

Vision Zero Sub-Committee Report

As Chair of the ITCAC Sub-Committee on Vision Zero (Road Safety) I am putting a motion on our concern on the safety aspect of allowing cargo e-bikes on multi-use pathways as stated in the latest City of London notice on the City's website dated June 2, 2023, on Cargo Power-assisted bicycles.

We have taken the following points into consideration with regard to the subject matter:

1. The speed of the cargo e-bikes can pose a threat to pedestrians on the multi-use pathways
2. The weight of the cargo e-bikes poses a significant threat to pedestrians on the multi-use pathways due to the kinetic energy it develops
3. The size of the cargo e-bikes can occupy a significant portion of the multi-use pathways crowding out pedestrians and cyclists thereby posing a clear and present danger of collisions.
4. How will the City enforce the speed and weight limits of cargo e-bikes using multi-use pathways
5. Why is the City of London not requiring cargo e-bikes to be registered by their owners considering that most will be used for business and commercial purposes

We are requesting therefore that City Staff provide a presentation on the pros and cons of allowing cargo e-bikes the use of the multi-use pathways throughout the city and whether our concerns are valid or not.

For your consideration.

Thank you.

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Chair, ITCAC Sub-Committee on Vision Zero (Road Safety)