

APPENDIX 2 – Kings Road Bus Lane – Results of Statutory Consultation

Summary of feedback received to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Updated 22/02/2024, following the end of the statutory consultation period.

Please note that the feedback text contained in this document has been directly copied from the responses we have received to preserve the integrity of the feedback. Where there was any sensitive or identifiable information provided, this text has been removed and has been clearly indicated.

Summary:

Response	Total (%)	Comments (please read in combination of Section 3.14 of the main report)
Object	28 (3.3%)	Includes responses where 'object' and 'no' have been selected. Also includes the two 'yes' entries, where officers have noted that the content is very clearly an objection.
Support	818 (96.3%)	Includes responses where 'support' and 'yes' have been selected. Excludes the two 'yes' responses, where officers have noted that the content as very clearly an objection.
Neither support nor object	3 (0.4%)	Includes only responses where 'Neither support nor object' has been selected.

Line	Response	Comments
1	Neither support nor object	whilst as a private car owner/driver (and only passanger) it's bad enough having to wait in traffic and see buses and taxi's passing by, or being allowed to drive straight ahead (as with the traffic light junction of rose kiln lane heading north on basingstoke road) whilst all other drivers have to drive to the morrisons roundabout only to drive back in the opposit direction, what possible advantage is there to this? i now read for the above road/bus lane, and can only assume all other bus lanes, that motorcycles can skip traffic and drive down a bus lane whilst any other vehicular traffic have to wait in line? this is discrimination! only made worse un you excluding private hire vehicles? how can you justify excluding one set of vehicles, but not others? get your priorities sorted!
2	Neither support nor object	Use your shiny new powers to put cameras on these bus lanes and enforce the restrictions. The restriction are already frequently ignored and allowing licenced private hire vehicles to use them will only worsen this compliance. Will turn into a free for all once this change is made unless you enforce with penalty charges.
3	Neither support nor object	
4	No	I don't think the private hire or any other taxi company deserves this right this is should be only for Hackney and buses
5	No	This is should be as it's because buses need to be more onetime then taxi or private hires there's a college on the road nobody can see well these taxis so I say 🙅 No

6	No	Even bus/taxi lane in London allow use of these lane for all taxi plate issued by other councils. Number of taxis come in busy times to drop school kids in Reading and take Reading school kids out of Reading area and use these lane.
7	No	<p>Whilst i hold little hope that the best outcome for ALL will be achieved here (leaving this restriction as is!) i must voice my concerns that safe needs to be the number 1 factor here.</p> <p>Have you looked at the accident statistics for this area? Yet still consider it a 'smart' move to increase traffic into the bus lane? This consultation will no doubt be heavily fed back on by taxi drivers which should really only be counted as 'one' response as they all hold the same view without considering the implications on safety, cyclists, pedestrians and bus journey times.</p> <p>i strong object against this proposal and hope that common sense prevails to keep the bus lane for buses only and look at ways to maintain a safety for pedestrians and cyclist!</p>
8	No	Absolutely ridiculous idea whoever thought of the idea clearly doesn't live in the area is always jam packed with traffic it's a nightmare to get around
9	No	Even though I would benefit as the user of private hire vehicles, I think this will discourage cyclists. The council are ultimately trying to encourage people out of vehicles to use greener forms of transportation and this is actually encouraging the opposite.
10	No	Object. I think that this would put vulnerable users such as cyclists at more of a risk of accidents.
11	No	<p>I strongly object to this.</p> <p>This road is prone to accidents and I think this proposal will only exacerbate the issue without adding any value to the wider community.</p> <p>This proposal will only benefit a few people, but will have a disproportionate negative effect on the wider community as cyclists will find the road more intimidating and journeys by bus and bicycle may take longer. These are both forms of transportation the council is surely trying to encourage!</p> <p>A lot of the reasons the lane was segregated in the first place will be lost and it will set a precedent for other bus lanes across town.</p>
12	No	I think you should look at all the accidents that keep happening on kings road and outside the college it has been such a busy road for many many years and lots of accidents have happened taxis speeding passed don't help
13	No	<p>Question 1 is badly worded, do you support or object is not a yes no answer.</p> <p>I object on grounds of additional cars and college students crossing</p>
14	No	That's outrageous. That discriminate the rest of the taxi drivers that are not licensed in Reading. As a South Oxfordshire taxi driver I have got many jobs coming into Reading. This will affect my business. I propose to leave it as it is and just add the Reading private hire drivers aswell.
15	No	
16	No	This is already the most deadly road in Reading, this change will make it worse

