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**Re: Will you endorse the motorcycle industry’s A Licence to Net Zero campaign & announce a timeline for a full-scale licensing review?**

Dear Minister,

In light of the Motorcycle Industry Association’s (MCIA) recently launched [Action Plan Scorecard](https://www.mcia.co.uk/action-plan-scorecard) revealing the Government’s concerning lack of progress on its commitments to the powered light vehicle (PLV) sector, I am writing to express my support for the industry’s [A Licence to Net Zero](https://www.mcia.co.uk/licence-to-net-zero) campaign and to request a meeting. The campaign aims to make acquiring a moped, motorcycle or other PLV licence simpler, fairer, safer, and more accessible for all, enabling a cleaner and greener future.

The PLV sector’s key role in reducing emissions was recognised in the Government’s [2021 Transport Decarbonisation Plan](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transport-decarbonisation-plan) which tasked MCIA to produce a Joint Action Plan for the sector. MCIA published its landmark [Action Plan: Realising the Full Potential of Zero Emission Powered Light Vehicles](https://www.mcia.co.uk/plv-action-plan) in February 2022, underscoring its commitment to a greener future. The Action Plan identifies the barriers the sector must overcome and the opportunities it must harness, together with the Government, if its full potential is to be realised.

Essential to this transformation is Action 6 which aims to improve access to the sector via a full-scale licensing review. The current regime has and will continue to deter potential new users from embracing mopeds and motorcycles as a cheaper and greener alternative to single occupancy cars and lightly ladened vans.

Taking a proactive approach to Action 6, MCIA launched A Licence to Net Zeroin October 2023, presenting the Government with a comprehensive set of proposals to simplify access to PLVs while enhancing road safety by incentivising users to upskill their riding and become safer road users. The Department for Transport is yet to implement any of MCIA’s proposals.

I commend the Government’s ambitious vision for this sector; however, as MCIA’s Action Plan Scorecard has highlighted, in the two years since the Action Plan’s publication there has been a disconnect between what the Department for Transport has promised the PLV sector and what it has actually delivered.

If properly executed, the Action Plan could create thousands of well-paid, high-skilled jobs throughout the country by nurturing the industry’s manufacturing base and supply chain. A Licence to Net Zero is central to turning this vision into a reality through improving access and, in turn, increasing uptake of the sector’s vehicles. Failure to deliver on the Action Plan and the recommended licensing review within it, will mean reaching net zero, reducing congestion and improving the quality of our urban and sub urban centres will be thwarted.

Will your Department announce a timeline for implementing a full-scale PLV licence review?

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss progress being made on making Action 6 a reality with your office and representatives of MCIA.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,