

Camden Cycling Campaign

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To:safetravel@camden.gov.uk

Electric Scooter Trial in Camden

This response to the consultation on the proposal to extend the hire scooter trial into Camden is from Camden Cycling Campaign, the local borough group of London Cycling Campaign. We represent the interests of cyclists living or working in Camden and aim to expand the opportunities for all to cycle safely in the borough. We have discussed this consultation at a committee meeting and online (using Cyclescape).

We support the proposal that Camden should take part in the trial on the use of rental electric scooters because:

- The availability of rental electric scooters provides an additional form of sustainable transport.
- The presence of scooters in cycle lanes will be an additional argument for expanding the provision of safe cycle infrastructure.
- LCC policy supports the use of electric scooters.

Our support is conditional on the following:

- Scooters are restricted to using cycle lanes and the general carriageway, that is, on no account are they to use footways.
- Their speed is limited to 25kph (~15.5 mph) as are power-assisted electric bicycles.
- Scooter hire companies are required to use cargo bikes to move the scooters and to replenish their batteries.

We also agree with the following regulations:

- They should be allowed to park only in designated bays.
- They will be permitted to use the contraflow facilities provided to bicycles.
- They will not be permitted to use public footpaths in parks, canal towpaths and paths which are designated for pedestrians only.

We strongly disagree with any requirement for a hirer to have a full or provisional driving licence because it excludes a lot of people who have been managing without a car. More and more people, especially the target user-groups, do not have a driving licence.

Please acknowledge receipt of this response. We would be very happy to discuss any aspect of our comments; contact details are below.

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