17	No	I object to the proposal as I believe this will make cycling in the bus lane far more dangerous. My experience shows that Taxi drivers will try and overtake cyclists despite there not being space and risk pushing the cyclists into the kerb. Please do not do this.
18	No	The bus lane usage must not be increased to enable more users to exploit this space. The bus lane works well providing buses a quick route into town and giving users like me a credible quick alternative to get into the town centre. An increase of private hire vehicles will create a rat run situation, with inevitably private hire drivers overtaking into incoming traffic on kings road. A situation that already exists under the current access for hackney carriages, and must not get worse.
19	No	The plan is likely to increase the risk of accidents, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists. It is in conflict with prioritising public transport to reduce carbon emissions - both slowing bus services down and at the same time, speeding up more polluting taxis as an alternative. It will likely also further discourage cycling due to safety concerns - again potentially pushing people into cars.
20	No	Taxis/private vehicles (of all kinds, no matter who they are licensed by) should not be using bus lanes
21	No	Dangerous move in an existing accident black spot
22	No	Objections include the following - taxis are an integral part of the public transport system.
23	Object	Very busy road means for cyclists safety it is essential they are segregated from traffic as much as possible. Taxis using this lane will find it difficult to pass cyclists due to the traffic, inevitably leading to dangerous close passes. There are already many accidents on the road due to traffic turning left across the bus lane, this will increase with taxis using the bus lane
24	Object	Object to the proposal on safety grounds. Increasing vehicle traffic will worsen the situation for cyclists and bus users.
25	Object	As a cyclist, I think it will be dangerous
26	Object	It is important to protect the already shockingly poor safer lanes for cyclists. We need everything we can to promote active travel.
27	Object	Cycling in Reading is regularly dangerous. This is currently one of the few routes where there is some protection from cars. But still, with the bad road surface and poor drivers cutting left across the bus lane it can be a cycling road to cycle on. Adding more taxis into the mix will make this so much worse.
28	Object	The kings road bus lane provides a slightly safer vital link east for cyclists. Adding more vehicles would affect the safety of cyclists. I have already had incidents where taxis will try and squeeze past within the lane when the other lanes are busy.
29	Object	[From Thames Valley Police - please see redacted letter at the end of this table for the full response.]
30	Yes* [Clearly appears to be an objection]	Bus Lanes are meant to be buses, it is already congested at times by Black Cab and cyclists. If you allow the other taxis it will increase the journey time even longer. IT is BUS LANE and it should be for buses only.

31	Yes* [Clearly appears to be an objection]	I object the proposal. Private hire and hackney carriage vehicles cause concern with possible increased congestion on the bus lane due to frequent journeys towards London Road. The bus lane should be limited to the provisions that are currently in place.
32	Support	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
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38	Support	Hi as a private hire driver i can say that the bus lane we are asking it will help us alot during the heavy traffic time and im sure if we the private hire use the lane it will be safe
39	Support	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
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41	Support	Absolutely fantastic idea, let the private hire use it as it helps me get to work quicker
42	Support	Please accept this. We need this
43	Support	Amazing cause, private hire need this bus lane , will get to office quicker
44	Support	I think private hire should have access to all bus lanes just has black cabs do
45	Support	They need it
46	Support	Please give them access
47	Support	I fully support this !!!
48	Support	What's taking so long , give them the bus lane. , will benifet us all customers
49	Support	I support
50	Support	They need it
51	Support	Give it to them
52	Support	I believe it would help with congestion. However, I do believe it should be made clear that cyclists, as vulnerable users, should have priority and kept safe.
53	Support	I STRONGLY AGREE THAT READING PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE THE KINGS ROAD OUTBOUND BUSLANE AS THEY TRANSPORT S-E-N CHILDREN, THEY ALSO RANSPORT PATIENTS FROM THE ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL WHO HAVE HAD INTENSE TREATMENTS FOR CANCER AND OTHER MAJOR ISSUES
54	Support	I Strongly agree that reading private hire vehicle should be allowed on kingroad out ound buslane as they transport patients that require emergency from royal berkshire and SEN children

