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Dear Mr Milnes,


**Daytime Running Lights (DRL)**

Thank you for your letter of 2 November 2005 updating us on your campaign.

You have mentioned powers to legislate for flashing LED lamps for bicycles. For your information the Road Vehicle Lighting Regulations have been amended by Statutory Instrument 2005 No. 2559 which sets out the conditions for the use of flashing lights on bicycles. This came into force on 21 October 2005; Copies of this are available at: <http://www.opsi.gov.uk>

While we are sceptical about the benefits that DRLs provide in the UK, we cannot ban vehicles that are fitted with them if they are approved to the relevant EC Directive. We shall however continue to consider any proposed changes to European legislation very carefully and we will continue to contribute to discussions about DRLs and to seek solutions to their environmental impact. In particular, we shall aim to ensure that both glare and energy consumption are kept to a minimum.

Yours sincerely,



**Adrian Burrows**