

## **THE MAGISTRATES' ASSOCIATION**

### **ROAD TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

#### **Response to consultation by the Department for Transport on Electric Personal Vehicles**

The Magistrates' Association welcomes the opportunity to respond to this consultation. We are the representative organisation for lay magistrates in England and Wales, with some 28,000 members. The Road Traffic Committee is selected from members of our National Council and deals with crimes arising out of the use of vehicles and the roads. We are happy for copies of this response to be made available to other parties on request.

The only response we wish to make to this consultation is to request that any legislative changes should leave the law very clear as to what use may be made of what types of vehicle by which people. There should be minimum opportunity for confusion on the part of the general public, law enforcement agencies and the criminal justice system. The law should also be flexible enough to deal with any new type of vehicle that may be developed, whether or not powered by electricity.

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