

Appendix 5 – Enforcement Activity for Existing Order

Upon renewal of the current City Centre PSPO, key city centre partners, namely the Council, Police and Business Improvement District (BID) officers looked to maximise the efficiency of their available resources to address the issues around bicycles in the city centre, particularly electric bikes (e-bikes).

A communications campaign was launched, mainly aimed at food delivery outlets and the delivery riders. This involved BID and the Council's Environmental Health officers, Licensing and Business Compliance officers visiting every premises in the city centre that used food delivery services such as Deliveroo or Uber Eats. One thousand leaflets were distributed at the premises and given to food delivery riders and e-bike riders generally in the city centre.

Officers highlighted the legal status of e-bikes and that any that exceeded permitted power and speed limits were not allowed to be classified as e-bikes and the riders of these would have to have appropriate licences and insurance as they were effectively mopeds.

After a period of two weeks to allow for the message to be delivered, joint patrols of Police, Council and BID then challenged riders in the city centre if it was felt that their bikes may be in contravention of existing legislation.

Police colleagues also had "Operation Speedy" in operation over this period.

In total eight e-bikes were seized over this period, Police officers have pledged that they will continue to enforce this aspect in relation to e-bikes moving forwards.

If an officer approaches someone they believe may be in contravention of the Order, they will inform them and give them the opportunity to address their behaviour, unless it is in a dangerous or reckless manner. This means that whilst enforcement activity is happening, there are no formal breaches recorded.

Under the existing Order, if someone is seen riding their bike in an unsafe or dangerous manner an officer would inform them of this and tell them to dismount and walk through the city centre for the rest of their journey. If they do this, then no offence is committed under the terms of the PSPO. If they refuse to do so, or their riding is considered unacceptable immediately then enforcement should follow.

In the 4 months since the city centre PSPO was renewed there were a total of 5 PSPO breach notices issued to riders.