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Once e-scooters have become legal, what might the Town Council do to encourage/promote the safe use of e-scooters with the law of the day?

- Data is from ukscooter.co.uk
- **All information is taken from lordslibrary.parliament.uk, met.police.uk, legislation.gov.uk and gov.uk**
- It is currently illegal in the UK to use a privately owned electric scooter on public roads, pavements or cycle lanes.
- Electric scooters can only be legally used on private land with the permission of the landowner.
- You are, however, legally entitled to buy, sell and own an electric scooter.
- In UK law, an electric scooter is classified as a “powered transporter”, alongside products such as hoverboards, “go-peds” and powered unicycles.
- The “powered transporter” classification is the reason that electric scooters cannot be legally used on pavements or cycle lanes.
- Quite simply, motor vehicles cannot be used on pavements or cycle lanes – and in the eyes of the law an electric scooter is a motor vehicle.
- The DfT is currently considering options for electric scooter regulations.
- It has not yet been decided whether electric scooters will become legal this year, 2023
- The DfT will publish a full set of findings from its evaluation of the electric scooter trials.
- The last update on this matter was on 22 June 2022.
- Pending the successful completion of this trial, we can expect electric scooters to be approved for use on roads throughout the UK.
- The government has also said that it is currently developing technical standards for the construction of e-scooters.
- Once new regulations come into force, the government would then be able to stipulate that all electric scooters sold met certain standards concerning speed, power and lights, among other things.