

Consultation response form

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS COVERING POWERED MOBILITY SCOOTERS & POWERED WHEELCHAIRS

PART 1 – information about you

Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
E-mail address:	
Company Name or Organisation if applicable)	

Please tick one box from the list below that best describes you/your company or organisation

<input type="checkbox"/>	Member of the public
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small or medium Enterprise (up to 50 employees)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Large Company
<input type="checkbox"/>	Representative Organisation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interest Group
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/>	Central Government
<input type="checkbox"/>	Police
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)
If you are responding on behalf of an organisation/interest group how many members do you have and how did you obtain the views of your members:	
If you would like your response or personal details to be treated confidentially please explain why (and please see the Freedom of Information advice on page 10 of the consultation package):	

PART 2: YOUR VIEWS

This consultation seeks your views on proposed changes to the legislation covering “invalid carriages”.

Section A: Legal classification of vehicles

Q1. Do you think that the term “invalid carriage” should be replaced with a different term?

Yes No

Q2. What term would you suggest?

Q3. Do you think that the terms “Class 2” and “Class 3” should be replaced by more descriptive terms such as “slower speed mobility vehicle” and “faster speed mobility vehicle”?

Yes No

If yes, what terms would you suggest?

Q4. Do you think the legislation should make a distinction between mobility scooters and powered wheelchairs?

Yes No

Section B: Design standards for mobility vehicles

Maximum speed capability

Q5. Do you think that Class 3 vehicles should be designed to be capable of travelling at speeds higher than 8mph on the carriageway?

Yes No

Q6. If you think there should be a higher speed capability, what maximum speeds do you suggest, and why?

Vehicle Weight limits

Q7. Do you think the current unladen weight limit is still appropriate? (The weight limit for Class 2 vehicles is 113.4kg, and for Class 3 vehicles is 150kg?)

Yes No (class 2 vehicles)

Yes No (class 3 vehicles)

Q8. If you think the permitted unladen weight should increase, what should it increase to, and why?

Q9. Should some mobility vehicles permit the carriage of a baby or a small child as a passenger?

Yes No

Q10. If you suggested changes in reply to questions 8 and 9 above, do you have evidence to support your suggestions? If you have evidence what is it? Or do you believe that further research and trialling is needed before a decision is taken?

Safer vehicle design

Q11. Do you think that technology is available that could reduce the likelihood and severity of injury caused by a collision with a mobility scooter?

Yes No

If yes, what technology do you have in mind?

Q12. Should any increase in weight only be permitted if such technology is used?

Yes No

Conspicuousness

Q13. Do you think that additional requirements should be imposed to make mobility vehicles more conspicuous to help to improve the safety of the mobility vehicle user and the safety of other road users?

Yes No

Q14. If you do think that additional requirements should be imposed, what do you suggest?

Section C: Users of mobility vehicles

Minimum age

Q15. Do you think that the minimum age of 14 when a person may use a Class 3 vehicle should be kept the same, removed or lowered?	
Kept the same	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lowered	<input type="checkbox"/>
Removed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q16. If you think the minimum age should be lowered, what do you suggest it be lowered to?	

Information, training and fitness to drive

Q17. What do you think should be done to improve the information and advice that is available to people who want to use a mobility vehicle?	
Q18. Should all mobility vehicle users be required to undergo compulsory training?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Q19. How do you suggest such training might be organised and delivered? How could it be funded (for example through user fees)?	
Q20. Should all users be required to undergo an assessment of their suitability to drive a mobility vehicle?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Q21. How do you suggest such an assessment might be organised and delivered? How could it be funded (for example through user fees)?	

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Section D: Vehicles in Use

Registration

Q22. Do you think a mobility vehicle registration scheme is needed?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If so, why?
Q23. Do you think the current registration scheme with DVLA should be improved, for example, through better enforcement?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, how?
Q24. Do you think the current registration scheme should be replaced by a locally run registration scheme? (We would be interested in exploring whether this could be linked to existing schemes, for example the Blue Badge disabled parking scheme.)

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Q25. Do you think it would be better to register users rather than registering vehicles?

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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If so, how might it work?

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Q26. Do you have any other suggestions for how a registration scheme would work?

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Q27. Do you think the registration should be required for Class 2 vehicles as well as Class 3 vehicles?

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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If so, why?

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Insurance

Q28. Do you think that a minimum of third party insurance should be compulsory for users of mobility vehicles?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Criminal offences

Q29. Do you think that the section 35 offence (drivers of carriages injuring persons by furious driving) is adequate?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Which driver behaviours do you think are not at present adequately covered by the legislation and should be the subject of further detailed proposals?

Maximum permitted speed

Q30. Do you think that a Class 3 vehicle should be permitted to travel faster than the current limit of 8mph on the road?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Q31. What do you see as the potential benefits and risks of an increased speed limit?
Q32. What do you think the new maximum permitted speed should be?

Q33. When the speed limiter is switched off, users of Class 3 vehicles may drive above 4mph provided they are on the carriageway and not on the footway. To aid concordance with this regulation, should mobility vehicles then automatically display a sign on the rear that indicates that they must not be used on the footway?

Yes

No

Data collection

Q34. What type of data do you think it would be helpful to record and why?

Please send consultation responses to:

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