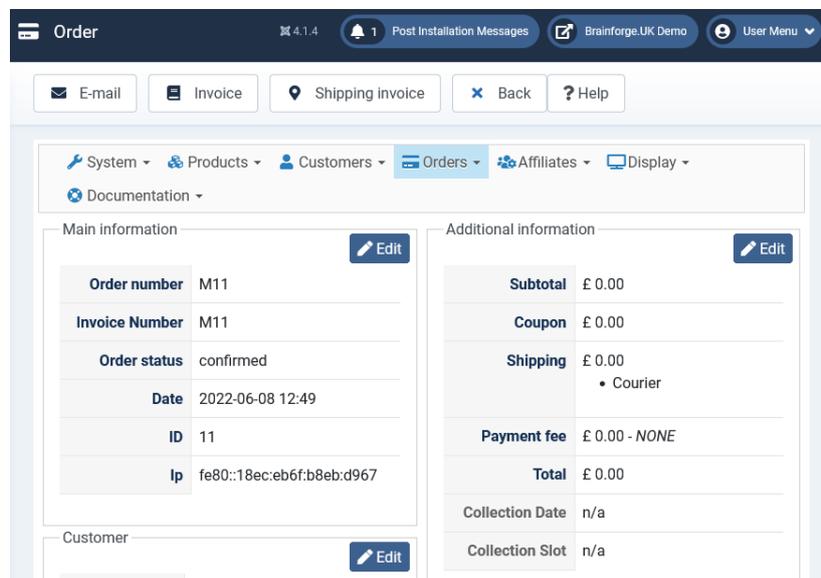
## 1.1.3 Configuration (Blocked Delivery Days)



## 1.1.4 Configuration (Additional Features)



Following order creation the delivery slot will show as *Anytime* in emails and on order administration pages regardless of the *Hide any time* setting.



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## 1.1.5 Joomla Language Override

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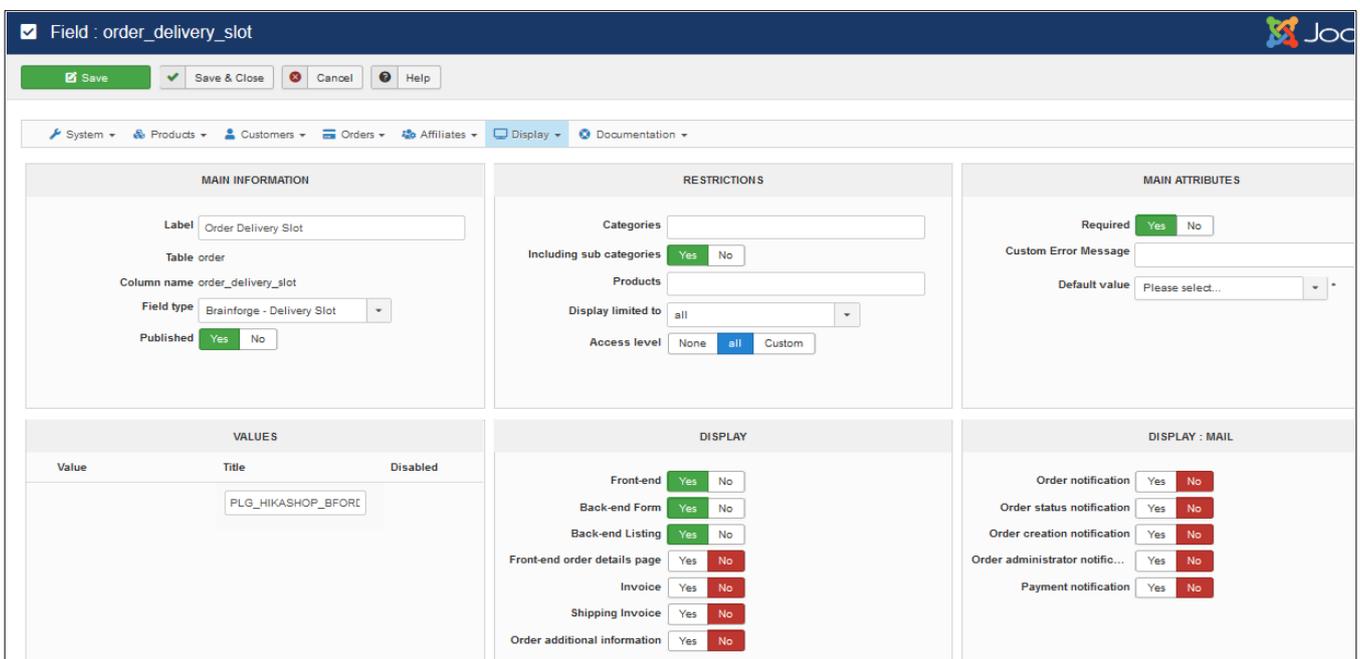
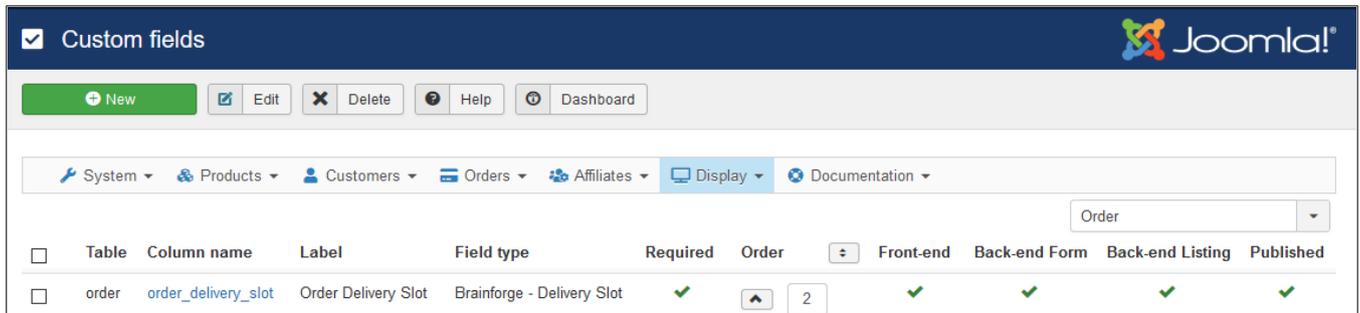
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Constant ▲	Text ↕	Language Tag	Location
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">PLG_HIKASHOP_BFORDERDELIVERYSLLOT_ANYTIME</a>	n/a	en-GB	Site

