

**The Borough of Reading (Bus Lanes)
(Bus Services Improvement) Variation
Experimental Order 2024**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Reading Borough Council on 4 September 2024 made the above order under Sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the Act”). The effect of which is to vary The Borough of Reading (Bus Lanes) (Bus Services Improvement) Order 2024 to experimentally enable motorcycles to use the lengths of roads designated as a Bus Lane as detailed in the Schedule of that Order and being:

Location	Description	Direction
Oxford Road (n703)	The area of the carriageway from a point approximately 130m northwest from its junction with Grovelands Road to a point approx.175m northwest of that point.	Outbound, nearside lane
Oxford Road (n119)	The area of the carriageway from a point approx.52m west of its junction with Zinzan Street to a point approx. 182m west of that junction.	Outbound
Oxford Road	The area of the carriageway from a point 50m west of its junction with Bedford Road to a point approx. 180m west of that point.	Outbound
London Road (A4)	The area of the carriageway from a point approx.45m east of its junction with St Bartholomews Road to a point approx. 97m east of that point. The area of the carriageway from a point approx. 20m west of its junction with St Bartholomews Road to a point approx. 268m west of that point.	Inbound, nearside lane
London Road (A4)	The area of the carriageway from a point approx.20m west of its junction with Crown Place to a point approx. 47m west of that point. The area of the carriageway from its junction with Kendrick Road to a point approx. 140m west of that point.	Inbound, nearside lane
Southampton Street (A327)	The area of the carriageway from a point approx. 30m northwest of its junction with Mundesley Street to a point approx. 25m north of that point.	Northbound, nearside lane
Bath Road (A4)	The area of the carriageway from a point approx. 50m west its junction with Circuit Lane to a point approx. 570m west of that junction.	Outbound

The Order will come into operation 13 September 2024 for a maximum period of up to 18 months.

A copy of both Orders, this notice, plans showing the roads affected and a statement of the Council’s reasons for making the variation experimental order, may be inspected online at <https://reading.citizenlab.co/en-GB/> or by appointment only at the Civic office, Bridge Street between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

The Council will be considering in due course whether the provisions of this Order should be continued in force indefinitely. Anyone wishing to support or object to the making of this Order indefinite may do so, within a period of six months from 13 September 2024, (or, if the order is varied by another order or modified pursuant to section 10(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, from the date that variation order or modification or the latest variation or modification comes into force), by e-mailing transport@reading.gov.uk or writing to Strategic Transport Reading Borough Council, Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading RG1 2LU stating the grounds on which they are made quoting reference: BusLanesVariation.

Further, if any person wishes to question the validity of this Order or of any of its provisions on the

grounds that it or they are not within the powers conferred by the Act, or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument made under the Act has not been complied with, that person may, within 6 weeks from the date on which this Order is made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.

Please note that all objections received may be considered in public by the Council and the name and addresses of the persons making it could become available for public inspection.

Dated: 5 September 2024

Reading Borough Council Civic Offices, Bridge Street Reading, RG1 2LU

DATED _____ 2024

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EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2024**

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(BUS SERVICES IMPROVEMENT) VARIATION
EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2024**

Reading Borough Council (hereinafter referred to as "The Council"), pursuant to its powers under Sections 9 and 10 to The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (The Act of 1984) 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 of 1984, hereby make the following Order-

**PART I
CITATION AND COMMENCEMENT**

1. This Order may be cited as The Borough of Reading (Bus Lanes) (Bus Services Improvement) Variation Experimental Order 2024.
2. This Order shall come into operation on 13 September 2024 for a maximum period not exceeding eighteen months from that date.

INTERPRETATION

3. In this Order:

“motorcycle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle (not being an invalid carriage) with fewer than 4 wheels, of which the weight unladen does not exceed 410 kilograms.

4. Any reference in this order to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended, applied, consolidated, re-enacted by or as having effect by virtue of any subsequent enactment.
5. Any reference in this Order to a numbered Article shall unless the context otherwise requires be construed as a reference to the numbered Article bearing that number in this Order.

**PART II
VARIATION**

6. Article 7 of The Borough of Reading (Bus Lanes) (Bus Services Improvement) Order 2024 is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

Save as provided in Article 8, no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform, or a Civil Enforcement Officer, use a vehicle or cause or permit any vehicle other than a Bus, Pedal cycle, Motorcycle or an Authorised Vehicle to be in the lengths of roads designated as a Bus Lane as detailed in the Schedule of this Order.

**PART III
POWER TO MODIFY OR SUSPEND THIS ORDER**

7. In pursuance of section 10(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Assistant Director for Planning Transport and Regulatory Services or a person authorised by him may modify or suspend the operation of the order or any provision of it if it appears to him 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. Such power shall not extend to making additions to the Order.

DATED

2024

THE COMMON SEAL of the READING)
BOROUGH COUNCIL was hereunto)
affixed in the presence of:-)



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