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subject: **Covid 19 Emergency Measures -
Proposed A8/A89 Bus Lane Scheme**

Dear Bus Priority Rapid Deployment Team,

Spokes supports these measures to prioritise public transport. Please ensure that all proposed signs are not placed in the cycle routes on the A8 and A89, particularly the "New Road Layout Ahead" signs. Ideally, these would be mounted to the proposed sign posts as opposed to being on A-boards which may be moved, either by malice or weather.

As civils works will be required to remove the island on the A89, please consider also removing the bollards on the Newbridge overpass which is on QuietRoute 9. These are a barrier to non-standard cycles as well as wheelchairs, prams and others.

CEC recently consulted on extending bus lane operating hours. As in our submission to that consultation, Spokes is strongly of the view that all bus lanes (except in exceptional circumstances) should be 7-7-7, or even 24/7, to further prioritise public transport and cyclists who choose to use them. This is more important on the A89 as without this, additional capacity for general traffic will be created.

Many thanks,
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