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19th June 2024

DOCUMENT PACK FOR THE GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Tuesday 25th June 2024

Public Forum 7.30 – 7.45pm. - Public comments will be taken before the Meeting commences but are restricted to 15 minutes unless the Chairman allows otherwise.

AGENDA

- 1. Declarations of Interest:** To receive and minute any declarations of interests.
- 2. Apologies for Absence:** To receive apologies for unavoidable absence.
- 3. Minutes:** To accept the minutes from the Annual Parish Council meeting on 28th May 2024 and all the decisions therein. View minutes here [Draft Minutes Goostrey Annual Parish Council Meeting 28th May 2024.](#)

Motion: The Parish Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 28th May 2024 and all the decisions therein.

- 4. Cheshire East Council Matters:** To receive a report on Cheshire East Council Matters. To deal with any questions by Members relating to the report and any questions by Members notified in advance to the Chairman and the CE Councillor.
- 5. Committee Matters:** To receive reports from the Parish Council Committees:
 - a) Village Hall Management Committee Meeting 4th June 2024.** View minutes here [Village Hall Management Committee Meeting Minutes 4th June 2024](#)

Motion: The Parish Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Village Hall Management Committee meeting of 4th June 2024 and all the decisions therein.

- b) Planning Committee Meeting 12th June 2024.** View minutes here [Planning Committee Meeting 12th June 2024.](#)

Motion: The Parish Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 12th June 2024 and all the decisions therein including the committees recommended responses to the Local Plan Consultation.

- 6. Planning Matters:** Applications may be viewed following the links below or at https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/view_a_planning_application

To receive an update on the following planning matters:

- a) Enforcement Request 23/00154E – Planning application 24/0688C Holly Bank Farm**

- b) [23/3015C](#) RED LION INN, 3, STATION ROAD, GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE, CW4 8PJ.
Formation of new raised external seating area to front/side of public house.
Refused 24th November 2023.

7. Financial Payments: To approve payments in Schedule 6/24. **Includes:** Salaries & expenses. **See page 4.**

Motion: The Parish Council approves the payments listed on Schedule 6/24.

8. Clerk's Report: Including actions from the last meeting and correspondence. **See page 5.**

9. Highways & Speedwatch:

- a) **Speedwatch Report** – To receive the Speedwatch Report. **See page 6.**
b) **SDU at Shearbrook, Main Road** – To receive the SDU Data Report. **See page 7.**
c) **SID Licencing** – To receive an update. **See page 8.**
d) **Speed Management Measures, Main Road:** To receive an update. **See page 10.**

10. Police Matters: To consider any matters related to local policing.

11. Deferred Items: To review and approve the following policies and procedures:

- a) Communication and Engagement view policy at <https://goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/GOOSTREY-PARISH-COUNCIL-Communication-and-Community-Engagement-Policy-June-2023-1.pdf>

Motion: The Parish Council approves the Communication and Engagement policy.

- b) Complaints view policy at <https://goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/GOOSTREY-PARISH-COUNCIL-Complaints-Policy-June-2023.pdf>

Motion: The Parish Council approves the Complaints policy.

- c) Data Protection view policy at <https://goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/GOOSTREY-PARISH-COUNCIL-Data-Protection-Policy-September-2023.pdf>

Motion: The Parish Council approves the Data Protection policy.

- d) Disciplinary view policy at <https://goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/GOOSTREY-PARISH-COUNCIL-Disciplinary-Policy-September-2023.pdf>

Motion: The Parish Council approves the Disciplinary policy.

- e) Equality and Diversity view policy at <https://goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/GOOSTREY-PARISH-COUNCIL-Equality-Diversity-Policy-September-2023.pdf>

Motion: The Parish Council approves the Equality and Diversity policy.

- f) Grievance view policy at <https://goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/GOOSTREY-PARISH-COUNCIL-Grievance-Policy-September-2023.pdf>

Motion: The Parish Council approves the Grievance policy.

