

## E-Scooters in The Royal Parks

### Policy Statement

#### **E-scooters The Royal Parks**

The Royal Parks (TRP) notes the current initiative to allow Local Authorities to permit e-scooter rental schemes for a 12-month trial period.

TRP supports the use of sustainable transport modes for those who travel to our parks and has published a Movement Strategy setting out its aspirations. <https://www.royalparks.org.uk/managing-the-parks/park-strategies/the-royal-parks-transport-and-movement-strategy>

The parks and other open spaces we care for are principally places for quiet recreation and where pedestrians have priority. For that reason, TRP has concerns about any proposals to legalise the use of e-scooters. We believe that the speed and stealth of the scooters presents an unacceptable risk to pedestrians, particularly those with mobility challenges, or with a visual or hearing impairment. Allowing e-scooters to operate in the parks could therefore discourage those who wish to walk to and through the parks and undermine the peace and ambience of the green spaces.

TRP does not, and has no plans to, permit the use of e-scooters on the land it manages.