

**INQUIRY INTO USE OF E-SCOOTERS, E-BIKES AND  
RELATED MOBILITY OPTIONS**

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Dear Committee Members

Thank you for taking the time to consider the following submission.

My details:

I am a senior person over the age of 65. I am quite healthy, however I have a visual impairment.

My view on the issues of electric bikes and scooters.

Rather than using my car, I like to walk and catch public transport wherever possible.

The walking however has become quite hazardous due to the fact that a large cohort of electric bike and scooter riders, although illegal for adults, operate their bikes on the footpaths. This is particularly so with the food delivery bike riding community.

I do not have an issues with electric bikes and scooters as such, however I do have an issue with the way in which they are used.

A significant issue I have, is the fact that electric bikes and scooters are being ridden on footpaths. As previously stated this is particularly so with the food delivery bike riding community.

On one occasion approximately 7 months ago, I was walking into the city along Oxford street. At the time the footpath was densely populated with pedestrians, when a food delivery bike rider coming from behind hit myself as well as 2 other people.

The force at which we were hit by the bike caused 3 of us to end up sprawled on the pavement. The bike rider stopped about 25 metres away looked back and then rode away very quickly. As a result, we were unable to identify the rider.

When I hit the pavement, I injured my left knee. Which by the way, I still have issues with my knee when walking today.

I reported this incident to the police at the Surry Hills Police Station. However as I was unable to identify the rider there was nothing that could be done about the incident.

I have also brought the issue of electric bikes and scooters being operated on foot paths to the attention of my State Member, Alex Greenwich MP. I was advised by his staff member Roy, that Alex would raise the issue with the Traffic Management Committee.

In Conclusion

The food delivery bike riders that I observe riding on the footpaths are generally travelling quite fast and do not appear to give a lot of consideration to pedestrians.

It must also be kept in mind that electric bikes in general weigh approximately between 25 and 30 kilograms. Together with a rider an electric bike may weigh up 100 kilograms. If an electric bike is travelling at around 10 to 15 KPH and hits a pedestrian it may cause a significant trauma to a pedestrian.

At the very least the following should be implemented:

Electric bikes, particularly food delivery electric bikes need to carry some form of identification similar to a number plate.

Food delivery electric bikes need to have 3rd party insurance.

Thank you for review my submission.

Kind regards