

# **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **THE BOROUGH OF SLOUGH (LONDON ROAD) BUS LANE ORDER 2024 (Order 52 of 2024)**

### **Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.**

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL makes this Order in exercise of its powers under section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the 1984 Act") and any other enabling powers.

1. The Order shall come into operation on the date upon which its Notice of Making is first published.

#### **Definitions**

2. In this order, except where the context requires otherwise:-

"article" means an article of this Order;

"authorised vehicle" means any private hire vehicle which is operated under a licence issued by Slough Borough Council and displays identification marks of such type and in such manner as the Council shall prescribe;

"bus" means a motor vehicle constructed or adapted to carry more than 8 passengers (exclusive of the driver) or a local bus not so constructed or adapted;

"bus lane" means any part of a road which is specified in Schedule 1 and in respect of which traffic signs are in place indicating the controls specified in Article 3;

"electric scooter" has the same meaning as in the Traffic Signs Regulations 2016;

"green number plate" means a vehicle registration plate which is valid for use only upon a vehicle which produces no tailpipe emissions;

"local bus" means a public service vehicle used in provision of a local service not being an excursion or tour;

"local service" has the meaning given in section 2 of the Transport Act 1985;

"pedal cycle" means a unicycle, bicycle, tricycle or cycle having four or more wheels, not being in any case mechanically propelled unless it is an electrically assisted cycle of a class not treated as a motor vehicle for the purposes of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;

"private hire vehicle" means a motor vehicle, other than a taxi, which has no more than 8 seats in addition to the driver's seat, and is provided for hire with the services of a driver for the purpose of carrying passengers;

"schedule" means a schedule to this Order;

"solo motor cycle" means a motor cycle without a side car;

"taxi" means a vehicle licensed under section 37 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847, or under any similar enactment; and

"trial" has the same meaning as in the Traffic Signs Regulations 2016.

### **Prohibition**

3. Subject to Articles 5, 6 and 7 any vehicle other than a bus, pedal cycle, solo motor cycle, taxi, authorised vehicle or vehicle lawfully displaying a green number plate must not be in a bus lane shown in Schedule 1 during the times of operation shown for that bus lane in Column 2 of that Schedule.
4. Subject to Article 5 and 6, the direction of travel of any vehicle while in a bus lane shall only be as specified for that bus lane in Column 3 of Schedule 1.

### **Exemptions**

5. Articles 3 and 4 do not apply to a vehicle that is in a bus lane under the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform or for the purposes of crossing the bus lane.
6. Articles 3 and 4 do not apply where it is necessary for a vehicle to be in a bus lane:-
  - (a) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes while in the performance of statutory duties;
  - (b) to remove an obstruction;
  - (c) to avoid an accident;
  - (d) to collect or remove refuse or waste;
  - (e) to be used for or in connection with:
    - (i) building, industrial or demolition operations in or on land adjacent to the bus lane or removals from land or buildings adjacent to the bus lane if the prior written consent has been received of a person authorised by the Council for that purpose;
    - (ii) the laying, erection, alteration or repair of a sewer, pipe or apparatus for the supply of water, gas, electricity or telecommunications apparatus in or on land adjacent to the bus lane; or
    - (iii) the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the bus lane;
  - (f) to deliver or collect postal packets at premises adjacent to the bus lane while in the service of a universal service provider as defined in section 125(1) of the Postal Services Act 2000.
7. Nothing in this order shall apply so as to prevent electric scooters engaged in the Department for Transport electric scooters trial or any electric scooters operator approved by the Department for Transport from being in a bus lane.
8. The Council is satisfied that the provisions of section 3(1) of the 1984 Act relating to access to premises shall not have effect because the Order is required for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads to which the Order relates.

### **Interpretation**

9. In any instance where the provisions of this Order conflict with the provisions of any other enactment made under the 1984 Act, the provisions of this Order shall prevail.
10. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply to this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Made:

The Common Seal of SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

Authorised Signatory

## SCHEDULE 1: Bus Lanes

Road Name and Description	Times of operation	Direction of travel and type of bus lane
<b>London Road</b> – From a point 1 metre north-west of the common boundary of Nos. 498 and 500 London Road to a point 3 metres north-west of the common boundary of Nos. 538 and 540 London Road.	Monday-Friday 7am-10am and 3pm-7pm	South-eastbound (with-flow bus lane on nearside of carriageway)
<b>London Road</b> - From a point 1 metre north-west of the common boundary of Nos. 40 and 42 Laburnum Crescent to a point 6 metres south-east of the south eastern boundary of No. 550 London Road.	Monday-Friday 7am-10am and 3pm-7pm	South-eastbound (with-flow bus lane on nearside of carriageway)
<b>London Road</b> – From a point 1 metre south-east of the common boundary of Nos. 34 and 36 Laburnum Crescent to a point 5 metres south-east of the south-eastern kerb line of Laburnum Grove.	Monday-Friday 7am-10am and 3pm-7pm	North-westbound (with-flow bus lane on nearside of carriageway)
<b>London Road</b> - From a point 6 metres north-west of the north-western kerb line of Laburnum Grove to the common boundary of Nos. 494 and 496 London Road.	Monday-Friday 7am-10am and 3pm-7pm	North-westbound (with-flow bus lane on nearside of carriageway)

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**STATEMENT OF REASONS**

This Order is being made to encourage the use of more sustainable forms of transport by reallocating road space to vehicles such as buses and cycles. This is particularly relevant at a time when public transport continues to face unprecedented challenges and the choice to use healthier sustainable alternatives such as cycling has become more important than ever.