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The City of Edinburgh Council
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Dear Councillor Heslop

MOTORCYCLE ACCESS TO BUS LANES

Thank you for your e-mail of 10 July 2015 enclosing your constituent, Mr Lawrence's e-mail regarding the above.

As you are aware, on 2 June 2015 the Transport and Environment Committee approved the commencement of two bus lane trials, one of which allows motorcycles access to with-flow bus lanes during their operational hours. The motorcycle trial does not grant motorcycles access to bus gates and contra-flow bus lanes. The trials are expected to commence in late September and there will be a publicity campaign prior to the start.

The Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (ETROs) that were approved by Committee are the legal statutory instruments that the Council requires to allow it to undertake the bus lane trials. ETROs can run up to a maximum 18 months. The ETROs will come into effect shortly before the trials commence.

When the Council promotes any type of Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) it is a requirement that it consults with the Police on its proposals. As the Police enforce bus lanes they will be informed in due course of the commencement date of the trials.

An assessment of the motorcycle trial will be undertaken after it has run for nine months. If the trial is deemed to be successful, the Council will advertise a TRO to make the trial permanent.

I hope that you find our response helpful. If you have any further queries please contact Len Vallance on 0131 469 3629 or e-mail len.vallance@edinburgh.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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