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From the Scottish Association for Public Transport

Objection to Edinburgh Traffic Order ETRO/14/38B

Our organisation would like to register an objection to the above order.

At a time when public transport usage in Edinburgh is healthily increasing, and when there is a need to reduce emissions from road traffic, a move to effectively increase road space for private cars in Edinburgh is incomprehensible and sends out entirely the wrong message.

The background information provided on the council website points out that buses suffer less from road congestion at off-peak times during the day. But it is equally true that private vehicles do not face congestion at these times, so allowing these vehicles to use bus lanes at these times will be of little benefit to them.

Retaining the prohibition for private vehicles using bus lanes during the day Monday-Friday 07.30-18.30 and Saturday 08.30-18.30 would, we believe, cause less confusion than introducing peak-period restrictions which require car drivers to check the time of day before knowing whether to avoid bus lanes, leading to a greater probability of illegal use of the bus lanes by private vehicles.

regards
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