

**THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESBROUGH  
(ELECTRIC SCOOTER) EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2020  
S. 9 & 10 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Middlesbrough Borough Council have made an Order on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020 under the above provisions and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police.

The effect of the Experimental Order 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 to operate Electric Scooters within the Borough of Middlesbrough. Whilst this Order is in force 'The Council of the Borough of Middlesbrough (Traffic Movements) (Consolidation) Order 2015 (as amended) shall be varied by the addition of item (j) 'Electric Scooters' to Article 22 to permit Electric Scooters to travel in the bus lanes specified in Schedule 16 of that order. In addition, Electric Scooters will not be permitted for use on the highway in the borough with a signed speed limit of 50mph or more.

The Order comes into operation on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2020 for an experimental period of twelve months and, in this time, the Council will consider if the provisions of the Experimental Order should be continued in force indefinitely.

Within a period of six months from the date of this Notice or if the Order is varied by another Order or modified pursuant to Section 10 (2) of the Road Traffic Act 1984 beginning with the day on which the variation or modification or the latest version of the variation or modification comes into force any person may object to the making of the Order for the purpose of its indefinite continuation. If you wish to object to the Order please send your grounds for objection in writing to the Director of Legal and Governance Services, PO Box 503, Town Hall, Middlesbrough, TS1 9FX.

Full details are contained in the Experimental Order which together with a statement of the Council's reason for making the Order and a copy of 'The Council of the Borough of Middlesbrough (Traffic Movements) (Consolidation) Order 2015 (as amended) may be examined on the Council's website at [www.middlesbrough.gov.uk](http://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk). For further information please contact Steve Rigg on 01642 728189 or email [trafficmanagement@middlesbrough.gov.uk](mailto:trafficmanagement@middlesbrough.gov.uk)

If any person wishes to question the validity of the of the Experimental Order or any of its provisions on the grounds that it or they are not within the powers conferred by the Act or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument made under the Act has not been complied with, that person may within six weeks from the date of this Notice apply for that purpose to the High Court.

Dated 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020



**Charlotte Benjamin, Director of Legal and Governance Services and Monitoring Officer – Legal Services, Middlesbrough Borough Council**