

# Bikers in bus lanes trial

From May 6 2017, Motorcycles, scooters and mopeds can use the Lewes Road bus lanes between the Vogue gyratory and the Stony Mere Way junction. This is for an initial 18 month trial period.

## Why?

The aim is to improve journey times and reduce congestion on this key corridor.

## Where?

Lewes Road Brighton bus lanes north of the Vogue gyratory up to the Stony Mere Way junction. You can already use bus lanes on the A23 from Carden Ave to Preston Drove and the A259 from Ovingdean Roundabout to Telscombe Cliffs Way. City centre lanes are not open to motorcycles.

## Restrictions:

No tricycles (see DVLA V5C form) or motorcycles with side cars are allowed.

## Evaluation/monitoring

12 months of monitoring will need to show no significant road casualty or speeding impact and an improvement in congestion. A decision will then be made on making this change permanent.

## Get involved

You can comment during the first six months of the trial via the Council's Traffic Regulation order pages [brighton-hove.gov.uk/tro-proposals](http://brighton-hove.gov.uk/tro-proposals)



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# Top ten tips for riding in Lewes Road bus lanes.

We asked an experienced motorcycle rider trainer for his top ten tips for riding in bus lanes. Here's the response.

- 1** Look out for cars crossing the bus lanes from the general traffic lane to get in and out of junctions.
- 2** Look out for cyclists. Always pass on the outside and be aware they may not have heard or seen you.
- 3** Bus lanes are for buses, taxis and other motorcycles. The cycle lane is for cyclists only. Don't use the cycle lanes to pass buses at stops.
- 4** Watch out for pedestrians. Ease off your speed if their numbers increase. They may only be looking for buses before stepping out.
- 5** Watch your speed in the bus lanes. Keep it appropriate to the conditions & within the legal limit of 30mph.
- 6** Most collisions occur at junctions. Keep focused as you approach a junction and try to anticipate other road users' actions.
- 7** Don't forget to do your 'life saver' checks. You may have to look over both shoulders if altering speed or direction.
- 8** Avoid overtaking other motorcycles in the bus lanes – they may need the entire width to avoid hazards from both sides.
- 9** Don't cross solid white lines on Lewes Rd bus lanes to pass buses. Exit or enter only where there are broken white lines.
- 10** Advanced Stop Lines at junctions are for cyclists only. Stay behind the solid white line across the bus lane when waiting for signals.

For more information go to

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