

WMCA Mayoral Election Questions

1. Transport and congestion on the roads in the West Midlands is understandably a major issue raised in the campaigns of all candidates. Motorcycle Action Group have for many decades promoted the positive benefits of motorcycles as part of the solution to congestion. If you are elected as Mayor, what will you do to promote a modal shift to powered two wheelers?
2. Air Quality is another important topic in light of recently reported threats of fines from the EU. Motorcycle Action Group promotes the positive effects on reducing air pollution that are realised by a modal shift to motorcycles. What will be your policy towards motorcycles with respect to air quality? Will you introduce low emission zone charging and if so will motorcycles be exempt?
3. There have been recent issues around antisocial behaviour by hooligans that happen to choose motorcycles as the means to their ends. Motorcycle Action Group clearly condemn this kind of behaviour and have offered to work with Police and Councils in any way possible to tackle the issue. However, the resulting injunctions introduced by the Councils to combat the issue have angered many legitimate motorcyclists who feel they have been criminalised under these injunctions. What will be your policy to deal with this issue?
4. Motorcycle theft statistics nationally are appalling with as many as 70 motorcycles being stolen every day in the UK. What policies /action will you take in the West Midlands Combined Authority to combat this national issue in our region?
5. Across the 7 Councils making up the WMCA there are varying policies with regards to motorcycle access to bus lanes. MAG has campaigned for PTW access to all bus lanes for many years. What will you do as West Midlands Mayor to ensure a consistent policy towards bus lane access across all 7 Councils?
6. Light segregation furniture for cycle lanes (referred to as Armadillos, Orcas etc) have been proven to be trip hazards to pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists. MAG supports anything that increases safety for any vulnerable road user group, but not at the cost of increased risk to motorcyclists on the roads. Can you confirm that if you are elected as Mayor you would block any attempt to introduce light segregation schemes or any other cycling segregation that reduces road space available to motorcyclists, thus increasing risk for PTW riders?
7. If elected Mayor will you attend and support Motorcycle Action Group's annual event to promote the benefits of motorcycling which we are planning to hold at Cannon Hill Park in July?
8. Will you show your support for motorcycling and determination to uphold the rights of motorcyclists by becoming a member of Motorcycle Action Group?