12. Cheshire Community Action Membership: To consider continued membership.

13. Village Hall Bench: To approve adding the Village Hall bench to the council's assets register.

14. Telecoms Poles Installation Legislation: To consider supporting Holmes Chapel Council's concerns. **See page 12.**

15. Lithium Batteries: To consider supporting the campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries and their disposal. **See page 15.**

16. Cheshire East Council Consultations: To consider and approve any council response to the following consultations:

a) **Bus Service Review Consultation.** Deadline 3rd July 2024.

<https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/BusServiceReview2024/>

17. Newsletter Articles: To approve the articles for the Parish Council newsletter.

18. Council Vacancy: To confirm that there is a vacancy on the council and to confirm that the process for filling the vacancy.

19. Minor items and items for the next agenda.

- **D-Day +80 Event:** To note the event's success.

20. Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting – 23rd July 2024.

Close meeting

ENCLOSURES

ITEM 7 FINANCIAL PAYMENTS

Payment Schedule 6/24 June 2024

Payment Date	Payee	Money Out	Description	
05/06/2024	1 Staff Salaries	£2,059.67	Staff Salaries	Paid
05/06/2024	2 HMRC	£411.50	Tax and NI	Paid
05/06/2024	3 Nest	£199.10	Pension Payment	Paid DD
13/06/2024	4 Vodafone	£19.38	Mobile Phone Contract	Paid DD
17/06/2024	5 Natwest	£24.50	Bankline Charges	Paid
19/06/2024	6 Plusnet	£42.30	Telephone and Broad Band	Paid DD
28/06/2024	7 CTS Property Services	£80.00	Cleaning of telephone box and noticeboards	
28/06/2024	8 Congleton Town Council	£364.42	Village Maintenance	
28/06/2024	9 ChALC	£509.00	County Association Affiliation Fee	
28/06/2024	10 Society of Local Council Clerks	£36.00	Training (Clerk)	
28/06/2024	11 CTS Property Services	£70.00	Clean and treat VH bench, fit traffic mirror	
		£3,815.87	inc VAT	

Receipts at 18th June 2024

Village Hall income	£726.60	inc VAT
Total Receipts	£726.60	

Account Balances at 18th June 2024

Current Account	£66,342.91
Santander Capital Account	£82,451.82
NS&I General	£60,093.39
TOTAL	£208,888.12

Caxton Card Report 18th June 2024

Transaction Date	Payee	Amount	Description
	Balance brought forward	£641.16	
31/05/2024	The Workplace Depot Ltd	£45.60	Traffic Mirror
05/06/2024	Frame Art	£30.00	Deposit for perspex on King's portrait
14/06/2024	Frame Art	£39.00	Balance for perspex on King's portrait
	Total Spend	£114.60	
	Total Fees	£4.50	
	Total Spend inc Fees	£119.10	
	Card Load	£0.00	
	Card Balance at 18th June 2024	£522.06	

Item 8 Clerk's Report

Actions

- a) Cleaning of benches at Main Road/Booth Bed Lane completed.
- b) Report of anti-social behaviour on Sandy Lane made to PCSO.
- c) Planning responses made.
- d) 23/3015C RED LION INN, 3, STATION ROAD. Confirmed that the appeal process has been started by the applicant prior to the 6-month deadline.
- e) Financial payments have been made.
- f) All other actions appear as items on the agenda.

Correspondence

- a) RE: Asbestos Survey Fri 14/06
- b) Electionteam.admin RE: Vacancy on Parish Council Fri 14/06
- c) CEHStreetworks Cheshire East Highways - Traffic Management Area Highway Group
Report Thu 13/06 358 KB
- d) LATHAM, Andrew FW: Event application Christmas Lights Switch On
- e) Wild, Georgia RE: FW: GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL
- f) LICENSING (Cheshire East) RE: Goostrey Christmas Lights Switch On
- g) Goostrey Footpaths Group minutes
- h) GOODIER, Julie Planning Lists Week 2423
- i) Resident Goostrey Rose Day 2024
- j) Liz Corfield Proposed installation of Average Speed Cameras
- k) SBA Automatic reply: Goostrey Parish Council AGAR 2023/2404/06/2024
- l) Resident RE: Items from Council Meeting 31/05/2024
- m) PCSO RE: [EXTERNAL] Anti-social behaviour on Sandy Lane
- n) CEHStreetworks Cheshire East Highways - Traffic Management Area Highway Group
- o) Theo James RE: Speed Indicator Devices (SID) Goostrey Parish Council
- p) Open Gardens RE: Council Grant
- q) Rev Yvonne J Pearson Re: Pie & Pea supper invitation
- r) Road Safety RE: Speed Indicator Devices (SID) - Reminder

GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL SPEEDWATCH REPORT - June 2024 Meeting

Three volunteers have confirmed that wish to join a Speedwatch Team. Essential training of the new team of volunteers to revised National Speed Watch Procedures by the PCSO has been programmed by the PCSO for July 2024 after the PCSO has received her own training.

Current Position

DATE & TIME	LOCATION	LOW SPEED MPH	TOP SPEED MPH	NUMBER OF VEHICLES LOGGED	TOTAL NUMBER OF VEHICLES PASSING
Lack of Trained Volunteer resources has resulted in no further sessions since last reported session on 05/01/2022					

SID data continues to demonstrate that speeding is on the increase and it is increasingly important to obtain more PCSO Trucam sessions and to continue to promote the possibility of installation of Average Speed Cameras. SID data for May 2024 includes a very concerning maximum speed of 68mph.

TR 03/06/2024

Main Road Shearbrook SID Summary Data May 2024 Data For June 2024 GPC Meeting

Month	Total Number of Vehicles	% Travelling at over 35MPH	Highest Speed and time	Comments
April 2023	34,406	22.0	63.2 mph 12.00	
May 2023	36,748	23.0	60.5 mph 05.00	
November 2023	33,661	18.0	60.0 mph 07.00	
December 2023	31,463	16.0	60.2 mph 07.00	
January 2024	33,538	15.0	63.5 mph 20.00	
February 2024	10,748	16.0	59.8 mph 23.00	Main Road closed to Through traffic at Shearbrook bridge for nearly three weeks.
March 2024	34,065	18.0	68.7 mph 21.00	
April 2024	34,007	19.7	71.8 mph 21.00	
May	35,560	21.0	67.9 mph 16.00	Highest previous Speed 88.3mph 02.00 January 2021

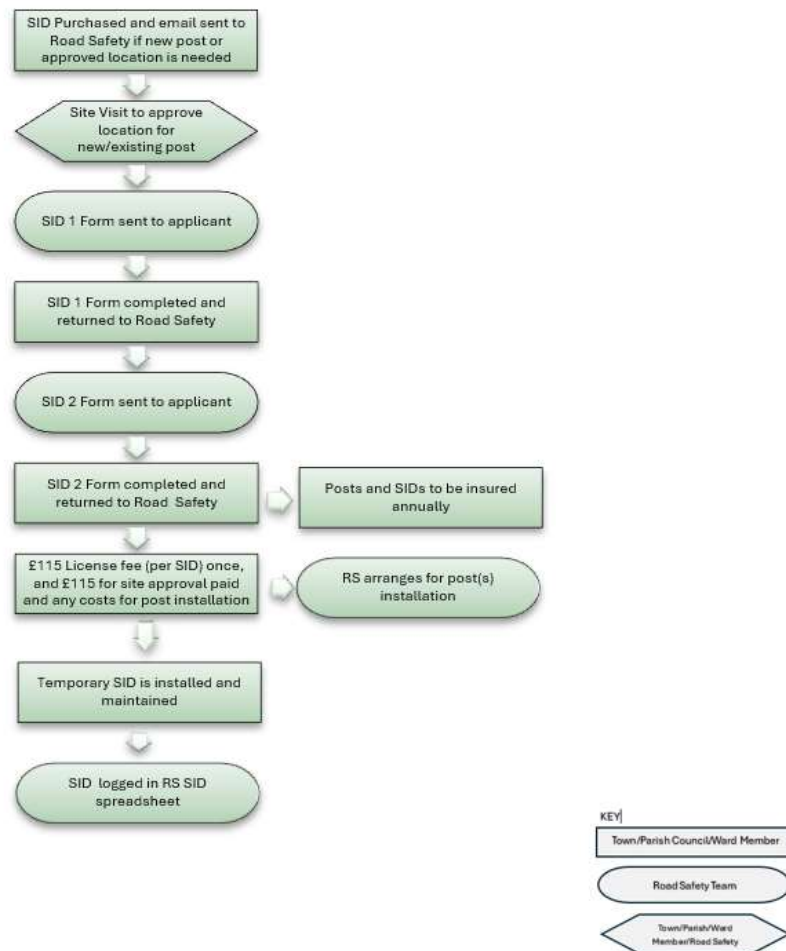
Note for May 2024 data –Number of vehicles 35,560. Approximately 7,100 were travelling at over 35 mph. Peak times for vehicles travelling at over 35 mph were 06.00 – 0800 and 16.00 14.00 -17.00.

