

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **THE BOROUGH OF SLOUGH (PRESCRIBED ROUTES) (NO.56) BUS GATE (EXPERIMENTAL) ORDER 2024 (Order 56 of 2024)**

**Sections 9 and 10 and Part III & IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and regulation 22 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.**

1. SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL makes this Order in exercise of its powers under sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and any other enabling powers.
2. The Order shall come into operation on the date upon which its Notice of Making is published and shall remain in force for a period not exceeding 18 months.
3. In pursuance of Section 10(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the delegated authority of Slough Borough Council, or some person authorised in that behalf, may if it appears essential in the interests of the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic or for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which any road affected by this Order runs, modify or suspend this Order or any provision thereof.

#### **Definitions**

4. 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 only area” means any part of a road which is specified in Schedule 1 to this Order and in respect of which traffic signs are in place indicating the controls specified in Article 5;

“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**

5. While the Order is in operation, Subject to Articles 6, 7 and 8 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 only area shown in Schedule 1 to this Order during the times of operation shown for that bus only area in Column 2 of that Schedule.

### **Exemptions**

6. Article 5 does not apply to a vehicle that is in a bus only area under the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform or for the purposes of crossing the bus only area.
7. Article 5 does not apply where it is necessary for a vehicle to be in a bus only area:-
  - (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 only area or removals from land or buildings adjacent to the bus only area 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 only area; or
    - (iii) the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the bus only area;
  - (f) to deliver or collect postal packets at premises adjacent to the bus only area while in the service of a universal service provider as defined in section 125(1) of the Postal Services Act 2000.

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.

Made: 14 November 2024

The Common Seal of SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

*M. Tait*

Authorised Signatory



## Schedule 1

*Schedule 1: Road and times of operation*

| Road Name and Description   | Times of operation |
|---|--------------------|
| <b>Poyle Road</b> – North west side, from a point 46 metres north east of a point opposite the north eastern kerb line of Mathisen Way to a point 5 metres north east of the common boundary of Nos. 5&6 and 7&8 Rajputana Court. | At all times       |

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## **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

The Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) aims to:

- Enhance road safety for vulnerable road users, including pedestrians and cyclists, on Poyle Road and Bath Road in Slough.
- The scheme is designed to reduce the movement of heavy goods vehicles (HGVs), thereby reducing congestion, improving air quality, and creating a safer environment for all road users. Improve journey times for northbound buses.