

Bus Lane Default Access Campaign Template Metro Mayor Letter 3

Dear [your Metro Mayor]

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 work with metro mayors to encourage a more joined up approach to motorcycle access in these areas. 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.

May I ask what contact you have had from the DfT on this matter, and what steps you are planning to take to ensure a consistent and positive picture of motorcycle access to the bus lanes in this region?

I would recommend that you contact the Motorcycle Action Group for assistance in working on this most welcome step towards a consistent national approach to motorcycle safety.

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]