



Liberal Democratic Party

# FREEDOM TO RIDE

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The Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) believes those who choose to use motorcycles and scooters should not be discouraged by government policies.

The use of motorcycles and scooters is a matter of individual choice. So long as nobody else is likely to be harmed, it is not acceptable for the government to interfere in it.

Motorcycles and scooters represent an economical, convenient and environmentally favourable means of transport that also places fewer demands on roads and other infrastructure.

## The LDP will implement the following measures:

1. Ensure that specific facilities for motorcycles and scooters are included in public parking.
2. Reduce taxes, tolls and other charges on motorcycles and scooters to no greater than a quarter that of cars.
3. Allow motorcycles and scooters to use public transport corridors such as bus lanes.
4. Permit motorcycles and scooters to filter between lanes of slow moving traffic.
5. Create refuge areas for motorcycles and scooters in front of cars waiting at intersections to facilitate faster traffic flow.
6. Ensure motorcycle and scooter safety is given the same priority as car safety in road design and construction.



7. Encourage voluntary adoption of European CE standards of safety clothing for motorcyclists, accompanied by accurate labelling.
8. Remove obstacles to the establishment of accessible rider training courses at moderate cost.
9. Remove any requirement for front number plates.
10. Permit novice riders to travel at the posted speed limit.
11. Allow parking on the footpath where it is wide enough.

## These measures are additional to the LDP's policy on traffic laws, which includes:

12. Set speed limits at, or slightly above, the 85th percentile. This would result in an increase of 10-30 km/h in the limit on roads where drivers felt it was safe to travel at such speeds, while perhaps leading to reductions on less safe roads.
13. Give low priority to enforcement of any traffic laws intended to protect road users from themselves while having no impact on innocent victims.

## Help motorcyclists reclaim freedom

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*I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than to those attending too small a degree of it. - Thomas Jefferson*