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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your letter of 4 December congratulating me on my appointment as Transport Secretary and sharing the *Motion 3.3 – Micromobility Legislation* agreed by the London Assembly at its Plenary meeting on 7 November 2024. I acknowledge in particular the Assembly's call for legislative powers to empower local authorities to regulate shared micromobility schemes.

Dockless micromobility rental schemes are too often having negative impacts, with many communities finding these vehicles littered across their roads and pavements. For vulnerable pavement users such as those with visual impairments, mobility issues, and those with small children, such obstructions are not just an inconvenience but a real safety risk. I also appreciate the challenges presented by the other issues you helpfully set out.

I want to see improved cooperation between micromobility operators and local authorities. The Government's view is that when implemented well and managed effectively, shared micromobility rental schemes can have real benefits in terms of sustainable, efficient, and green transport. However, these schemes must work for whole communities and not just users. We want to encourage active travel and ensuring these schemes work well is intrinsic to this ambition.

On e-scooters specifically, I recognise the depth of concern about the longstanding question of regulation for e-scooters and the need to address it. Until any changes are brought forward and come into effect, private e-scooters remain illegal to use on public roads, cycle lanes and pavements, and rental e-scooters can only be used in national rental e-scooter trial areas.

I am still carefully considering the future of micromobility policy and next steps, including on managing shared e-bike schemes and e-scooters. To that end, the London Assembly setting out so clearly what it views as the necessary next steps to making these schemes work better for communities in the capital will be of great help.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Heidi Alexander', with a stylized, cursive script.

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