



Statement of Reasons

The City of London (Electric Scooter and Pedal Cycle Parking) (Amendment No. *) Order 202*
The City of London (Parking Places) (Amendment No. *) Order 202*
The City of London (Free Parking Places) (Disabled Persons) (Amendment No. *) Order 202*

Introduction and amendment of electric scooter and cycle hire pedal cycle parking places, revocation of pedal cycle (other than cycle hire pedal cycle) parking places, and amendments to payment parking places and disabled persons parking places at various locations.

Reasons

Rental Electric scooters / (dockless) Cycle Hire Parking

The City of London Corporation's Transport Strategy supports the use of well managed rental e-scooter and cycle hire bike schemes. There are insufficient parking places to accommodate rental e-scooters and cycle hire bikes. This shortage often leads to significant adverse impact on the City's streets, such as obstruction and safety concerns. New bays and enlargement of existing parking bays will provide additional parking facilities for rental e-scooter and cycle hire bike users and reduce the impacts associated with these vehicles.

Parking places are being revoked at:

- Staining Lane: cycle parking place is being removed from the carriageway and reinstated on the newly widened footway. Relocating the cycle parking reduces the likelihood of parked bicycles and the cycle rack themselves from being damaged by motor vehicle strikes.
- Bucklersbury: e-scooter & cycle hire and cycle parking places are being revoked due to the overspill of parked rental vehicles adversely impacting accessibility. To mitigate the loss of parking, new e-scooter & cycle hire and cycle parking facilities with greater parking capacity are proposed nearby on Queen Victoria Street which will better accommodate the high parking demand.
- Eastcheap: e-scooter & cycle hire parking place is being revoked and replaced on the opposite kerbside with increased parking capacity to better meet demand.

Amendments to Payment and Disabled Parking

Payment parking places have been relocated to provide space for new e-scooter & cycle hire parking places. This has allowed the e-scooter & cycle hire parking places to be:

- located in the most optimum location to encourage greater compliance, usage and to reduce overall impact;
- made larger and thus to increase parking capacity;

Disabled parking places are being relocated so that they are not adjacent to the e-scooter & cycle hire parking places. This is to avoid micromobility vehicles over-flowing into disabled parking places which often cause significant accessibility issues for people using those parking places.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

These traffic orders are to be implemented in accordance with Section 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) as it appears to the City of London Corporation that it is expedient to make the Orders for the purpose of facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians) and for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.

When considering whether to make a traffic order the City Corporation is under a duty pursuant to section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), to secure so far as practicable the expeditious, convenient, and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway having regard to the matters specified in section 122(2).

It is considered that the proposals will assist to secure the safer movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and reduce and prevent road danger. Furthermore, it is considered that the proposals will affect the matters specified in section 122(2) as follows:

(a) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;

COMMENT: Reasonable access to premises has been maintained.

(b) the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run;

COMMENT: Access for heavy goods vehicles maintained as existing. The proposed E-scooter & cycle hire parking places will provide much needed parking facilities for these users but it will reduce the availability of kerbside space for loading/unloading or parking outside of the restricted hours, however, alternative kerbside space are available nearby. The relocation of payment and disabled parking places ensures this facility is retained nearby .

(bb) the strategy prepared under section 80 of the Environment Act 1995 (national air quality strategy);

COMMENT: The City Corporation has a strategy to improve air quality. Encouraging the use of sustainable modes of transport such as rental E-scooters and cycle hire bikes by providing parking facilities for these vehicles will contribute to this strategy.

(c) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles;

COMMENT: There is no impact on public service vehicles arising from these proposals.

(d) any other matters appearing to the strategic highways company or the local authority to be relevant.

COMMENT: The proposals promote the aims and objectives of the City's Transport Strategy, in particular to increase the amount, variety and quality of cycle and scooter parking.

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016

All associated signing will be in accordance with Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

Equality Act 2010

Thorough consideration has been given to the Equalities duty of the Council under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.