



**MAG Ireland**

*The Irish Motorcyclists' Action Group.*

## **Bikers Are Voters 2011**

The coming General Election gives us, as Riders, a vital opportunity to voice our opinion to the candidates and bring issues to the fore.

### **Don't waste your chance to be heard!**

Use these questions to establish your local candidate's position on these issues and vote accordingly. Remind candidates of the wider circle of voters **you** can influence: friends, relatives, workmates. If your candidate won't stand still long enough to answer all the questions, give him/her a leaflet to take away. Ask the questions and...

## **Vote bike!**

### **Candidate questionnaire**

1. Do you agree that motorcycles, scooters and mopeds are part of the solution to traffic congestion?
- 2. Do you agree that charging 21% VAT on Personal Protective Equipment is counterproductive to safety and are you willing to promote a much lower rate in the interests of road safety?**
3. Do you recognise that the current state of our secondary roads poses a major hazard to motorcyclists and are you willing to increase the funding to Councils so that secondary roads are made safer?
- 4. Should motorcyclists in the interest of safety be allowed to use bus lanes as is custom and practice in many other European countries?**
5. Should motorcyclists be subjected to tolls in addition to VRT, VAT, Excise Duty, Road Tax and the Insurance Levy?
- 6. Do you agree that the current tax bands for motorcycles are a disincentive to users of smaller bikes?**
7. Do you agree, in the interests of reducing traffic congestion, that secure free parking should be provided for motorcycles?
- 8. In light of the fact that less than 1% of motorcycle accidents are due to roadworthiness issues, do you agree that the introduction of NCT for bikes is just a money making exercise and has no impact on road safety?**
9. Do you agree that the blanket introduction of a 30kph speed limit on key arterial routes is not a safety issue and in fact only endangers road users who try to drive at these limits.
- 10. As there is no scientific evidence that the use of dipped beams on cars reduces the incidents of road accidents, should such use should not be discouraged, thus leaving motorcyclists the opportunity to use their lights to make themselves more visible?**