55	Support	MY NAME IS [REDACTED] AND AS BEING[REDACTED] I WOULD REQUEST FOR THIS PROPOSAL TO GO AHEAD AS OUR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS ARE ALWAYS STRUGGLING DRIVING ALONG THE KINGS ROAD AND OUT OF TOWN DRIVERS ARE USING THIS BUSLANE. THE PRIVATE HIRE TRADE HAS BEEN AROUND FOR ALMOST 50 YEARS AND IN THOSE LAST 50 YEARS WHAT BENEFITS HAVE WE RECEIVED, JUST 1 BUSLANE ALMOST 12 + YEARS AGO AND WE HAVE EVEN PROVEN HOW SAFE OUR DRIVERS ARE AS THERE HAS NOT BEEN A SINGLE ACCIDENT INVOLVING A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE ON THE KINGS ROAD FOR ALMOST A DECADE. ALSO WE ARE ALWAYS ESCORTING PATIENTS FROM THE ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL WHO HAVE HAD INTENSE TREATMENTS AND ARE SO TIRED THEY JUST WANT TO GET HOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ALSO ESCORT (S-E-N) CHILDREN WHO OFTEN GET LATE TO THEIR CENTRES AND WHEN THE CENTRES RING THE PARENTS WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN THEY HAVE NOT ARRIVED, THEY GET TOLD THE DRIVER IS UNFORTUNATELY STUCK IN TRAFFIC..... I SINCERELY REQUEST FOR THIS PROPOSAL TO BE ACCEPTED AND HELP OUR LOCAL TRADE.
56	Support	Hundred percent benefit for me and lots of other people like me as I have to travel almost every day thru kings road with private hire taxi and it's going to be a great idea specially people who have to go to hospital for their treatment.
57	Support	I travel three to four times a week for my [REDACTED] treatment @ RBH I think it's a great idea I definitely highly support this .
58	Support	I support for p h v to use both sides King road
59	Support	I think would ease congestion on the kings road
60	Support	I'm a regular person who travel every day to work through kings road in a private hire cab and most of time get stuck in traffic on king road outbound . So it's a great idea if private hire vehicles allowed to use the outbound bus lane .
61	Support	Yes support change
62	Support	
63	Support	Thank you for bringing up the proposal regarding private hire vehicles and their potential use of the outbound Kings Road bus lane. I appreciate your initiative in addressing transportation efficiency in Reading. I understand that private hire vehicles play a crucial role in the transportation system, and your suggestion to allow them access to the outbound Kings Road bus lane to reduce journey times is an interesting idea. It's essential to explore ways to enhance the overall efficiency of our transportation network.
64	Support	I am in support for this proposal because it will help to reduce time and travel
65	Support	I sport the use of the bus lane for private hire taxi
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67	Support	Support this cause
68	Support	This will help ease traffic on kings road during busy period
69	Support	Why has this taken this long,
70	Support	It will be very help full for local business and traffic
71	Support	This will make it allot easier to get to places because of traffic
72	Support	I strongly agree that reading private hire should be allowed to use the King's Road outbound buslane, as they transport SEN children , they transport with various illness and cancer patients.

