

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Brighton & Hove (Various Restrictions) (Old Town Area) Experimental Order 2020 (TRO-11-2020)

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The coronavirus (Covid-19) public health crisis has had a significant impact upon the lives and health of people in the city, as well as significant economic consequences. It has also resulted in cleaner air and quieter streets and an increase in residents cycling and walking.

As the city begins to see more people go back to work, there is need for residents to carry on cycling and active travel. With public transport capacity reduced, the city could experience significant congestion unless an increase in alternative sustainable options including cycling is facilitated.

The Council has set out a COVID19 Transport Emergency Response Action Plan and the proposals within this traffic order are needed to support the delivery of this agreed plan. Details of the action plan can be viewed at <https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/travel-and-transport>

The prohibition of motor vehicles in the Old Town area will allow for footways to be widened and give more space to pedestrians, this will make it safer for them and improve air quality. It will also make it a quieter and safer area for cyclists. The parking restrictions will be altered to allow footways to be widened and only provision will be made for blue badge holders and loading to park in designated bays.

These changes will be monitored and members of the public are encouraged to comment so that a decision can be made to whether these changes should be made permanent.

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