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## 2 Hikashop Custom Field

The plugin uses a Hikashop Custom Field type of *Brainforge – Delivery Slot* which must be added to the *Order* table. The recommended column name is *order\_delivery\_slot*, although you can use any name convenient. The field type is included with the *delivery slot* plugin.



The *Please Select* title can be changed (normally using Joomla language overrides), but no other values can be entered as these are automatically generated.

### 2.1 Preview Panel – Post Text

Optionally below the slot selector you can display additional slot information to the customer. The value (by default blank) of the Joomla language constant *PLG\_HIKASHOP\_BFORORDERDELIVERYSLOT\_POSTTEXT* is shown here. Use the Joomla language override feature to change this to display any text / html you require.



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## 2.2 Hikashop Orders

#	<input type="checkbox"/>	Order number Invoice Number	Customer	Payment method	Date	Last Modified	Order status	Total	Order Delivery Slot	Partner	ID
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	B4U1 J8	demo demo ( admin )	Freepay	2020-05-08 09:29	2020-05-08 09:30	Confirmed	£ 1.20	Today - Between 07:20 and 07:25		41

The delivery slot information can also be shown in customer emails, invoices and via the user control panel. See the *field display* options to control the handling of this.

In the order administrator order additional information editor you can edit the delivery slot text. The delivery slot text is free format, there is no validation.

## 3 Joomla Language Constants

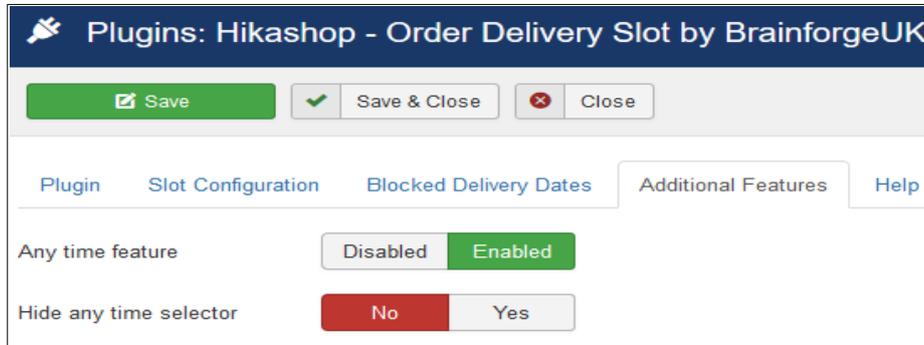
If required customise these using Joomla language overrides in the usual manner.

