

**STATEMENT OF REASONS**

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

**(EMERGENCY ACTIVE TRAVEL FUND, BIRMINGHAM)**

**(LOW TRAFFIC NEIGHBOURHOODS) (EXPERIMENTAL)**

**ORDER 201\***

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 introduce modal filters for the following schemes:

Kings Heath Low Traffic Neighbourhood

Places for People Low Traffic Neighbourhood

Lozells Low Traffic Neighbourhood

As part of our Emergency Birmingham Transport Plan to ensure a low carbon, clean air recovery from COVID-19, we are delivering a number of temporary measures to make walking and cycling easier and safer across the city and to support social distancing.

The schemes will generate a low carbon, clean air recovery from COVID-19, consistent with the Emergency Birmingham Transport Plan. The funding will also provide a safe space for residents to cycle, creating a safer experience for residents travelling around the city. Success in tranche 1 will also allow Birmingham to be eligible for tranche 2 funding later in the summer'.

These projects form part of the [West Midlands Emergency Active Travel Fund Package](#) (Tranche 1) and are in line with Department for Transport requirements:

This new funding is designed to help you use pop-up and temporary interventions to create an environment that is safe for both walking and cycling in your area. Active travel allows people to get around whilst maintaining social distance and will have an essential role to play in helping us avoid overcrowding on public transport systems as we begin to open up parts of our economy. We have a window of opportunity to act now to embed walking and cycling as part of new long-term commuting habits and reap the associated health, air quality and congestion benefits'.

Schemes to be funded under the first tranche of the Emergency Active Travel Fund must commence delivery within four weeks of receipt of the funding by WMCA, and complete delivery within eight weeks of receipt of funding.

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)