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Mr Rob Davison  
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Dear Mr Davison

**A6 DUFFIELD ROAD BUS LANE**

I should be obliged if you would place before Derby City Council's Overview and Scrutiny Commission this written submission from the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce in respect of the above matter.

The Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce encourages the development of transport projects which tackle traffic congestion and thus provide an environment which allows business to invest and grow. We have publicly supported local authorities including Derby City Council in lobbying Government to assist schemes to reduce traffic congestion and to raise funds for public transport improvements.

We are aware that local bus operator, *trent barton* has invested heavily in improving bus services in Derby in recent years and has had some success in encouraging motorists to switch to the bus when it offers a reasonable alternative to the car for their journey. We are further aware that since the introduction of the Duffield Road bus lane that patronage on their bus services has grown by a staggering 8%, which is considerably more than patronage growth elsewhere. In addition their customers now enjoy a far more punctual service which we believe will in time encourage more people to use it and hence make a significant contribution to alleviating traffic congestion in Derby.

We would ask the Overview and Scrutiny Commission to take the views of the Chamber of Commerce which represents some 3,700 local businesses into account in reviewing the decision to make the A6 Duffield Road bus lane permanent and to recommend that the decision be upheld without variation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Stanier'.

Phil Stanier  
PRESIDENT