

7. Recommendations

As the current Traffic order can only provide two basic options:

1. End bus lane and go back to road layout, or
2. keep the permanent lane, as recently decided

We believe the only option is number one. It would be nothing less than negligent to make any scheme permanent which increases the risks of accidents no matter what the benefit. This feeling is only compounded by the minimal benefits the bus lane has actually achieved.

Now that lessons have been learned and this scheme has been brought to the attention of all parties we believe that the road should return to its original configuration. We believe a 'text book' consultation should now take place on whether this scheme in its current form should actually be made permanent.

As part of this process a formal risk assessment should be done immediately, traffic flows and journey times of buses should be assessed without the bus lane and other schemes should be considered as part of this process.

This is the only responsible thing to do.

Documentary Film

In March 2007 Duffield Road Action Group produced a short film offering opinion from Simon Bucknell and video evidence of the problems. This can be seen online by searching for Duffield Road Bus lane. Alternatively hold control key down and click on the link below.

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NB: Picture shows what happens when emergency service use the road. Due to the tightness of the lanes cars have to pull on to the narrow footpath. This photo was taken just outside Saint Benedicts school.

Should you require a DVD copy of this please email duffieldroadaction@hotmail.com

Comments sent to DRAG.....

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On the face of it, the traffic engineers are trying to squeeze too many lanes into too little space. It's difficult for me to comment too precisely because I don't know the context of the scheme (like how long the affected length of road is, what alternatives are available, etc)

anon,

I work for the emergency services in derby and having undertaken a blue light drive along this route,it is at best ill conceived and downright dangerous,there will be accidents

B.Warburton

As a pedestrian, walking towards Derby along Duffield Road every day, I feel very vulnerable to traffic. On the first day of the new lanes I was drenched by a tarmac lorry driving with its wheels in the gutter, only inches from the kerb. The standing water, together with the proximity of all cars presents a hazard to pedestrians. Buses and vans drive with their wheels on the yellow lines towards the A6...as indeed I do when driving, if there is traffic coming in the opposite direction. There is no margin for error...I saw a car swerve away from the kerb as the driver lost concentration for a few seconds.

M.Gorman

Saint Benedict School has 30 pupils with sight impairments. Many of these children are given mobility lessons. To date these have been carried out along Duffield road so that children can learn to use the crossing to negotiate their way across the road. This is now unsafe. The narrowness of the lanes means that large vehicles have to drive so close to the pavement that blind pupils waiting to cross would be in danger.

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