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Dear Mr. Piebalgs ,

Daytime Running Lights (DRL)

I thank you for your helpful letter of 15 November 2005. Your agreement that the decisions on the intensity of dedicated DRL on new vehicles needs further consideration is most welcome and was well received. For information, the Japanese Government have some convincing research ([TRANS WP29 GRE 51 10e](#) and [TRANS WP29 GRE 53 08e](#)) suggesting an intensity limit of 200cd.

This leaves a decision to be made regarding the existing vehicle parc. TNO suggest (may we agree to differ on the validity of these reports) that full power headlights should be used which will affect the visibility of vulnerable road users and cause unnecessary environmental pollution.

Please may we propose a simple energy efficient solution for the existing vehicle parc. Many cars are fitted with auxiliary 55watt fog lights which are sometimes used unnecessarily. Permitting the use of these with the 9watt lamps recently developed by Philips for dedicated DRL would be a partial solution.

For other vehicles (or drivers wishing to retain fog lights), the use of LED lamps would be an elegant and low cost solution. As an example, I have sent to you a 21 LED torch costing about 10 Euros, this uses less than 1 watt and is probably too bright! In volume, the circular PCB containing the LED's must cost very little to make. If encapsulated in an opaque cover, a pair of similar devices could be offered as an elegant energy efficient non glaring solution for existing vehicles.

Thankyou for your responses, a decision by the EC to mandate DRL will have world-wide ramifications for safety and pollution, we are sure that you and Mr. Barrot will give the safe efficient non glaring adoption of DRL very careful consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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The Association of Drivers against Daytime Running Lights

The British Motorcyclists Federation

The Motorcycle Action Group

The Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations

Living Streets – The UK Pedestrians Association

Federation of European Pedestrians Associations

European Cyclists' Federation

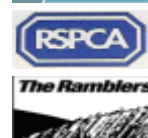
The Cyclists Touring Club

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

The Ramblers Association



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21 LED torch - new on Ebay for approx £6.00 or 9 Euro or 10 US Dollars

Total power less than 1 watt, diameter 35mm or 1½ inches.

