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**Labour candidate for Mayor of London**

The London Assembly Transport Committee recent report ‘Easy Rider,’ backed by all parties on the GLA, provides some stark illustrations of the safety challenges motorcyclists experience in the capital, and riders’ concerns about road design.

As Mayor, I’ll work with the motorcycling community to make sure that riders’ rights and interests are taken on board as an integral part of the transport mix in the city.  It’s clear motorbikes and scooters generate far less pollution, save time and money for the rider - and don’t create congestion.  It’s absolutely right for us to enable powered two wheelers to play their part in delivering a less congested road network.

As the report recommends, one clear policy area is the case for a more consistent approach to bikes in bus lanes – a scheme which has proved itself effective, without creating undue problems or risks for other road users such as cyclists.  But riders can fall foul of regulations because boroughs don’t all have the same approach.  As Mayor, I’ll work to create consistency across the city to make bus lanes open to riders throughout the Capital.

There’s also the question of safety.  In 2015, three dozen riders lost their lives on London’s roads – yet the budget for bike safety is zero.  I don’t make promises I can’t keep, so let me make a promise I can definitely honour.  As Mayor, I will meet with representatives of riders’ rights organisations and learn at first-hand what you need and want.  This will include a discussion about lane width and secure parking.

Politics is a dialogue, so that will be the beginning of what I hope turns out to be a very productive relationship between you and the city.  From bikes carrying urgent blood supplies, Internet shopping deliveries through to commuters - this city IS big enough for all of us as long as we co-operate together.

Should I have the honour of being elected Mayor, I will use the London Assembly’s report as an excellent starting point to improve safety for all of us on London’s roads.  I’m looking forward to serving London’s 130,000 biker riders.

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