Transport for London



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Dear Keith,

Re: London Assembly Transport Committee, 06 December

Thank you for your letter of 13 December following my appearance at the London Assembly Transport committee on 6 December 2017. I am glad that you found the conversation helpful. During the discussion I agreed to provide information on pedicab collision data for the last two years, and the number of pedicab riders who have been issued with a community protection notice.

Community Protection Notices

The Metropolitan Police Service is responsible for the data on community protection notices, and has informed us that in 2016/17, twenty-two notices were issued.

Pedicab collision data

In the last two years there have been nine collisions between pedicabs and other road users reported to us.

Table 1: Collisions between pedicabs and other road users

| | 2016 | 2017 |
|--------------------------|------|------|
| Bus/Coach | 2 | 0 |
| Car/Private Hire Vehicle | 1 | 4 |
| Motorbike | 1 | 1 |
| Total Collisions | 4 | 5 |

Actual numbers may be higher as pedicabs are unregulated, which may mean that a number of incidents or near misses go unreported. As we do not have the legal powers to license and regulate the industry, we are unable to improve

safety for passengers or effectively take enforcement action against unsafe vehicles and riders.

We are working with the Department for Transport to give us the powers to regulate pedicabs. This will allow us to improve safety, regulate fares, ensure drivers undergo a criminal record check, and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. We are grateful for the Assembly's support on this issue and would welcome its help London by asking the Government to fulfil its commitment to introduce the necessary legislation to regulate pedicabs.

This could be achieved through Government assistance for the Private Member's Bill promoted by Paul Scully MP, currently before the Commons or, if that should not be given sufficient Parliamentary time, through a Government Bill.

Yours sincerely,

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