

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (OXFORD CENTRAL, EAST, SOUTH AND WEST AREAS) (E-SCOOTER TRIAL) (EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 10 May 2021 Oxfordshire County Council made the above experimental Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and The Electric Scooter Trials and Traffic Signs (Coronavirus) Regulations and General Directions 2020. The effect of the Order, which comes into force on **21 May 2021** is to permit electrically powered E-Scooters to use roads and access areas permitted by pedal cycles.

General information:

1. E-Scooter is defined (in short) as a motor vehicle, electrically assisted, for use by one person, maximum speed of 15mph, speed controlled by hand with a default cut-off switch.
2. Used as part of a Government authorised trial rental scheme, for use by persons 17yrs and over with a current UK drivers licence. Insurance will be part of the hire arrangement.
3. Can be used on roads, designated cycle lanes, bus lanes and cycle tracks, and on shared use pavements i.e. where advisory cycle lanes are marked/signed to separate use from pedestrians. Not for use where pedestrians only are permitted e.g. normal roadside pavements and shopping malls etc.)
4. Where existing traffic signs prohibit use by motor vehicles but permit cycle access, E-Scooters will be regarded the same as pedal cycles.

In the following Road Traffic Orders an exemption for the use by E-Scooters will be temporarily added – i.e. where general prohibitions of entry, the use of bus and cycle lanes or left or right turns are signed against motor vehicles, but are permitted for cycles, E-Scooters will also be permitted.

¹ Oxfordshire County Council (City of Oxford) (Central Area) (Traffic Management) (Consolidation) Order 2003 (as amended); Oxfordshire County Council (East Oxford) (Controlled Parking Zone, Waiting Restrictions and Traffic Management) Order 2010 (as amended); Oxfordshire County Council (Donnington Area) (Traffic Management Order) Consolidation order 1997 (as amended); Oxfordshire County Council (New Hinksey Area)(Traffic Management) Order 1999; Oxfordshire County Council (Various Streets Cowley Area) (Traffic Regulation) Consolidation order 1997 (as amended); Oxfordshire County Council (Walton Manor; Oxford) (Parking Places and Traffic Management) (Consolidation) Order 2003 (as amended); Oxfordshire County Council (City of Oxford and North Hinksey) (Bus Lanes, Cycle Lanes and Traffic Management) Order 2006 (as amended).

¹ *The lengths of Queen Street and Cornmarket Street will not include use by E-scooters*

If it is decided the provisions (or any of them) are to become permanent, they will be incorporated into the existing Traffic Regulations Orders as required.

The Order will come into force on 21 May 2021 for a maximum period of 18 months. The Order contains provisions allowing the County Council's Director for Communities / Infrastructure Delivery to modify or suspend the Order, or any provisions of the Order in accordance with section 10(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act.

Detailed documents giving more details of the order are available for public inspection online by visiting: <https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk> and copies may be made available on request.

If you wish to question the validity of the experimental order or any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on grounds that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to this Order, you may within 6 weeks from 21 May 2021 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The Council will be considering in due course whether the provisions of the experimental Order should be continued in force indefinitely. Any person may object to the making of an Order for the purposes of such indefinite continuation within a period of 6 months:

- (a) beginning with the day on which the experimental Order came into force, or
- (b) if that Order is varied by any subsequent order made by the Council or modified by the Council's Director pursuant to Section 10(2) of the 1984 Act, beginning with the day on which the variation or modification comes into force.

Any such objection must be in writing and state the grounds on which it is made and all objections and other representations must be sent to the address given below (quoting Ref:AK/12.6.320) within the relevant time period given above. The Council will consider objections and representations received in response to this Notice. They may be disseminated widely for these purposes and made available to the public.

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