TR 03/06/2024

Item 9c SID Licencing

The following information was received from the Road Safety Team (CEC) on 5th April:

We are carrying out amendments to our Cheshire East Road Safety webpage this month and in particular regarding SIDs, we have the following flowchart ready.



The 2024/25 fees and charges are shown below.

SIDs	
Initial consultation	£115
SID Licence Fee (one off payment)	£115

The Town or Parish Council are responsible for the attachment of the SID to a post.

Any legal costs associated with placement of the SID are to be covered by the Town or Parish Council. Insurance is required for the SID and post(s) used.

Therefore, can you please let me know of the number of working SIDs you currently have. Also, can you please let me know of the location of all these posts you have in place that are used for SIDs.

The following information has been provided, along with questions to clarify the situation:

Goostrey Parish Council currently have five working SIDs in the following locations:

- Station Road
- Main Road, opp. The Crown
- Main Road, Shearbrook
- Boothbed Lane, adj. to the playground
- New Platt Lane

The current SIDs were approved and installed by Cheshire East Council and are covered by the Parish Council's insurance policy.

Could you confirm that the Parish Council will now have to pay £575 (£115 x 5) per SID to Cheshire East Council and that this will be a one off rather than an annual payment? Could you also confirm what the fee covers and why this charge is being introduced?

The following response was received from the Road Safety Team on 30th May, with assistance from Cllr. Chadwick:

Dear Emma,

The parish council will have to pay £575 (£115 x 5) per SID to Cheshire East Council, these are the new fees for 2024/2025.

This charge is for a new SID license fee that has being introduced by the council and is a one time payment. This fee is applicable to all existing SID's that have not yet paid.

As soon as our electronic payment system is set up we will send an invoice to you.

Item 9d Speed Management Measures, Goostrey Lane/Main Road

Road Safety response to request to reduce the speed limit for vehicles approaching the village e.g. Goostrey Lane approaching the village from A50. 26th April 2024:

I write to update you on your request for speed management measures on Main Road, Goostrey.

This location has been assessed against the Speed Management Strategy that was approved by the Highways and Transport Committee in 2022. Unfortunately, we are not currently adding this location to our list for prioritisation for speed management measures as this location is not being considered a priority at the present time.

Please note that the assessment only takes into consideration facilities directly on the road itself and not on adjacent roads nearby. Further information on the Council's Speed Management Strategy can be found online here:

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/highways_and_roads/road-safety/speeding.aspx

We understand this will be disappointing for you, but we must focus our resources to the locations with the highest priority.

Once again, we would like to thank you for raising this matter. We value your contribution and encourage further engagement in our ongoing efforts to improve road safety.

A letter was sent to the new Police & Crime Commissioner on 3rd June as follows:

Goostrey Parish Speeding Vehicles – Proposed Installation of Average Speed Cameras

Speeding vehicles is in the top three priority policing concerns for Goostrey residents and for many residents holds their highest priority. The Parish Council (PC) has both current and historic data from a Speed Indicator Device which shows of the typical monthly total of around 30,000 vehicles travelling East to West through the village 21% exceed 35mph with 70% exceeding 30mph and a typical maximum speed for the month of 67 mph. The threat from speeding vehicles felt by residents is exacerbated by sections of particularly narrow footways (less than 100cm). The Parish Council therefore puts considerable effort into seeking measures to improve compliance with the 30mph speed limit in the village.

