



Consultation on Decriminalised Enforcement of Bus Lanes by Camera

Response from Transform Scotland

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1 Summary

- 1.1 Transform Scotland unreservedly supports the introduction of this measure.

2 Comments on the consultation

- 2.1 It is recognised that the violation of bus lanes is a problem, and this is a significant hindrance to the efficient operation of public transport. As police do not have the resources to adequately counter the problem, use of automated cameras (whether on buses or at the roadside) are a sensible solution.
- 2.2 Evidence from London – referred to in the consultation – indicates that after a short ‘bedding in’ period, automated cameras are an effective deterrent to bus lane violations. This can only lead to a more efficient and more attractive bus network. This in turn can contribute to modal shift to public transport, which can contribute to transport obligations under the Climate Change Act. More efficient buses will also contribute to the achievement of air quality targets.
- 2.3 Transform Scotland would like to see the measure extended to all local authorities in Scotland, so that bus lanes can be used and effectively enforced wherever there are significant bottlenecks in the bus network.

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