

Minister Shane Ross, T.D.,
Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport,
Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport,
Leeson Street,
Dublin 2.
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21st, May, 2020

Our Ref: M 66052

**Re: Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting of South Dublin County Council
held on 20th May, 2020**

Dear Minister Ross,

I write on behalf of the Elected Members who at the Clondalkin Area Committee meeting held on 20th May, 2020 passed the following motions:

"That this Committee writes to the Minister for Transport and asks for an update on the use of electric scooters in Ireland, is there an update on the current review of the law regarding the use of vehicles, including electric scooters on public roads and when will the regulations be updated to allow for the use of such a critical mode of transport in Ireland's already congested towns and cities?"

I would be obliged for your comments and response as soon as possible to enable me to revert to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Michael McAdam,
A/Senior Executive Officer.



An Roinn Iompair,
Turasóireachta agus Spóirt
Department of Transport,
Tourism and Sport



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8th June 2020

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Dear Mr. McAdam,

Thank you for your correspondence relating to electric scooters in Ireland.

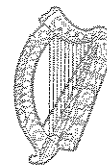
As PPTs do not fall under any existing vehicle category, it is not currently possible to tax and insure them and there is no licence category for them.

Therefore their use is strictly prohibited on public roads and in public places. Any changes to this require primary legislation which would be a matter for a new Government to decide.

Before legislating for the use of PPTS there should be appropriate infrastructure in place that does not endanger either other vulnerable road users or those using PPTs.

In the current context, in several jurisdictions it has been noted that there were significant increases in demand on accident and emergency medical facilities due to PPTs.

This would not be advisable here given the ongoing demands on our health service due to the Covid 19 pandemic and so any change that may create such additional demands would also have to be subject to consideration from that wider public health viewpoint.



Chris Smith

Chris Smith
Private Secretary to Minister Ross

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