PLG_HIKASHOP_BFORDERDELIVERYSLOT_TODAY	Today
PLG_HIKASHOP_BFORDERDELIVERYSLOT_TOMORROW	Tomorrow
PLG_HIKASHOP_BFORDERDELIVERYSLOT_DATEFORMAT	D, j F Y
PLG_HIKASHOP_BFORDERDELIVERYSLOT_VALUE	%1\$s - %2\$s
PLG_HIKASHOP_BFORDERDELIVERYSLOT_REPEATTITLE_OPT1	Between %1\$s and %2\$s
PLG_HIKASHOP_BFORDERDELIVERYSLOT_REPEATTITLE_OPT2	After %1\$s
PLG_HIKASHOP_BFORDERDELIVERYSLOT_REPEATTITLE_OPT3	Before %2\$s
PLG_HIKASHOP_BFORDERDELIVERYSLOT_REPEATTITLE_OPT4	%1\$s
PLG_HIKASHOP_BFORDERDELIVERYSLOT_REPEATTITLE_OPT5	%2\$s
PLG_HIKASHOP_BFORDERDELIVERYSLOT_REPEATTITLE_OPT6	Custom title - use language override.
PLG_HIKASHOP_BFORDERDELIVERYSLOT_ANYTIME	Anytime
PLG_HIKASHOP_BFORDERDELIVERYSLOT_POSTTEXT	
PLG_HIKASHOP_BFORDERDELIVERYSLOT_LOCKER_ACCESS	Locker ID: %1\$s, Access Code: %2\$s

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## 4 Additional Features

### 4.1 Any Time Handling



When using the *shipping method mode* configuration feature there can be circumstances where no delivery date is available for the selected shipping method, for instance, where the shipping method does not permit delivery date selection.

Order Delivery Slot\*  
Order Delivery Slot configuration error: 003  
Please contact system administrator.

*In this situation, by default, the user will see the illustrated error message. This error message can be avoided by using the Any time feature.*

### 4.2 Any Time Feature



When enabled you can select whether or not the *Any Time* selector is shown to the user.

