

6th September 2023

Dear Mr. Bennett,

Thank you for your Regulation 28 Report of 11th July 2023 to CoMoUK. This arose from the tragic death of Mustafa Nadeem in December 2022.

Collaborative Mobility UK (CoMoUK) is a charity in England as well as Scotland and Wales dedicated to the social, economic and environmental benefits of shared transport.

Making operational changes to shared transport schemes such as the e-scooter trials is not something CoMoUK has the power or remit to do. Notwithstanding that, part of our way of achieving the public benefits described in our memorandum and articles of understanding is to convene stakeholders from across public, private and third sectors.

Following the Inquest and your letter, we have therefore held specific meetings with the other two organisations who received letters from you, ie Transport for West Midlands as part of the West Midland Combined Authority and the Department for Transport as well as convening a meeting of shared e-scooter operators.

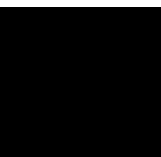
We were pleased to see and note the changes which TfWM and the new scheme operator Beryl are putting in place described in the Mayor of the West Midlands' response to you. We will be tracking these closely to see how they work in practice and whether they offer lessons that can be adopted in other schemes.

We were also pleased to discuss the issues with the Department for Transport. All shared e-scooter scheme operators meet or exceed the Department's current requirements. Any shift in requirements or guidance from the Department is something we would be keen to play a part in.

We have publicly and multiply called for Government to legalise e-scooters in the UK, which would provide a more long-term basis on which they could be operated within or outwith shared schemes and for example be featured in the Highway Code.

If we identify any practicable steps which could further decrease the chances of any future such incidents then we will do all we can to support them.

With kind regards,



Chief Executive, CoMoUK