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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)

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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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.

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10am – Midday

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Other Slots – Allowing same day collection

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Product Category and Shipping Method Configuration

Product category mode	Block selected	Allow all	Allow selected

This controls slot configuration availability according to order product categories.
- Block selected - Slot never available if order contains a product from one of these categories.
- Allow all - Slot available regardless of order product categories.
- Allow selected - Slot only available if order contains a product from one of these categories.

Shipping method mode	Block selected	Allow all	Allow selected

This controls slot availability according to selected shipping method.
- Block selected - Slot never available when one of these shipping methods selected.
- Allow all - Slot available regardless of shipping method selection.
- Allow selected - Slot only available if one of these shipping methods selected.

Shipping methods   Click and Collect ×   Type or select some options   ⌄

Select the relevant shipping methods.

No shipping address   Allow all   Check shipping method

You can select behaviour when shipping address not available.

Locker Collection Using an Access Code

Min days before delivery	Today

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 ⌄

Select earliest order time for sameday delivery.

Latest order time (sameday delivery) * 16:00 ⌄

Select latest order time for sameday delivery.

Max. deliveries in slot 4

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.

Locker collection Disabled | Random Allocation | Sequential Allocation

Collect from a numbered locker (1 to Max Deliveries in Slot) using a random 8-digit access code.

Disabled lockers 11,17,34

Comma separated list of disabled (broken?) lockers.

Disabled slots Show | Hide

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

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)
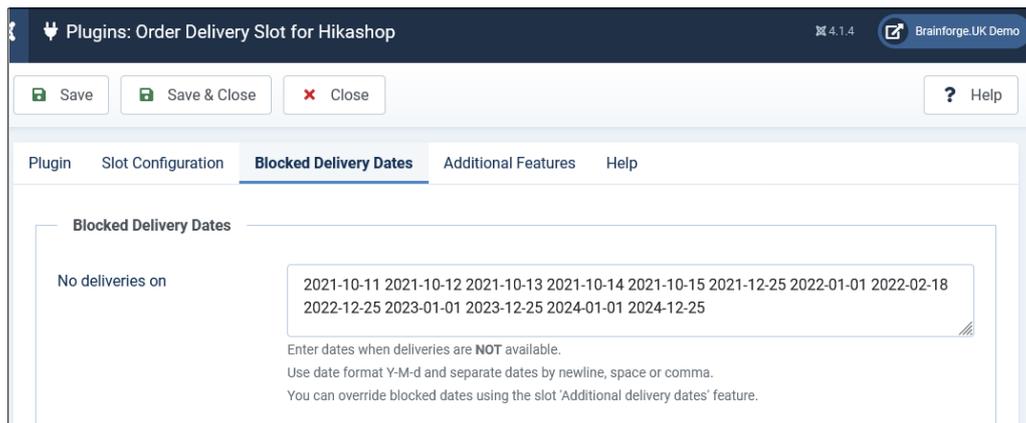
1.1.4 Configuration (Additional Features)
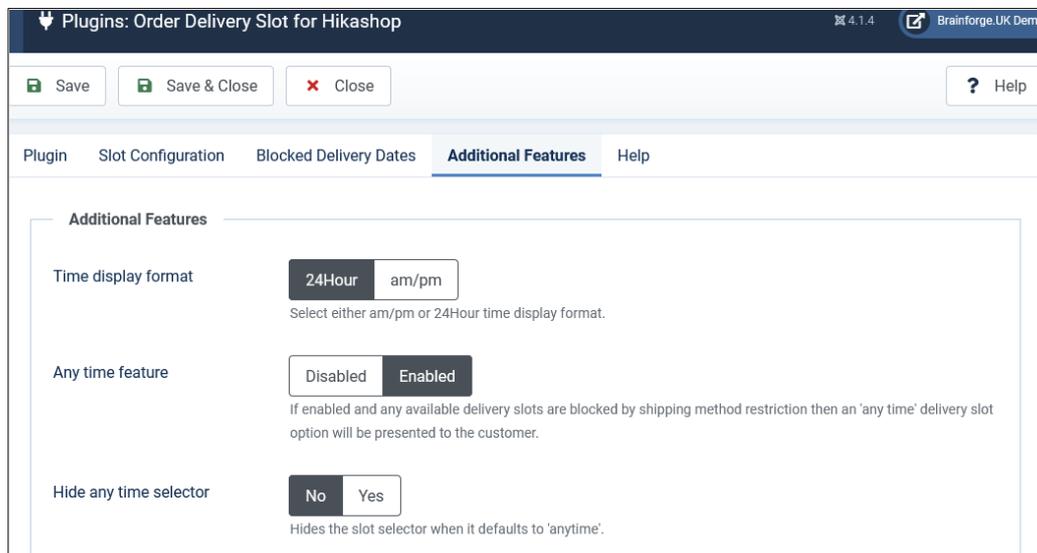
Following order creation the delivery slot will show as *Anytime* in emails and on order administration pages regardless of the *Hide any time* setting.
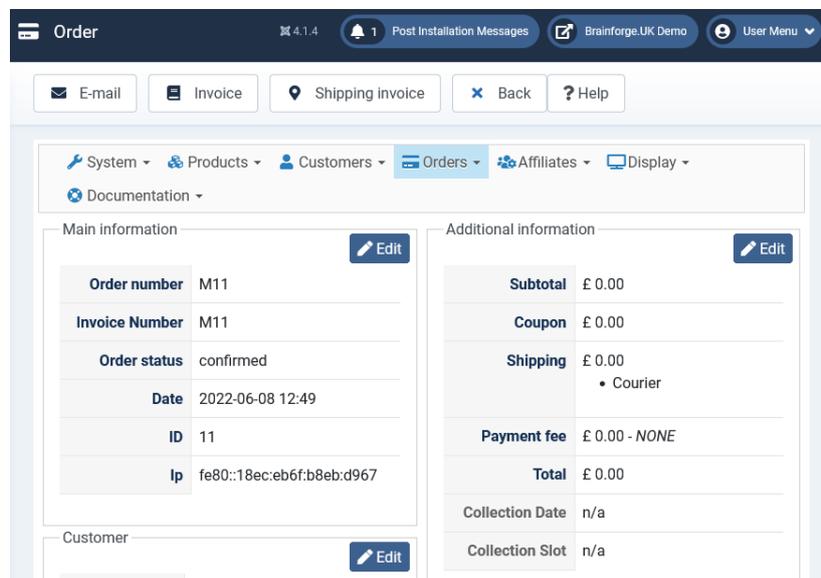
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1.1.5 Joomla Language Override

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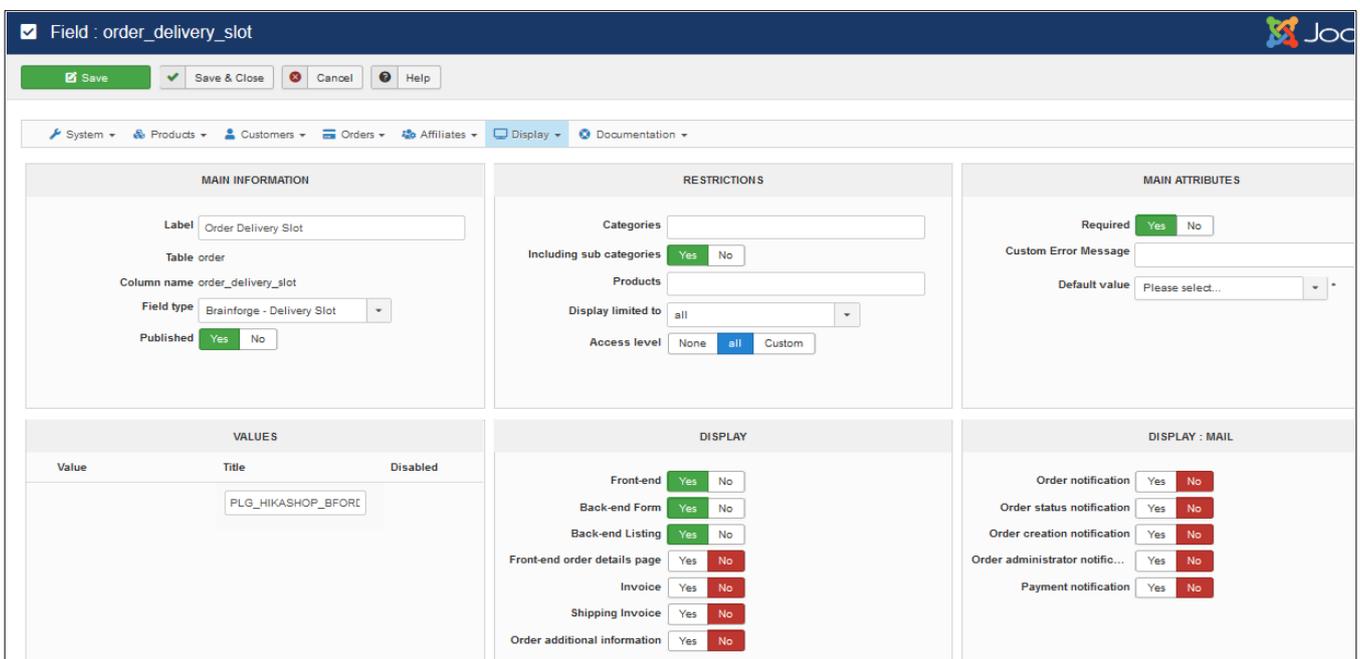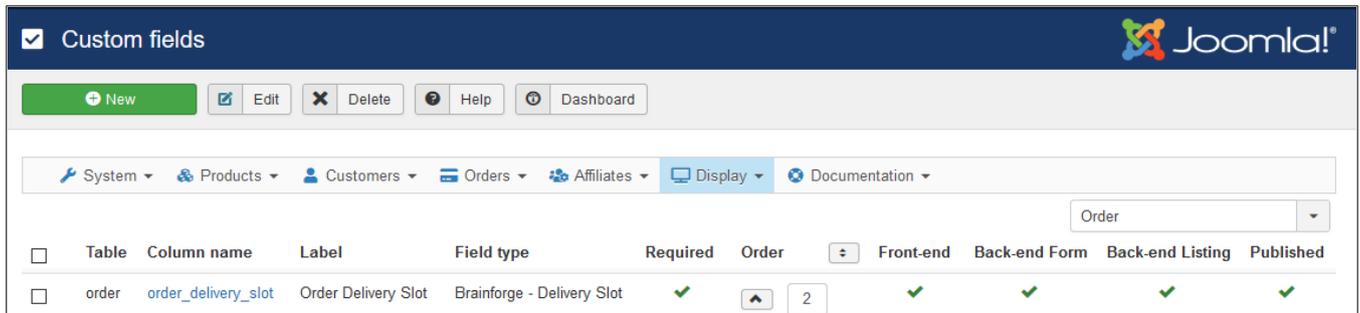
The *Please Select* title can be changed (normally using Joomla language overrides), but no other values can be entered as these are automatically generated.

