

**OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

The Oxfordshire County Council (“the Council”) in exercise of its powers under Sections 9 and 10 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the Act”), and The Electric Scooter Trials and Traffic Signs (Coronavirus) Regulations and General Directions 2020, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the 1984 Act hereby makes the following Order.

1. This Order may be cited as The Oxfordshire County Council (Oxford Central, East South and West) (E-Scooter Trial) (Experimental Traffic Management) Order 2021 and shall come into force on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2021.
2. The effect of this order is to temporarily amend, for the duration of this experimental order, such parts of the Traffic Regulation Orders as are listed in the Schedule to this order.
3. If the provisions of this experimental Order (or any of them) are made permanent, the measures will be added to the orders specified in the Schedule to this order.
4. The Director for Environment and Place / Communities of the Council is empowered to modify or suspend this Order or any provision of it pursuant to and in accordance with Section 10(2) of the Act.
5. This Order shall continue in force for a period of 18 months from the date on which it comes into force.

**GIVEN UNDER** the Common Seal of the Oxfordshire County Council

this tenth day of May 2021.

## SCHEDULE

The effect of these amendments is to temporarily permit E-Scooters as motor vehicles to be exempt from prohibitions/restrictions of driving in some roads / parts of roads.

### 1.)

Definition:

**“E-Scooter”** means a motor vehicle which—

- (a) is fitted with an electric motor with a maximum continuous power rating not exceeding 500 watts;
- (b) is not fitted with pedals that are capable of propelling the vehicle;
- (c) has two wheels, one front and one rear, aligned along the direction of travel;
- (d) is designed to carry no more than one person;
- (e) has a maximum weight, excluding the driver, not exceeding 55 kilograms;
- (f) has a maximum design speed not exceeding 15.5 miles per hour;
- (g) has a means of directional control through the use of handlebars which are mechanically linked to the steered wheel;
- (h) has a means of controlling the speed through hand controls; and
- (i) has a power control that defaults to the ‘off’ position,

*[as specified in The Electric Scooter Trials and Traffic Signs (Coronavirus) Regulations and General Directions 2020]*

## **SCHEDULE**

In each of the orders specified below, the above definition of ‘E-Scooter’ shall temporarily be added (for the duration of the Experiment) to their respective articles under the heading ‘Definitions’.

In each of the orders below an exemption for the use by E-Scooters will be temporarily added – i.e. where general prohibitions of entry, or left or right turns are signed against motor vehicles, but are permitted for cycles, E-Scooters will also be permitted.

<sup>1</sup>. 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).

The Oxfordshire County Council (Donnington Area) (Traffic Management Order) Consolidation order 1997 (as amended).

Oxfordshire County Council (New Hinksey Area)(Traffic Management) Order 1999

The 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).

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

**THE COMMON SEAL of THE  
OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

Solicitor / Designated Officer