

Summary of Objections

Name	Objection	Response
Mr O Moggach	General objection to the increased delay (10 minutes), "empty" bus lanes, inconvenience to motorists with the hope to drive them to public transport	1) It is acknowledged that the bus lane on Western Way has caused an amount of localised congestion and delay between Quay St and Station Roundabouts. The revision to the end of the existing bus lane should help minimise the congestion delays at Station roundabout. Overall journey times between junction 11 and destinations such as Gosport, Lee and Stubbington are largely unaffected due to other improvement measures.
		2) A bus lane will never appear to be "full" of buses, but with the Eclipse, Local and other permitted services and vehicles all using the bus lane the expected headway between vehicles is around 6 minutes.
		3) Hampshire County Council has to trial ways of utilising road space better, and improving journey time reliability. Public transport is one of the options to reducing single vehicle dependency, congestion and improving air quality. The Eclipse Service is experiencing 16% growth, so modal shift is happening. Whilst HCC recognises that public transport is not suitable for all journeys, each driver that makes the switch is helping to reduce congestion and aid Air quality.
Mr D Kirkwood	Objection to delay caused on Western Way	As point 1,2,3 above
Ms N Bryce	Supports the Scheme Western Way scheme, is concerned about the Portland St Bus lane and non-compliance	4) Additional signs and lines were implemented into Portland St but compliance remains sporadic. Regardless of this, the Bus Company supports this length of bus lane
S. Newbury	General objection to delay on Western Way and new service	As point 1,2,3 Above
Mr P. Roberts	General objection quoting traffic figures	As point 1,2,3 Above
Mrs B. Roberts	General objection, and quoting existing congestion	As point 1,2,3 Above
Cllr D. Steadman	General concerns raised by ward residents	As point 1,2,3 Above
Ms RD Loomes	General objection to increase in delay and congestion, though recognises congestion was there previously. Objects to "almost empty" buses	As point 1,2,3 Above
Mrs B Hayden	General objection, and off-peak congestion	As point 1,2,3 Above 5) Off peak congestion is irregular and is generally related to specific instances on the highway. There are mini-peaks during weekend shopping hours related to lunchtime and closure.
Mr D Dawson-Taylor	General objection and concerns about air quality, and lack of Public Transport servicing Western Wards.	As point 1,2,3 Above

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Mr B Hill	Objection to operation and compliance of Portland St bus lane	As point 4 above
Mr R Smith	Request for Motorcycles to be allowed into Bus Lane	Although, the Department for Transport has recently endorsed the use of bus lanes by motorcycles, concerns about merging traffic from the Police and Safety Audit have been received, and therefore a decision has been taken to not permit Motorcycles. It was felt that many motorists would not be expecting Motorcycles to be in a bus lane and therefore it was thought that the risks posed to motorcycles by vehicles merging were too high.
Mrs M Ablett	General objections, and objection to Alighting stop on A27 The Avenue.	As point 1,2,3 above
		6) The alighting only stop is used to improve Fareham railway station connectivity. Observations have indicated that delays to A27 Eastbound traffic caused by stopping services are minor.
Mr S Ridley	General objection to increased congestion	As point 1,2,3 above
Mr J Bray	General objection	As point 1,2,3 above
Mr S Hughes	Complaint about location of stops holding up traffic	7) This objection has no bearing on the implementation of the bus Lanes. Stop location is decided by the Bus operator, and the stopping of services on the highway is a normal part of public transport. Also see point 6 above.
Mr R Berridge	General objection	As point 1,2,3 above
Mr I Milchem	General objection	As point 1,2,3 above
Ms Z Hembury	Increased congestion and difficulties exiting Deans Park Rd / Lwr Bath Lane	8) Westbound congestion particularly around Delme Rbt and east Fareham A27 is a daily occurrence and not directly related to the implementation of the bus lane. Point 3 above applies to the issue of congestion.
Mr P Whineray	General concerns about congestion and altered layouts	As point 1,2,3 above
Mr D Green	General objection	As point 1,2,3 above
Mrs K Dean	Objection to congestion and 15 minute delay. Considers that not many buses utilising the lane, concerned about air quality and lack of Public Transport services	As point 1,2,3 above
Ms A Jones	General objection and the need to collect children from school, and delays caused to retained fire-fighter	As point 1,2,3 above
		9) Most observed congestion is around the evening peak. Off peak congestion around schools collection time is experienced across the county and is not linked to the implementation of the Fareham bus lanes. Also as Point 5 above
		10) Retained Fire brigade personnel in private vehicles are not exempt from the Traffic Regulation Order. Discussions were held with Hampshire Constabulary Roads Policing and

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		Hampshire Fire & Rescue about the potential for exempting Brigade personnel from prosecution. No legal mechanism was found for this, mainly due to the difficulties in identifying Fire Service personnel's <u>private</u> vehicles.
Mr J Long	General objection to bus lane, and query operating hours	See point 1,2,3 above
		11) In order to aid driver compliance the decision was taken to implement operational hours 24/7. This is in line with TM policy. Compliance is higher where the doubt about operating hours is removed. Some concerns were raised about signs and road markings outside operational hours. Congestion outside peak periods is irregular and the road is normally in free flow.
MS S Wilson-Smith	General objection to bus lane	See point 1,2,3 above
MS K Reeder	General objection to bus lane, and 10 minutes increased journey time	See point 1,2,3 above
Mrs A C. (Withheld)	General objection to bus lane	See point 1,2,3 above
Mr I Jones	Query if retained firefighters can use bus lane	See point 10
Mr M Al-Balushi	Remove bus lanes and convert the Bus way to a tidal road. Buses are not suitable for wheel chair users. Concerns about driver behaviour and compliance. Concerns about delays and congestion. Lack of buses in Bus lane. Concerns about air quality.	12) The Fareham bus way is also governed by planning permission in addition to TROs, and it is not intended for normal traffic and would not be converted for such use. The new buses are DDA compliant, "kneel", and the drivers are trained to deal with wheel chair users. Other points covered in 1,2,3 above
Mr P Squire	Objection to Portland St Bus lane and compliance	See point 4 above
Jethro	General objection to congestion and 20 minutes delay	See point 1,2,3 above
Mr I and A Ross	General objection to delays, congestion and phasing of Redlands Lane signals in favour of buses	See point 1,2,3 above
		13) Bus priority measures including Redlands signals are part of the measures to ensure journey time reliability
Mr K Dakin	General objection to bus lane, and congestion delays	See point 1,2,3 above
Mr M Woodcraft	General objection to bus lane	See point 1,2,3 above
Mr P R. (withheld)	General objection to bus lanes, congestion, lack of passengers using the Eclipse.	See point 1,2,3 above
Mrs S R. (withheld)	General objection to delays and congestion. Concerns about emergency services being stuck in bus lanes	See point 1,2,3 above
		14) Emergency vehicles are permitted to use the bus lane to bypass what was two lanes of congestion. No correspondence has been received from emergency services about additional delays due to the presence of the bus lanes.