The PC has been liaising with the previous Commissioner over the possibility of the installation of Average Speed Cameras in Main Road, Goostrey requesting inclusion in the Commissioner's schedules of trial sites and indicating a willingness to contribute to the capital cost.

Goostrey was not included in the first series of trial sites (now believed to be in implementation) and asked to be included in a subsequent series which the Commissioner invited applications of interest, but appears to have not yet been determined.

The PC has also undertaken liaison with Cheshire East Council Highways for introduction of additional speed management measures in Main Road and in an email dated 26/04/24 from Road Safety been informed that "This location has been assessed against the Speed Management Strategy that was approved by the Highways and Transport Committee in

2022. Unfortunately, we are not currently adding this location to our list for prioritisation for speed management measures as this location is not being considered a priority at the present time.”

Can you please tell me if you are still progressing with the promotion of further phases of installation of Average Speed Camera Projects and if Main Road Goostrey may be included in an early new phase?

Response received 4th June:

Dear Emma,

Thank you for your email yesterday regarding the installation of Average Speed Cameras in Goostrey.

We remain committed to finalising pilot sites but at this stage we are unable to offer any further commitment than this whilst we understand the value, and the new PCC consults with the community to understand the key issues to form the basis of his Police and Crime Plan.

Please bear with us in this transition period.

Item 14 Telecoms Poles Installation Legislation

Email from Clerk to Holmes Chapel Parish Council

Holmes Chapel Parish Council have asked me to contact our Neighbouring Parishes to highlight our concerns about the legislation which allows telecoms poles to be installed with limited consultation and opportunity to object. We have had a few issues in the village about poles being placed on estates and some very upset residents.

For your information – please find attached two letters – one to CEC and the other to our MP – about this matter.

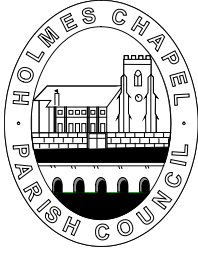
Also a link to a few news articles about the work of the PC over the last months about this:

[Fibre Broadband - an update \(holmeschapelparishcouncil.gov.uk\)](http://holmeschapelparishcouncil.gov.uk)

[Meeting with Airband and Cheshire East \(holmeschapelparishcouncil.gov.uk\)](http://holmeschapelparishcouncil.gov.uk)

[A Statement from Holmes Chapel Parish Council regarding Airband Installations](http://holmeschapelparishcouncil.gov.uk)

The Parish Council wished for you to be aware of these concerns and what has happened over the last few year or so as you may have or might experience similar issues.



Holmes Chapel Parish Council

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Deputy Clerk: Sue McKay

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1 Church Walk, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire, CW4 7AZ



9th May 2024

Dear Mr Malcolm

As you may recall, last year Airband installed telecommunication poles in Ravenscroft, an estate in Holmes Chapel. This caused a lot of upset with the Ravenscroft residents and wider community of Holmes Chapel.

We were very grateful to Dean Burrows (Digital Cheshire) for arranging a meeting with the residents and Airband, which subsequently resulted in Ravenscroft being taken out of the Cheshire East contract and poles removed.

However, the residents of Ravenscroft and Holmes Chapel remain anxious about another company installing poles for commercial reasons. Consequently, the Parish Council has requested I write to ask if there is a colleague at Cheshire East Planning who can act as a single point of contact for the Parish Council should telecoms poles begin to be installed on a commercial basis. The Parish Council would also like to ask how Cheshire East monitor the installation of telecoms poles.

We will be sharing our concerns about the national legislation surrounding the installation of these poles with our MP Fiona Bruce and also raising it with the Cheshire Association of Local Councils.

We look forward to hearing from you.

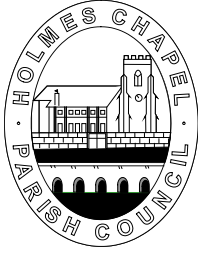
Kind regards

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Dear Fiona

As you may recall, last year Airband installed telecommunication poles in Ravenscroft, an estate in Holmes Chapel. This caused a lot of upset with the Ravenscroft residents and wider community of Holmes Chapel.

