



Lime opening statement to Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport and Communications

March 2 2022

I would like to thank the Chair and the Committee for the invitation to discuss the Road Traffic and Roads Bill today.

My name is Hal Stevenson, I am Lime's Senior Public Affairs Manager for Ireland and the UK.

Lime is the world's largest and most experienced micromobility provider. Founded in 2017, our mission is to build transport systems that are shared, safe and sustainable. We operate e-bike and e-scooter sharing schemes in over 200 cities across 30 countries globally and are contracted to run services in many of Europe's major capitals, including Paris, Rome, and London. To date, we have safely delivered over 250 million sustainable rides across our global operations.

This Bill will see for hire and private e-scooters legalised in Ireland. It is vital we use data and shared experience from countries with existing regulations to get this right - for riders and non riders - and deliver on the safety and sustainability aims that underpin this legislation.

We can use this data and experience because Ireland is really well positioned as one of the last European countries to regulate e-scooters. This presents an exciting opportunity to learn from existing regulatory regimes and help deliver this innovative new transport technology in a controlled way that works for everyone.

Following the Government's approval of this draft legislation, we have made a significant investment in our Irish operations - to be delivered over the next 18 months. This is aimed at helping us develop our business and serve communities across Ireland, including in Dublin, where our EMEA headquarters are already located.

Effective e-scooter regulation puts cities and people first. We are focused on using our global experience to launch and run well managed services that work for cities, with a focus on safe riding, responsible parking, environmental impact, equitable access and data sharing.

Thank you again for your time today, I look forward to discussing your views on this legislation in more detail, and working together to ensure that we can use this Bill to help create green, shared and affordable transport systems across Ireland.