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Dear Eric,

CASTLE ROAD BUS LANES

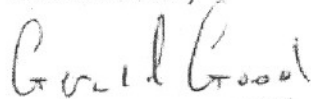
In common with other areas operating part-time bus lanes, it has become apparent that most moving traffic stays well clear of the Castle Road bus lanes, outside of their current operating hours.

My park and ride bus drivers report that they regularly encounter southbound congestion, outside the current bus lanes operating hours, and particularly during the Monday to Friday afternoon peak period, but are prevented from using the otherwise clear bus lane by the presence of legally parked cars. This has provoked negative comments from Park and Ride Bus users.

It is my understanding that any future bus lanes in the Salisbury area are likely to be effective for 24 hours, on a daily basis, with appropriate parking restraints to keep them clear. Could I ask that serious consideration be given to converting the Castle Road bus lane to daily, 24 hour operation with appropriate parking restrictions.

From a Salisbury District Council point of view, when congestion affecting the Beehive Park & Ride bus route is at its worst, the availability of a 24 hour bus lane maximises our ability to maintain the scheduled bus frequency with the current level of resource, without the need to commit costly additional resource. This is particularly relevant when the northbound route is congested, given the current lack of bus priority, as buses returning to the city, to pick, can be spared further delay.

Yours sincerely



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