We were very grateful to Dean Burrows (Digital Cheshire) for arranging a meeting with the residents and Airband, which subsequently resulted in Ravenscroft being taken out of the Cheshire East contract and poles removed.

However, the residents of Ravenscroft and Holmes Chapel remain anxious about another company installing poles for commercial reasons. We understand that national legislation allows the installation of telecoms poles, but we write to ask that this be reviewed. The regulations surrounding such installations can leave residents feeling powerless, as there is so little they can do should a company decide the location is suitable and meets the current regulations. We have a number of residents who, unlike the residents of Ravenscroft, have been left with unsightly poles, which the companies claim have been appropriately installed, but which cause distress to our residents. We also read of similar incidents nationwide.

Please can you ask that the national legislation be reviewed and tighter regulations surrounding the installation of telecom poles be introduced?

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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Item 15 Lithium Batteries

Dear Local Council

I am writing to ask your Council to support our campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries (used in e-bike and e-scooters) and their disposal.

Let me begin by introducing myself. I am the researcher for Lord (Don) Foster (hence my email address), who has been campaigning on this issue in the House of Lords. I am also the parliamentary advisor to Electrical Safety First, a UK Charity dedicated to reducing the deaths and injuries caused by electricity.

As you will probably know lithium battery fires are on the increase – there have been over 1000 in the past few years, nearly 200 injuries and a dozen fatalities. Homes have been destroyed. The cost to the UK runs into £billions. You will doubtless know of examples in your area. I attach a spreadsheet of some recent fires – as you will see there have been some in your area.

Lord Foster and Electrical Safety First are promoting the attached Bill (a summary of which is included at the end of this email) to ensure greater safety in the use and disposal of lithium batteries and are aiming to get it into law as soon as possible. It has its First Reading on 5th June.

We have the support of many national organisations, as the attached logos show – including the National Fire Chiefs Council, the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents and the Royal Society for Public Health. In addition 2 coroners have called for the law to be tightened to ensure greater safety.

We are now contacting more locally based organisations, and it would be great if your Council was able to support this campaign. It would be a great boost. Please do get in touch if you require any further information.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

Ron Bailey

PS Don't worry if you are not meeting before June 5th. That is only the 1st Reading – other stages will follow, so you won't be too late. Your support will be valuable at any time.

The Safety of Electric-Powered Micromobility Vehicles and Lithium Batteries Bill

A Bill to make provisions regarding the safety of electric-powered micromobility vehicles and of lithium batteries; to give duties to the Secretary of State regarding those matters; and for connected purposes.

1. The safety of electric-powered micromobility vehicles and secondary lithium-ion batteries used to power such vehicles

(1) No person shall after 31st August 2025 place on the UK market any electric-powered micromobility vehicle or a secondary lithium-ion battery used to power such vehicles unless –

(a) conformity assessment procedures have been carried out by a conformity assessment body ('CAB') authorised by the Secretary of State to carry out such assessments; and

(b) the manufacturer has drawn up the technical documentation and declaration of conformity; and

(c) the electric-powered micromobility vehicle and the battery used to power such vehicles bear the CE or UKCA mark to demonstrate conformity with designated or harmonised standards.

(2) The Secretary of State must within 6 months of the passing of this Act publish a list of CABs recognised as being able to carry out conformity assessment procedures pursuant to subsection (1).

(3) Where in the opinion of a CAB, a product covered by this Act has successfully met the essential safety requirements of applicable regulations, it shall issue a certificate of conformity to the manufacturer.

(4) Where a certificate of conformity has been issued pursuant to subsection (3) a manufacturer must display a CE or a UKCA mark on any product covered by this Act before it is placed on the UK market.

(5) No person shall display a CE or a UKCA mark on any product covered by this Act unless a certificate of conformity has been issued for the product given in accordance with this Act.

2. Disposal of Secondary Lithium-ion Batteries

(1) The Secretary of State must, within 6 months of the passing of this Act, make regulations regarding the safe disposal of lithium batteries.

