

Motion for Council 27 February 2025 (deferred to 24 April 2025)

Proposer – Councillor H Williams

Secunder – Councillor C Bateson

Home delivery services via motorcycles, e-bikes and pedal cycles grew during Covid lockdowns and remain popular. However, they also raise some unwanted consequences.

In Spelthorne, high streets and shopping centres face growing need for parking spaces by delivery riders and, too often, that is leading to inconsiderate, dangerous and illegal parking on the pavement to the detriment and safety of pedestrians and there is currently no agreed response from Spelthorne Borough Council.

Therefore, this Council agrees to:

Ask that the Spelthorne Local Planning Authority (LPA) consider the requirements for motorcycle and e-bike parking in new retail developments and change of use applications, and include any necessary policy and supplementary planning documents to support this.

Write to fast-food delivery companies to highlight the issue of delivery riders parking on pavements and issues caused by riding on pavements.

Convene a round-table meeting with all delivery companies to discuss best practice guidelines in Spelthorne.

Work closely with partners, the Police and Surrey County Council to enforce current parking restrictions, and to identify measures to discourage all motorised vehicles from accessing the footway.

Highlight parking areas in Spelthorne that can be accessed by delivery riders and work to identify possible new alternative parking areas.