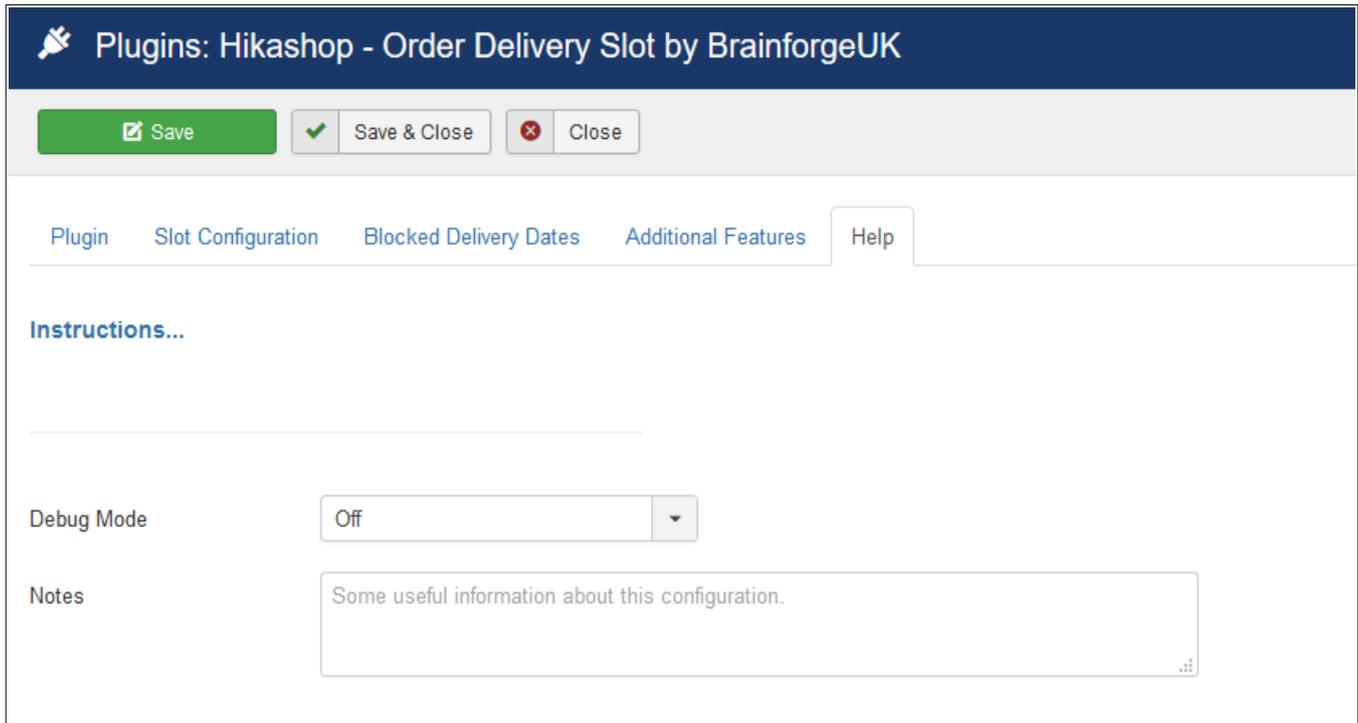


Regardless of the *Hide any time* setting following order creation the delivery date will show as *Anytime* in emails and on order administration pages.

Additional information	
Subtotal	£ 1.20
Coupon	£ 0.00
Shipping	£ 0.00 • Collection
Payment fee	£ 0.00 - SagePay
VAT (GB)	£ 0.20
Total	£ 1.20
Order Delivery Slot	Anytime

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## 5 Help



The screenshot shows the configuration interface for the 'Order Delivery Slot by BrainforgeUK' plugin. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the plugin name and a 'Save' button. Below the header, there are three buttons: 'Save' (green), 'Save & Close' (grey with a checkmark), and 'Close' (grey with a red X). The main content area has a navigation bar with tabs for 'Plugin', 'Slot Configuration', 'Blocked Delivery Dates', 'Additional Features', and 'Help'. The 'Help' tab is active. Below the navigation bar, there is a section titled 'Instructions...' followed by a 'Debug Mode' dropdown menu set to 'Off'. At the bottom, there is a 'Notes' text area with the placeholder text 'Some useful information about this configuration.'

### Instructions

This is a link to a copy of this document.

### Debug Mode

For use only by Brainforge.UK.

### Notes

Use this space to record any information about this configuration which you might find useful in the future (i.e. why you made a change etc.).

## 6 Locker Collection with Access Code

The locker ID and access code is included, along with the collection date and times, in order emails. It is also available in the customer order history and the admin order listing / details.

### Admin Order Listing

Order Collection Date	Order Collection Slot
Tue, 14 February 2023	Tue, 14 February 2023 @ 5pm - 10am (following day) Locker ID: 4, Access Code: 4052

### Email Example

Shipping method : Click & Collect

**Additional information**

Order Collection Date : Tue, 14 February 2023  
Order Collection Slot : Tue, 14 February 2023 @ 5pm - 10am (following day)  
Locker ID: 4, Access Code: 4052

From the Hikashop custom field admin pages you can control where the delivery date and slot information appears (e.g. in the above your could turn-off the collection date).

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## 7 Additional Information

Requires [Hikashop Business](#) version 4.2.3 or greater.

### 7.1 Order Delivery Slot Plugin

Can be used with conjunction with the [Brainforge.UK Order Delivery Date plugin](#).

When doing this you must ensure that the *Delivery Date* plugin precedes the *Delivery Slot* plugin in the Joomla plugin execution order. An error message is disabled when this is not the case.

The screenshot shows the Joomla! Plugins management interface. The main table lists two plugins:

Status	Plugin Name	Type	Element	Access
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hikashop - Order Delivery Date by BrainforgeUK	hikashop	bforderdeliverydate2	Public
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hikashop - Order Delivery Slot by BrainforgeUK	hikashop	bforderdeliveryslot2	Public

On the right side, a sidebar shows the configuration for the selected plugin. The Status is set to 'Enabled', Access is 'Public', and the Ordering list shows:

1. Hikashop - Order Delivery ...
2. Hikashop - Order Delivery Slot...