



Item 9.1

Full Council – 8 July 2024

Conservative Group Motion

Action to address dockless e-bike parking within Brent

Whilst we support and recognise that dockless e-bike schemes were introduced across London in an effort to reduce pollution and get more people active, there is an annoying trend of e- bikes supplied by Lime+ Uber under the scheme in Brent being parked in dangerous locations, as well as bikes from schemes operated in other boroughs being dumped in our parks and streets. No action appears to be taken against those selfish users who leave their e-bikes in locations causing immense danger, obstructions and annoyance to residents walking on our streets.

Lime+ Uber e-bikes are found across most wards in Brent obstructing busy streets and road crossings, with riders inconsiderately parking anywhere and blocking pavements and pedestrian crossings, impacting particularly on the disabled and parents with buggies leaving little remedy except to move them out of their path or manoeuvre around them. This has generated a large number of complaints to both the scheme operator and Council which, to date, appears to have resulted in little effective action being taken.

We understand that Brent Council are contacting the current operator to see what can be done but there appears to have been little response. We also understand that Transport for London appears not to be taking any responsibility for this problem.

As a result of the concerns highlighted this Council therefore resolves to call on the Cabinet:

- (1) To work with the support of other London boroughs, in seeking to include a provision within a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) that would enable the Council to lawfully impound bikes that are abandoned on our streets, and store them in a secure place, for example, at the boroughs car pound and not release them until a fine is paid.
- (2) To require that any dockless bike operator in the borough should be required to electronically chip all their bikes and allow end-of-ride parking only in designated areas, such as with Transport for London's official hire e-bike service.
- (3) To ensure that when reported, obstacles and hazards caused to pedestrians and the disabled by the inconsiderate parking or dumping of hired e-bikes are

addressed and cleared with the Council continuing to raise concerns with the scheme operator and ensure the necessary enforcement action is taken.

- (4) To consider the introduction of “parking bays” that would encourage riders to leave their hired bikes in certain areas. Whilst aware there is no legal requirement and the bikes can, in theory, still be parked anywhere, this would encourage and promote a discipline in riders to behave responsibly and leave these bikes in a safe place.
- (5) To ensure that when large number of e-bikes at one location are reported to the operator by residents, councillors or the Council, the e-bikes should be immediately collected

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