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**RE: e-Scooters**

Dear Mrs. Hack,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to seek your support in addressing the current legislative ambiguity surrounding the use of e-scooters on public highways. Recent interactions with Leicestershire Police have highlighted significant inconsistencies in enforcement, which stem from the unclear legal framework currently in place.

As you will be aware, e-scooters are classified as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988, meaning they require licensing and insurance to be used legally on public roads. However, enforcement of these regulations varies significantly across different police forces, leading to confusion among the public and inconsistent application of the law. A recent Freedom of Information request revealed that only **one** e-scooter was seized in North West Leicestershire between 1st November 2023 and 31st October 2024, compared to several hundred in Derbyshire, highlighting this disparity.

Given the ease with which high-powered e-scooters can be purchased online, including models capable of reaching speeds of up to 100 mph, it is imperative that clear and consistent legislation is introduced to either:

1. Ban these machines entirely to prevent their unlawful and potentially dangerous use; or
2. Introduce a proper licensing framework, including mandatory basic training, safety equipment requirements, and insurance to ensure responsible use.

I would appreciate understanding your position on this issue. Do you agree that the current legislation is too open to interpretation, leading to inconsistent enforcement? If so, would you support a move towards a structured licensing and regulation system rather than an outright ban?

If you agree with me that proper licencing is the best course of action, I urge you to raise this matter in Parliament on behalf of the residents of North West Leicestershire to advocate for clearer, fairer, and more enforceable legislation.

I look forward to your response and your views on how we can work together to ensure public safety while providing a regulated framework for those who wish to use e-scooters legally and responsibly.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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