

The 2016 general election gives us as riders the opportunity to focus the minds of prospective politicians on the issues which affect us every day.

Use our quick questionnaire to establish your local candidate's position on motorcycling issues.

This election is likely to be a close run thing so remind your local candidate that there are probably more motorcyclists in their constituency than the majority they need to win a seat!

## **Quick Questionnaire for Election Candidates**

1. Do you agree that applying the luxury 23% VAT rate to <u>compulsory</u> safety equipment like motorcycle helmets is fundamentally unjust particularly when the rate is zero north of the border?

If so, what concrete steps will you take to support a reduction?

2. Do you recognise the danger the current state of our roads poses to motorcyclists?

If so, what steps will you take to ensure local councils have the funds necessary to maintain the roads?

3. Do you agree that the existing limited bus lane access for Dublin motorcyclists should be extended to all with-flow bus lanes across the state in line with the approach taken in Belfast and elsewhere?

If so, what steps will you take to implement this approach in transport planning?

4. Waterford City & County Councils recently launched a scheme which provides free designated motorcycle parking in urban areas together with a commitment to actively support the use of motorcycles, scooters and mopeds in transport planning.

If elected, how do you propose to support motorcycling in your own constituency?

5. Insurance premiums are on the rise again despite a big fall in motorcycle casualties over the past decade.

If elected, what specific actions do you intend to take to control the sharp increases in motor insurance premiums?