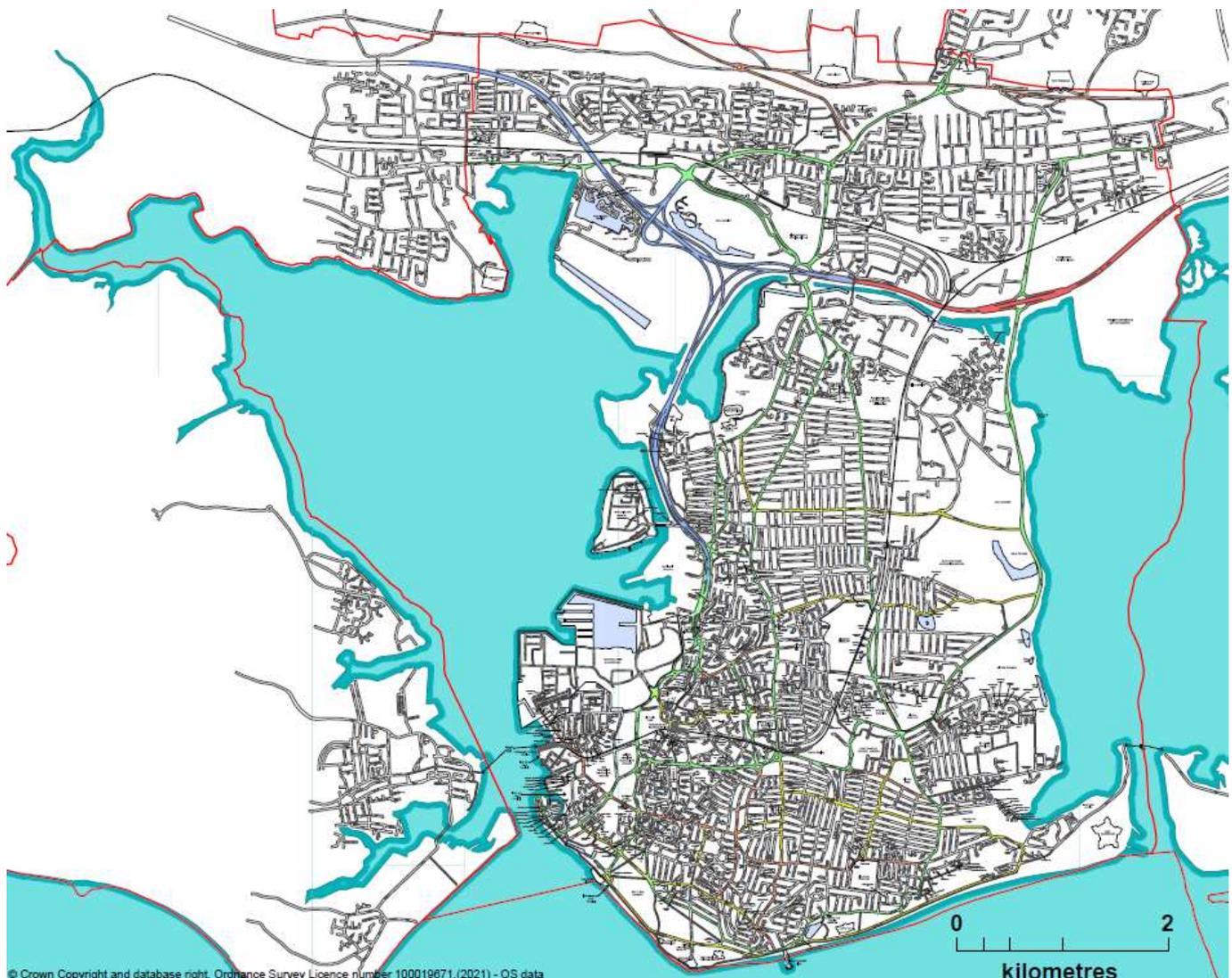


THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL (VARIOUS LOCATIONS) (ELECTRIC SCOOTER TRIAL AMENDMENTS) (NO.25) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2021

8 March 2021: The Portsmouth City Council ('the Council') in exercise of its powers under Sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ('the Act'), the Electric Scooter Trials and Traffic Signs (Coronavirus) Regulations and General Directions 2020, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, hereby makes the following Order.

The effect of the Order is enable the Council's participation in the Department for Transport's electric scooter trial, via an authorised rental scooter operator (Voi) in the City of Portsmouth.

The use of rental electric scooters is hereby authorised within the designated routes in the City of Portsmouth, to include any cycle track, cycle lane and bus lane within the trial area (see plan below). The use of contraflow cycle lanes is not permitted by this Order.



COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR MAKING THE ORDER

- To support a 'green' restart of local travel and help mitigate reduced public transport capacity, the Department for Transport is expanding trials of rental electric scooters. Electric scooters offer the potential for fast, clean inexpensive travel that can also help ease the burden on transport networks and allow for social distancing. Portsmouth City Council, in conjunction with Solent Transport, has been selected as one of the trial areas;
- The purpose of the trial 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 City of Portsmouth. The chosen operator within Portsmouth is Voi;

- The trial is being undertaken with the Department for Transport (DfT) across a number of different local authority areas. The Council will work with the DfT and the electric scooter scheme operators (Voi) to gather the data required for the Government assessment of the trial. During the trial period close collaboration between the Department, local areas and electric scooter operators will be necessary. The primary aim of the evaluation is to build robust evidence about the safety, benefits, public perceptions, and wider impacts of electric scooters in order to inform legal changes that may be necessary after the trial period ends. The secondary aim is to understand how the local transport systems are working, what factors support or hinder this, and learn lessons for future roll out;
- As provided by The Electric Scooter Trials and Traffic Signs (Coronavirus) Regulations and General Directions 2020, Electric Scooters hereby have access to Cycle Lanes on Roads for which the Council is the highway authority provided that such access does not contravene any other act, regulation or order;
- Cycle Tracks are re-designated as Cycle Lanes under this Order;
- For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians);
- For any of the purposes specified in s.87(1)(a-c) of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality).

The Experimental Order could be in operation for up to 18 months from **16 March 2021** and contains a provision to allow the Director of Regeneration to modify or suspend its operation in certain specified circumstances.

To view this public notice or the made order on Portsmouth City Council's website www.portsmouth.gov.uk search 'traffic regulation orders 2021'. For those without access to a computer, a printed copy of the order including the statement of reasons can be requested by calling Alison on 023 9268 8501.

In due course, the City Council will consider whether or not to make the provisions of this Order permanent, subject to assessment of the experiment. Persons wishing to comment on the effects of this Order may do so by sending their representations via email to engineers@portsmouthcc.gov.uk or by letter to Alison Lawlor, Parking team, Portsmouth City Council, Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth PO1 2NE quoting ref no: **ETRO 25/2021** by the **17 September 2021** stating name and address details and the grounds of objection, support or comment.

Under the provisions of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, any written representations that are received may be open to inspection by members of the public. When proposals require a decision to be made at a public meeting, representations are anonymised in accordance with data protection law and included in the published report. Please see the Council's website for full details of the [Data Protection privacy notice](#).

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may do so within 6 weeks from **8 March 2021** apply to the High Court for this purpose.

Pam Turton, Assistant Director of Regeneration (Transport), Portsmouth City Council, Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth PO1 2NE