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DRIVER EDUCATION, TRAINING AND ROAD SAFETY

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I commute to work by bicycle Monday to Friday and despite having 20+ years experience and practice as being a defensive rider, most days see me having to take evasive action at least once. I believe the majority of causes are due to motorists failing to see me, failing to judge speed and distance, or just not caring and failing to give way. This is particularly true on roundabouts.

While I believe the majority of motorists behave well, there is a small but significant cohort on the roads who are not fit to hold a license and pose a high risk of injury and death to vulnerable road users like pedestrians and cyclists. I urge this cohort to be dealt with strongly by either removing from the road and/ or by attitude adjustment.

More importantly, the attitude of regulatory agencies like RMS appear to make traffic flow and parking a higher priority than pedestrian and cyclist safety. This attitude is reflected in the implementation of infrastructure and sends the wrong message that pedestrians and cyclists are not entitled to the use of the road.