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Online deliveries clogging up city streets – 6th January, 2018

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The popularity of online shopping is creating chaos on city streets. The increasing number of online deliveries means that hundreds more trucks are causing traffic jams on city streets. This is also increasing pollution. Hundreds more delivery drivers are trying to deliver parcels on time. They are fighting for parking spaces. Many have to park illegally, which adds to the gridlock for other road users. This problem is set to get worse.

Parcel deliveries increased by almost 50 per cent recently. They could increase by up to 28% a year over the next three years. Cities in Europe have taken tough measures. They have barred deliveries when roads are busiest. London is thinking about using buses to deliver parcels. Some areas of London are getting tough with food delivery motorbikes. Food delivery companies in one London area must now get permission to operate.

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The huge popularity of online shopping is creating chaos on city streets. The number of online deliveries is skyrocketing and so is the number of delivery trucks on the roads. The result is that hundreds more trucks are clogging up city streets. This is increasing traffic jams and pollution. There are hundreds more delivery trucks in cities around the world. They are all trying to deliver parcels on time. Delivery drivers are battling for parking spaces. Many have to park illegally, or double park. This adds to the gridlock for other road users. This problem is set to get worse.

The BBC reports that parcel deliveries shot up by almost 50 per cent between 2014 and 2016. This could increase by up to 28 per cent a year over the next three years. Many cities have taken tough measures to address the problems. Cities in Europe and Asia have barred deliveries when roads are busiest. London is thinking about using buses to deliver parcels. Some areas of London are also getting tough with food delivery motorbikes after their streets were being 'swarmed' by bikes. Food delivery companies in one London area must now apply for permission to operate.

Level 6

The huge surge in the popularity of online shopping is creating chaos on the streets of our cities and on our road networks. As the number of online deliveries is skyrocketing, the number of delivery trucks making sure we get our parcels has also increased. The result is that hundreds more trucks are clogging up city streets. This is increasing congestion and adding to levels of pollution. There are literally hundreds more delivery trucks in cities around the world all trying to get parcels delivered on time. Delivery drivers are battling for often non-existent parking spaces. Many are forced to park illegally, or double park, adding to the gridlock for other road users. And the problem is set to intensify.

The BBC reports that the volume of parcel deliveries surged by almost 50 per cent between 2014 and 2016. It said this could continue to increase by up to 28 per cent a year over the next three years. Many cities have taken tough measures to counteract the problems associated with the increasing number of deliveries. Many cities in Europe and Asia have barred deliveries during times when roads are busiest. London is looking at the possibility of using buses for parcel deliveries. Some areas of London are also cracking down on food delivery motorbikes after their streets were being 'swarmed' by scooter riders. Food delivery companies in one London district must now apply for permission to operate.