

Our Ref: TTAS-MOS-00297-2026

Dear Ms. Shannon,

Thank you for your correspondence with the Department, and for bringing to my attention the motion recently passed by South Dublin County Council on the 9th of Feb 2026, with regard to e-scooter regulations. In this regard, I have been asked by Minister of State for International & Road Transport, Logistics, Rail & Ports, Sean Canney TD, to reply to you on his behalf.

I understand that elected representatives agreed on the motion to request the Minister for Transport to expand legislation governing e-scooters to require users to wear hi-vis clothing and helmets. The minister hopes to provide clarity regarding the current considerations of personal protective equipment for e-scooters and e-bikes in Ireland.

The Government decision of Wednesday 4 February noted that Ministers for Transport would return to Government with proposals for updated regulations on e-scooters and e-bikes.

The first regulations to allow for the legal use of certain e-scooters and e-bikes were introduced in May 2024. As we approach the two-year anniversary of that date, it is appropriate that we look at the evidence and consider if additional regulation is warranted to promote road safety.

Proposals are being developed and will be subject to Ministerial decision. Requirement for Personal Protective Equipment on e-scooters and e-bikes will form part of any consideration. The introduction of mandatory PPE for users of bicycles is outside the scope of the current measures.

Measures to protect the safety of all road users are kept under constant review. Thank you again to the members of South Dublin County Council for their correspondence with the Department.

Yours sincerely,

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