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Dear Minister,

I am writing to express my support for the Motorcycle Industry Association’s (MCIA) position on the phasing out of new, non zero emission ‘L-Category’ vehicles.

The L-Category sector, within which powered two, three and four-wheeled vehicles sit, contributes just 0.5% of the UK’s total domestic transport emissions. Whilst it is understood this contribution will increase as other transport modes continue to phase out, the consultation fails to acknowledge and accommodate for the complexities of the sector in terms of what is and isn’t feasible when it comes to phasing out certain segments of the market.

For example, though I welcome the proposal to phase out new, non zero emission mopeds (or ‘L1’ vehicles) by 2030, given over half the market is already electric and the associated congestion and air quality benefits, for motorcycles (or ‘L3’ vehicles), this is far more challenging.

For traditional, large capacity motorcycles, transitioning to electric powertrains or alternative fuels is far more difficult. The component and system supply chain for these vehicles is far less developed than its automotive counterpart and so commercially unviable for manufacturers to build and for customers to buy, as the price point is currently too high.

I therefore support the Motorcycle Industry Association’s position to phase out all new, non zero emission motorcycles above 4kW from 2040 and all L4, L6 and L7 vehicles by 2035. These, along with the 2030 date, should be accompanied by a series of readiness checks ahead of each date to ensure the infrastructure and policies are in place before implementation.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the critical importance of this sector whilst also agreeing a positive way forward to ensure it helps realise the country’s net zero ambitions.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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