



Reference: RFI 1710025

Request:

I am making a Freedom of Information request in relation to the Bus Only Street situated at High Flatworth.

The bus lane traffic regulation order has a defect in it and this has been admitted by the council. That means that there are no exemptions to being in the bus lane and, although the council are aware of this, are not taking any action against this group of road users but continuing to pursue members of the motoring public, as evidenced by the response from the Parking and Regulatory Manager, who I presume is responsible for the issuing of penalty charge notices for bus lane contraventions in accordance with regulations and the law.

Quote, "*The Council acknowledge the typing error in the Order although it feels that the intention of the Article are clear. As the Article in question relates to the vehicles that are exempt from the restriction and no penalty charge notices have been issued to these vehicles, the Council do not feel it is necessary to suspend enforcement action whilst the necessary legal works are undertaken to rectify the typing error.*"

In view of this two tiered approach to contraventions by North Tyneside Council, and that there has and will not be any action taken against a particular group of unauthorised road users, I would like to know:-

1. How many warning notices have been issued to the other group of road users, i.e. the motoring public since CCTV bus lane enforcement started (do not include the initial two week (or so) period before the issue of PCNs).
2. The date CCTV enforcement started (including the initial period)
3. The number of PCNs issued to date and including the date the data was collected
4. Does the council have authorisation from the Secretary of State for the use of the non prescribed signs and road markings at that location as required by regulations to enforce the bus lane PCNs?

Response:

1. How many warning notices have been issued to the other group of road users, i.e. the motoring public since CCTV bus lane enforcement started (do not include the initial two week (or so) period before the issue of PCNs).

North Tyneside Council do not issue warning notices associated with Bus Lane enforcement

2. The date CCTV enforcement started (including the initial period)

We do not hold this information.

3. The number of PCNs issued to date and including the date the data was collected

We do not hold this information.

4. Does the council have authorisation from the Secretary of State for the use of the non prescribed signs and road markings at that location as required by regulations to enforce the bus lane PCNs?

No