

Bus Lane Default Access Campaign Template Council Letter 4

Dear [your Councillor]

As you may well be aware there was a consultation on default access for motorcycles in bus lanes last year. In the outcome, published in November 2024 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/motorcycles-in-bus-lanes/outcome/motorcycles-in-bus-lanes-consultation-outcome>) the Department for Transport said that it would issue new guidance to encourage consistency and work with metro mayors to encourage a more joined up approach to motorcycle access in their regions. This is a commitment to end the inconsistent approach that often sees access change simply due to bus lanes crossing local authority boundaries. This causes confusion, unfair fines and more importantly increases risks for riders. I welcome this commitment from the DfT to tackle this issue.

Currently [your council] does not allow access to all with flow bus lanes, and I would like to see the Council commence work to rectify this.

May I ask what you can do to push [your council] to open up our local bus lanes to motorcycles? I am happy to discuss the details of why default access should be the norm, and I would also recommend that you contact the Motorcycle Action Group for assistance in working on this.

May I also ask that you add your signature to the petition calling for default access to be the national policy here; <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/712763> and promote the petition to all your constituents? A national policy would open the door for changes to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions which could dramatically reduce the cost of delivering this sensible consistency.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

[Your Name]

[Your address and postcode]