



ADVICE TO RIDERS PROTESTING ON 24th June 2012

What are we doing?

A synchronised rolling protest by thousands of riders on major routes throughout the UK. Starting from the publicized start points at precisely 1 pm.

This is a legitimate, peaceful protest, not a blockade, the outer lane will be left clear for other traffic, ride responsibly and take care of other road users. We will not block the width of the highway, because that is obstruction and anyway it'll have far more impact in the minds of motorists as they all get to slowly pass and see the spectacle, rather than just the first 4 cars back seeing that there are bikes in front. The emergency services need to get through. MAG does not advocate breaking laws.

Please ride responsibly and safely at all times. We will garner respect if we appear co-ordinated and responsible. This is part of our campaigning armoury. One tool in the box... If someone breaks down, only one person should stop to assist – please don't block the hard shoulder.

Riders are participating at their own risk. Everyone says bikes are 'dangerous' and should be legislated off the road; lets show them we are legitimate road users too.

Why are we doing this?

Motorcycle Action Group and other organisations have been working with politicians and civil servants to stem the growing interference in all aspects of biking. Now is the time to demonstrate that we are serious about defending what we enjoy and rolling-back the tide of past legislation that creates burdens on biking without providing noticeable benefits. Motorcycling is slowly being strangled by anti-bike policies - current proposals from Europe threaten to further limit what we will be allowed to ride in future, reduce access to motorcycling by new riders and further restrict motorcyclists' freedom of choice and movement, etc.

By taking synchronised action on major routes in all parts of the country we can make a big impact without causing the inconvenience that a traditional street protest in a city centre results in - doing this at a quiet time of the week shows we can be proportionate in our response and capable of making a bigger impact should we need to in future.

These protests are intended to be simple and safe to take part in, nevertheless some police forces have come forward to offer assistance. The Motorcycle Action Group is liaising with police forces but organisers of individual protests should consider informing their local police traffic division that the event is happening. There should be no need to change the chosen start time, location or purpose – these are legitimate protests.

Contact central-office@mag-uk.org for further information if needed.

