

CITY OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

(ELECTRIC SCOOTERS)

EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2021

The Council of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne in exercise of their powers under Sections 9, 10 and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) and of all other powers them enabling in that behalf, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, hereby make the following Order:-

1. In this Order:

“Electric Scooter” means an electric scooter as defined in The Electric Scooter Trials and Traffic Signs (Coronavirus) Regulations and General Directions 2020 (or as otherwise amended) hired from a company authorised by the Department for Transport for the purpose of operating Electric Scooters within the City of Newcastle upon Tyne”

“Highway” means any road excluding pavements to which the public has access.

“Pedal Cycle” means a unicycle, bicycle, tricycle or cycle having four or more wheels, not being in any case mechanically propelled unless it is an electronically assisted cycle of a class not treated as a motor vehicle for the purposes of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

“Trial” has the same meaning as in the Traffic Signs and General Directions Regulations 2016.

2. Whilst this Order is in force -

(a) the City of Newcastle upon Tyne (Bus Lanes) Traffic Regulation Order 2014 as amended shall be further varied by the addition of the following –

(i) after sub paragraph (k) in Article 14 there shall be inserted a new sub paragraph (l) as follows -

“(l) Electric Scooter PROVIDED THAT the Bus Lane, Bus Gate or Bus Only Street specified in columns 1 and 2 is subject to a signed speed limit of 30mph or less.”

(ii) after sub paragraph (i) in Article 15 there shall be inserted a new sub paragraph (j) as follows -

“(j) Electric Scooter PROVIDED THAT the Bus Only Street specified in columns 1 and 2 is subject to a signed speed limit of 30mph or less.”

- (iii) after sub paragraph (a) in Article 16A there shall be inserted a new sub paragraph (b) as follows -
 - “(b) Electric Scooter PROVIDED THAT the Bus Gate specified in columns 1 and 2 is subject to a signed speed limit of 30mph or less.”
 - (b) the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Traffic Regulation (Consolidation) Order 2009 as amended shall be further varied by the addition of the following –
 - (i) in Column 2 of Schedule 70 in respect of items 113 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e), 102 (a), (b) and (c), 107 (a), (b) and (c), 111 (a) and (b), 46, 66, Quayside (a) and (b) and 83 there shall be inserted a new exemption as follows -

“Electric Scooters being used as part of a trial **PROVIDED THAT** the cycle lane is subject to a signed speed limit of 30mph or less”
 - (ii) in Column 2 of Schedule 70A in respect of items 3 (b) and (c) there shall be inserted a new exemption as follows –

“Electric Scooters being used as part of a trial **PROVIDED THAT** the cycle lane is subject to a signed speed limit of 30mph or less”.
3. (a) Whilst this Order remains in force, no previous enactments shall apply so as to prevent Electric Scooters from being used on the highway with a signed speed limit of 30mph or less on which pedal cycles may lawfully be ridden.
- (b) In all other respects, those enactments shall remain in full force and effect.
4. Electric Scooters shall be permitted for use on the highway on which pedal cycles may lawfully be ridden in the Council of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne area with a signed speed limit of 30mph or less.
5. The Council’s Assistant Director Transport is hereby authorised, after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police, to modify or suspend the operation of this Order or any provision of it if it appears to him essential:-
- (a) in the interest of the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic;
 - (b) in the interest of providing suitable and adequate on street parking facilities; or
 - (c) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which any road affected by the Order runs.
6. Insofar as any provision of this Order conflicts with any provision which is contained in an Order made or having effect as if made under the Act or by or under any other enactment then the provisions of THIS Order shall prevail.

7. The restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation from any restriction or requirement imposed by any regulations made or having effect as if made under the Act or by or under any other enactment.
8. This Order shall come into operation on 25 February 2021, and shall continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, and may be cited as the City of Newcastle upon Tyne (Electric Scooters) Experimental Traffic Regulation Order 2021.

Given under the Common Seal of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne this 11th day of February 2021.

THE COMMON SEAL of **THE COUNCIL**)
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