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Dear Margaret,

Thank you for your letter of 28 March, enclosing PACTS comments on the Department's national evaluation of e-scooter rental trials in England.

The Department's findings report represents one of the largest evaluations of e-scooters internationally in terms of the breadth of evidence. This includes data on 14.5 million rental e-scooter trips, and 1.8 million responses from users on mode shift, journey purpose, and feelings of safety. The findings have already been used to inform updates in guidance and regulation of the e-scooter trials and will continue to be used to inform future e-scooter policy.

The Department is also reflecting on what further analysis or evidence would be beneficial and could feed into future work. Officials will certainly take the time to give further consideration to the comments and recommendations included in your letter as they continue to review evidence.

As you are aware, the Department will be consulting on e-scooter regulations in due course. No final decisions about e-scooter regulations have or will be made before interested parties have had an opportunity to offer views. Engagement with PACTS very valuable to date and I would encourage you to continue the dialogue with officials who are leading on e-scooter trials and e-scooter policy development.

Yours sincerely,

RT HON JESSE NORMAN MP
MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT