

STATEMENT OF REASONS
BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL
(E-SCOOTER TRIAL, BIRMINGHAM)
(EXPERIMENTAL)
ORDER 202*

Birmingham City Council propose to make an experimental Order under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to exempt hire e-scooters and West Midland Cycle Hire (WMCH) from existing traffic regulation orders allowing trial e-Scooters and WMCH to be parked where designated, via a demarked footway parking bay in accordance with, *DfT - NP1028-7 E-scooter Parking Bay*, throughout Birmingham.

Building key parking locations will enable greater areas of Birmingham to become incorporated within the hire service area, providing low-carbon micro transport options alternative to private cars whilst protecting walking and cycling journeys, whilst also providing the ability to enhance transport options for deprived communities or areas of social exclusion.

Public e-scooter hire schemes are a new form of emerging transport mode being used in many cities across the globe. In an urban context, e-scooters can help with providing easy first and last mile access to points of interest and transport interchanges and can make multi-mode journeys easier.

The trial continues to add valuable data to the DfT's objectives of informing future policy and legislation by helping gather evidence on hire e-scooter's impacts and learning implementation lessons. The evidence obtained is expected to contribute to the decision on the future of e-scooters, and potentially other micromobility vehicles, and whether they will become a legal part of the national transport system, the rules around their technical specification, and how they can be used.

It is on this basis that the Council proposes an experimental order:-

- to enable demarcation of appropriately designated footway "E-SCOOTER HIRE" or combined, "E-SCOOTER & CYCLE HIRE" footway parking bays as per DfT - NP1028-7 E-scooter Parking Bay.

The formal reason(s) for proposing the new Order is (are):-

- a) for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the environment Act 1995 (air quality).

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