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**ALL- PARTY PARLIAMENTARY FIRE SAFETY & RESCUE GROUP**



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**5<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Dear Kemi**

**In my capacity as Chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Fire Safety & Rescue, I have been asked to raise urgently with you an issue which is causing serious concern in the Fire & Rescue Service and with the wider general public, relating to the increasing use of e-bikes and e-scooters, and the use of Lithium-ion batteries.**

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**I am aware that you have held discussions on this matter with Home Office Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire, the Rt. Hon Chris Philp MP, as indicated by the Minister in the DRAFT minutes of the APPG's last meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 (copy attached). The meeting was also attended by the Deputy Fire Commissioner for London, Dominic Ellis, who gave a powerful message about the increasing number of fires occurring in London from this risk, and that London had seen its first death as a consequence. I am also aware that the Department**

**A graphic video footage was shown to the APPG which can be viewed at:**

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/news/2023/may/brigade-issues-further-warning-after-e-bike-explosion-caught-on-camera/>

**Additionally the recent fire tragedy which occurred in flats in Cambridge resulting in the deaths of a mother and two children is also strongly believed by the fire & rescue service to have been related to lithium-ion batteries on charge in the property (please see below):**

On Monday, July 3, 2023, 5:25 pm, Roche, Thomas <[thomas.roche@fmglobal.com](mailto:thomas.roche@fmglobal.com)> wrote:

Dear Ronnie,

Just reading the news to see that they may have linked this to an ebike. Given the presentation by LFB at the last APPG Meeting it might be worth raising with others.

Tom Roche (Adviser)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cambridgeshire-66088503>

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[Cambridge: Two children and woman die in 'devastating' flat fire](https://www.sky.com/news/cambridge-two-children-and-woman-die-in-devastating-flat-fire)  
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**Finally I have received two emails of concern from APPG members, Peter Aldous MP and Lord Foster of Bath (copies attached) which make it clear that government and the industry must act swiftly to implement measures to safeguard the public before further tragedies occur.**

**I look forward to hopefully this subject being debated in Parliament at the earliest opportunity and meanwhile I would be happy to attend any meeting which might take place, ahead of such debate.**

**Yours Ever**

**BB**

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