

**CITY OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
(ELECTRIC SCOOTERS)
EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION (NO. 2) ORDER 2022**

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on 15 August 2022 the Council of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne made an Order under Sections 9, 10 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

2. **The effect of the Experimental Order, which will come into operation on 25 August 2022, is to allow Electric Scooters**, 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, **in Bus Lanes, Cycle Lanes and Highways in Newcastle upon Tyne with a signed speed limit of 30mph or less.**

3. **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 a sub paragraph (l) in Article 14, sub paragraph (j) in Article 15 and sub paragraph (b) in Article 16A to permit Electric Scooters hired from a company authorised by the Department for Transport for the purpose of operating Electric Scooters within Newcastle upon Tyne to travel in the Bus Lanes, Bus Gates and Bus Only Streets* in Newcastle upon Tyne **PROVIDED THAT** the Bus Lane, Bus Gate or Bus Only Street is subject to a signed speed limit of 30mph or less.

* E Scooters will **not be permitted to use** the Bus Only Street on High Level Bridge.

(b) The City of Newcastle upon Tyne Traffic Regulation (Consolidation) Order 2009 “(the 2009 Order)” as amended shall be further varied by the addition of the an exemption to permit Electric Scooters hired from a company authorised by the Department for Transport for the purpose of operating Electric Scooters within Newcastle upon Tyne to travel in the Cycle Lanes in Newcastle upon Tyne **PROVIDED THAT** the Cycle Lane is subject to a signed speed limit of 30mph or less.

4. **In addition, Electric Scooters will only be permitted for use on the highway** in the City of Newcastle upon Tyne **with a signed speed limit of 30mph or less.**

5. **The Order is required to allow a trial** of E scooters to take place, with feedback from the trial assisting in the decision by the Department of Transport as to whether to extend the use of electric scooters permanently.

6. **If you wish to view the documents** relating to the Order (including the Order and a statement of the Council’s reasons for proceeding by way of experiment and of its intention to consider making a permanent Order in like terms, **please email a**

request to streetworks@newcastle.gov.uk Alternatively, please telephone (0191) 2787878 to request a copy of the documents.

Details can also be viewed at www.letstalknewcastle.co.uk under “Traffic related consultations”.

7. The Order will be in force for a period not exceeding 18 months during which time consideration will be given to continuing the provisions of the experimental order and making a permanent Order in like terms.

8. If you wish to object to the possibility of the Order being made permanent, you should send your objection or representation within 6 months of the Experimental Order coming into force (25 February 2023), or if the Order is subsequently varied or modified within 6 months of the variation or modification coming into force, quoting reference GH/P44/1268 to Newcastle Parking Services, PO Box 2BL, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 2BL, or by email to traffic.notices@newcastle.gov.uk Any objection or representation **MUST** be made in writing and where an objection is made, it must state the grounds of the objection.

9. If it appears essential to the Council that it is necessary in the interests of the expeditious, convenient or safe movement of traffic or of the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on the highway or for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which any length of road affected by the Order runs, then a nominated officer of the Council may modify or suspend the Order or any provisions thereof.

10. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or of any of its provisions on the grounds that it or they are not within the powers conferred by the Act or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order **you may, within six weeks from 15 August 2022, apply to the High Court for this purpose.**

Dated: 17 August 2022

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