(2) The regulations made pursuant to subsection (1) may include a requirement for sellers of such batteries to:

(a) Display a prominent warning about the dangers of improper disposal of lithium batteries not in accordance with those regulations; and

(b) Attach as part of the sale

(i) Information regarding the cell chemistry of lithium batteries and;

(ii) information regarding the safe disposal of such batteries.

3. Duties of the Secretary of State

(1) (1) The Secretary of State must, within 12 months of the passing of this Act, make regulations

(a) Specifying safety standards for micromobility vehicle conversion kits and associated components; and

(b) Requiring that all micromobility vehicles have either

(i) a non-proprietary charging system with a communications protocol;
or

(ii) a proprietary charging system with a matched charger

and such regulations may include details of the means by which those standards will be enforced and the penalties for failing to comply with those standards.

(2) The Secretary of State must within 6 months of the passing of this Act consult such persons as he considers have an interest in this matter on whether to implement an interim measure which prohibits the sale of universal chargers for electric-powered micromobility vehicles until such time as the regulations detailed in (1) (a) or (1) (b) come into force.

4. Offences

Any person who fails to comply with the terms of this Act commits an offence.

5. Interpretation

In this Act, the following terms have the following meanings:

- 'Electric-powered micromobility' means electric scooters or electric bicycles powered by secondary lithium-ion batteries, as defined in the Department of Transport 2020 publication 'Future of Transport Regulatory Review Moving Britain Ahead Call for Evidence'.
- 'A lithium battery' is a non-rechargeable battery with lithium as an anode.
- 'A secondary lithium-ion battery' is a type of rechargeable battery in which the main reaction is the transport and intercalation of lithium ions into the cathode and anode respectively as defined in the BEIS Research Paper No 2020/037 entitled 'Domestic Battery Energy Storage Systems A Review of Safety Risks'.
- 'A proprietary charging system' comprises of a manufacturer specified plug and socket system designed only to operate in combination with each other.

- 'A non-proprietary charging system' comprises of a non-manufacturer specified plug and socket system consisting of a standardised plug and socket and a communications protocol.
- 'A communications protocol' is a set of formal rules describing how to transmit or exchange data.
- 'A CE marking' means a mark consisting of the symbol "CE" set out in the form specified by the Secretary of State in regulations made pursuant to this Act.
- A 'UKCA' marking is a UK Conformity Assessed marking displayed in the form specified by the Secretary of State in regulations made pursuant to this Act.
- A conversion kit is the electrical drive train, battery and charging system, that is fitted to a regular pedal bicycle to convert it to an electric bike.

6. Regulations

(1) The Secretary of State must, within six months of the passing of this Act, make regulations specifying:

- (a) Any amendments to the definition of the term 'electric-powered micromobility' that, in the Secretary of State's opinion, are necessary.
- (b) The penalties that shall apply to breaches of this Act.

(2) Regulations under this Act shall be made by statutory instrument pursuant to the negative resolution procedure.

7. Extent, Commencement, and Short Title

(1) This Act extends to the whole of the UK, subject to resolutions being passed by

- (a) The Scottish Parliament;
- (b) Senedd Cymru;
- (c) The Northern Ireland Assembly

applying it to their respective countries.

(2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.

(3) This Act may be cited as the Safety of Electric-Powered Micromobility and Lithium Batteries Act 2023."

Clause 1 would require third party *independent* approval-testing for e-bikes, e-scooters and their batteries before entering the UK market.

Clause 2: incidents of fires and harmful fumes resulting from lithium-ion batteries in waste vehicles and landfills are increasing. There are reportedly more than 200 landfill fires annually, making up 48 percent of all fires, costing £158 million and contributing significantly to pollution. This clause requires the government to establish regulations for the safe disposal of used lithium-ion batteries.

Clause 3 addresses specific fire concerns, ensuring safer access, charging, and storage of lithium-ion batteries. While an outright ban is suggested by some, conversion kits remain a financially practical solution, especially for gig economy workers reliant on sustainable transportation. Implementing a standardised approach to kits could establish design and installation controls, mitigating foreseeable risks.