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DEAR MR SHAPPS

**Motorcycling and the lockdown exit strategy: three reasonable demands**

The Motorcycle Action Group (MAG) is disappointed by the lack of response from the Department to the White Paper submitted to your office by the Coalition of Motorcycling Organisations over a month ago.

We have welcomed comments made by you and other Department Ministers in response to questions raised by a number of Members of Parliament. You have commented that motorcycles are an important part of the transport mix in the UK and that they are a safe option for travel supporting the Government's social distancing measures.

Despite these positive signals, we are still awaiting any sign of action to support the transport mode. We feel that other transport measures being introduced are damaging to the positive role of motorcycles that you acknowledge.

To this end, we have identified three simple actions that the Department can take immediately and at *no additional cost*. We would urge you to take swift and decisive action to ensure that these actions are expedited by the Department.

**Three Demands**

1. Specifically recognise and encourage the role of motorcycles and scooters as a socially distanced, congestion-busting and sustainable transport mode for post-COVID transport in all Government transport messaging.
2. Mandate all local authorities to immediately allow motorcycle and scooter access in all combined bus and cycle routes.
3. Mandate all local authorities to immediately provide emergency secure two-wheeler parking facilities that can be used by both motorcyclists and cyclists.

We trust that we will see these proposals actioned with alacrity and look forward to receiving a positive confirmation from the Department within a week.

Yours sincerely



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The Motorcycle Action Group.