BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Brighton & Hove (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) (Various Roads) Experimental Order 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 www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/travel-and-transport

The prohibition of motor vehicles roads outside of schools at pick up and drop off times will 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. Where prohibition isn't possible, there are some locations where a wider footway will facilitate social distancing at the school gate. Parking restrictions opposite these sections of widened footways will be necessary in some cases to prevent parking and waiting making two way traffic flow at these pinch points difficult or impossible.

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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