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Subject: Bus Lane Darley Abbey

Dear Sir

I have been informed that you are collating views on the bus lane at Darley Abbey and I would like to place my opinion on record.

Since the introduction of this bus lane, I have witnessed several near miss accidents. These have been caused due mainly to the narrowness of the lanes. When a lorry, or large vehicle is in one lane with a car in the middle lane and a bus in the bus lane, when all three pass at the same time, someone has to give, as purely and simply there is not enough room. This is a dangerous situation.

When vehicles are immerging from Mile Ash Lane, drivers have to move to the centre of the road in order to manoeuvre into the middle lane, (although at this point the bus lane does not legally exist, it is only a bus lane where there is a continuous white line) but drivers are concentrating on vehicles, cyclists are not seen.

The whole project has ignored the safety of cyclists, I have witnessed two cyclists, who through there own actions, have narrowly avoided serious injury, but both were left on the ground.

These have occurred whilst I was travelling along the road, one has to wonder how many other incidents there have been.

I am aware that a more serious accident occurred involving a taxi, this was reported in the Derby Evening Telegraph, I do not know the details.

I have witnessed whilst in the middle lane moving at 30 m.p.h. a taxi and bus have passed my vehicle using the bus lane, obviously speeding.

In my opinion the Derby City Council should realise its mistake and remove the bus lane and return the road to its previous state. The importance should be the safety of all, and not for a limited few endeavouring to arrive a few seconds earlier.

I would say that it would be advantageous to keep the 30 m.p.h. limit, the law-biding drivers could at least influence the speeding taxis and buses.

In my opinion it is easy to manipulate statistics to state that a bus can save minutes, of course they can if they speed and when traffic light adjustments at the Five Lamps junction are made in order to make the figures look good.

The fact is it is an extremely busy road at certain times, safety for all users should be the priority.

May I thank you for the opportunity to give my views

Yours faithfully

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