



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba



Bob Doris MSP

Member of the Scottish Parliament for Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn Constituency

Lilian Greenwood MP
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
Department of Transport

Date: 30 August 2024

Dear Lilian

Off-Road Vehicles

Congratulations on your appointment as Parliamentary under-secretary of state.

I am corresponding with you on behalf of both myself and my colleague Councillor Allan Gow (Local Councillor in Glasgow City Council).

I will shortly lead a Members Debate in the Scottish Parliament on Wednesday September 4th on tackling the misuse of off-road vehicles. A copy of the motion is provided for your information. The motion seeks to draw attention to the growing dangers presented by the misuse of off-road vehicles and suggests ways of tackling this very serious issue. Such misuse is not only a nuisance to communities but also a very real danger to the safety of riders, road users and members of the public.

We know from the communities we serve the misery the inappropriate use of such vehicles can cause. This includes the increasing use of such vehicles illegally on our roads. Tragically this has also led to the loss of life, including our constituent Mr David Gow who was sadly knocked down and killed. David was Allan's brother.

Following that death, our former colleague Anne McLaughlin sought a legislative change at a UK level by lodging her Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill towards the end of the last parliamentary session.

The Second Reading gained strong cross party support and the then Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport, Guy Opperman agreed to the establishment a taskforce within the Home Office. We very much hope that taskforce has now been, or shortly will be established. We also remain keen to see the policy intent of Anne McLaughlin's proposed legislation delivered. We would welcome the UK Government giving due consideration to taking action to require the registration of off-road vehicles

Bob Doris MSP

Member of the Scottish Parliament for Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn Constituency (SNP)
Maryhill Burgh Halls, 10-24 Gairbraid Avenue, Glasgow, G20 8YE
0141 946 7700
Bob.Doris.MSP@parliament.scot

We are both keen to work collegiately with the UK, Scottish, Local Government and Police Scotland to tackle the misuse of off-road vehicles, improve road safety, encourage responsible use and ownership of such vehicles and support the policing and enforcement of those who choose not to behave in a responsible manner.

We very much hope you will be able to confirm the establishment of the taskforce, a taskforce that we would welcome working in partnership with. We would welcome as much detail as possible at this stage. We would also welcome a meeting with you to discuss matters further, perhaps in person.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Doris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bob Doris MSP

Member of the Scottish Parliament for Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn Constituency (SNP)

CC: Councillor Allan Gow (Glasgow City Council)