

Dear Future of Transport Team,

This is a recommendation to legalise electric scooters and other such PLEVS as soon as possible.

Three common problems we have today are

1. Bike lanes being built and underused initially leading to complaints about their existence.
2. Pollution owing to excessive car use.
3. Coronavirus making journeys with groups of people in confined spaces temporarily inadvisable, meaning some extra single person car journeys or unpleasant public transport commutes.

One solution: legalise electric scooters as a matter of urgency.

1. The bike lanes would be used.
2. Pollution would go down.
3. We would give people another safe alternative form of transport healthwise.

Additional suggestions: Time to also build better bike lanes or greenways

This is now the time to legalise electric scooters and also add more/improve bike lanes while traffic is greatly reduced. The cycle superhighway in London for example, is already too narrow given how congested it becomes at certain times of the day. In this case one solution would be to make it one way only and build another the same width going in the opposite direction. With the legalisation of electric scooters the space would be well used and safety would be hugely enhanced. Drivers would no doubt grumble but the reduction in car use would improve traffic in other areas.

Another option is the floating bike lane proposal over the river Thames.

Any cycle superhighways should have at least two lanes in either direction (slow and fast) with clear barriers to divide the two directions to avoid cyclists in the fast lanes sharing the same space thereby enhancing safety. Furthermore all efforts should be made to separate them from other traffic and pedestrians - even if it means elevating the whole bike lane over some roads.

I would propose making Greenways which are selected whole roads entirely devoted to bikes and lightweight green transport gadgets - no cars allowed at all.

Thank you for reading - I hope these suggestions get read by the relevant members of your teams. Please let me know if you have any suggestions or need any more feedback.

Best wishes & best of luck,

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