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_BFORDERDELIVERYSLOT_POSTTEXT* is shown here. Use the Joomla language override feature to change this to display any text / html you require.

2.2 Hikashop Orders

#		Order number Invoice Number	Customer	Payment method	Date	Last Modified	Order status		Total	Order Delivery Slot	Partner	ID ▾
1	☐	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

4 Additional Features

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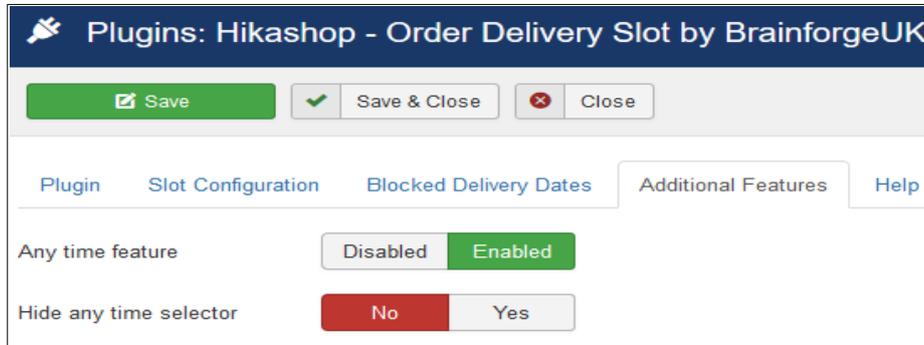
When using the *shipping method mode* configuration feature there can be circumstances where no delivery date is available for the selected shipping method, for instance, where the shipping method does not permit delivery date selection.

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.

5 Help

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.

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Admin Order Listing   **Email Example**

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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.