

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Nottingham:

How many kilometres of bus lanes, bus only streets and bus gates* do you have in your remit and what access to those lanes and gates by other vehicles?

We request that the data is not a composite figure but identifies;

- a. Total Kilometres of bus lanes and gates.
- b. Kilometres of your bus lanes and gates allow access by pedal cycles.
- c. Kilometres of your bus lanes and gates allow access by taxis.
- d. Kilometres of your bus lanes and gates allow access by private hire vehicles.
- e. Kilometres of your bus lanes and gates allow access by motorcycles.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

Dear Requester

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INFORMATION REQUEST

Firstly, I apologise for the delay in responding to your request for information. Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is as follows:

- a. Total Kilometres of bus lanes and gates. 5.7 km
- b. Kilometres of your bus lanes and gates allow access by pedal cycles. 0.3 km
- c. Kilometres of your bus lanes and gates allow access by taxis. 0
- d. Kilometres of your bus lanes and gates allow access by private hire vehicles. 0
- e. Kilometres of your bus lanes and gates allow access by motorcycles. 0

Please note, the raw data above may imply that we actively prohibit cycles from bus lanes as it shows that we have 5.7km of bus lane with only 0.3km available to cycles.

Looking at just the 2 main bus lanes in West Bridgford we have far more than 300m of bus lane in which it appears that cycles are permitted since the signs for those sections (and indeed Mansfield too) show that cycles are permitted.

This is due to the form of TRO in which we do not expressly exempt cycles and therefore data is correct. But if we were to examine the signage we would find that we appear to allow cycle use.

The reality is that the TRO and signage are not compatible and in an ideal world would undertake a rationalisation exercise to match the TRO to the signs which would result in the vast majority (but not quite all) of the 5.7km allowing cycles.

The anomaly arises because the definition of vehicle includes pedal cycle. Therefore when vehicles are prohibited so are cycles. In order to not prohibit cycles there needs to be a specific exemption for that class of vehicle and such specific exemption has not been included in the TRO.

I hope this is clear, but please do not hesitate to come back to me if you have any queries.

If you remain unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you can request a review by contacting foi@nottsc.gov.uk. A request for an internal review should be submitted within 40 days of receipt of the response. Please specify why you do not agree with the response and what factors you would like to be considered as part of the review.

Further Information about your rights is available from the Information Commissioner at:

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Yours sincerely

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