73	Support	This would be very useful for private hire taxi drivers and it would same time for passengers. I support this
74	Support	I am in support of this proposal because I believe it will help to reduce traffic queues and travel time also will have a positive impact on environment when at least private hire cars will not be idling for long specially on peak hours.
75	Support	
76	Support	I am writing this statement to support pvt hire's request to use bus lane as It could potentially help improve traffic flow and provide a faster transportation option who use taxi and also will reduce the congestion for other private transport. Kind Regards Reading Citizen
77	Support	I strongly agree that reading private hires should be allowed to use kings Road bus lane as they carry SEN children and serious patients from Berkshire hospital that have severe illness and also cancer patients
78	Support	The waiting time for customers would be greatly reduced. And more importantly the kings road would be less congested during rush hour allowing for smoother flow of traffic throughout reading which is a huge problem
79	Support	Too much traffic for taxi drivers to work in.. this would help taxis alot
80	Support	
81	Support	
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83	Support	I am happy to support the proposal
84	Support	
85	Support	Why has this taken this long,
86	Support	Please allow this happen
87	Support	Private hire need this bus lane
88	Support	Please accept this idea
89	Support	Best idea for private hire drivers
90	Support	This will help get me to work quicker as the driver gets stuck in traffic
91	Support	It seems that out of town private hire vehicles have access to these routes, but locally registered private hire vehicles do not which, seems to be a bit unfair.
92	Support	I am private hire driver on the road 8 to 10 hrs I like this idea to change bus lane for public in and outbound reading kings road if not all day for sure 9:30 to 4 and 7pm to morning 7:30 am this way it will be less pollution and quick jurny for people
93	Support	I support the use of the bus lane for Reading private hire vehicles as its very important to deliver the public services on time thier appointment, meeting and specially the SEN and school runs. It will certainly help the flow of traffic aswel.
94	Support	
95	Support	Private Hire do more public service than Hackney

96	Support	
97	Support	I always hire private hire because cars are always clean drivers are always very helpful and friendly and respectful for quicker and better service I support them for bus lanes use
98	Support	I consider private hire public transport service I'll suggest and support for their rights as public transport service
99	Support	I strongly support this initiative for private hire drivers to use the kings road bus lane going out bound, as a local resident of the [REDACTED] area this would be a great idea as this will help reduce traffic building up along the kings road this makes sense as Hackney Carriage vehicles are currently using the bus lane, this will also assist in many ways such easy access for transporting patients from the RBH & also reducing the anxiety for SEN children having to await in long traffic jams , Also on a personal think can get me to work quicker and save me having to await for a bus .
100	Support	Hospitals , schools,universities,daycare centres you name it for public service mini cabs are always on top Hackney drivers don't rely on repeat trade PH service quality is always on the spot because PH drivers need repeat trade
101	Support	Simply private hire the best
102	Support	It is good for to speed up traffic flow and reduce the burden on kings road. It is also good for hospital patients carrying by the Private Hire Taxi along with other customers to finish their journey asap.
103	Support	Support for OH rights
104	Support	
105	Support	
106	Support	Hi, it will be very good for customers so they can get to their destinations quickly. King's road is very congested all the times morning and evening
107	Support	
108	Support	King's Road outbound bud Lane should be issued to private hire drivers as its quick service ,not being stuck in traffic helps to get to destination fast.
109	Support	I would like King's Road outbound bus lane to be used by private hire taxis as its much quicker going out of Reading to their destination and clearing fast,rather being stuck in traffic.its about time bus lane should be allowed as many other taxis from other towns using and taking the advantage as for your own Reading private hire taxi are stuck in traffic . They taxis should be allowed to use bus lane as it would be a quicker service
110	Support	We pick passenger from RBH or station or town and it's easy to use bus lane to save time and safe the environment to drive less. Thank you
111	Support	We are reading private hire drivers deliver an excellent service to reading the (SEN)children and always get stuck on the King's road. They also escort patients from the Royal Berkshire Hospital who have intense treatment and get stuck on King's Road.
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158	Support	Dear Sirs I am in support of this proposal. The addition of the lane would speed up jobs that we have. It would reduce traffic on the road. We would appreciate the opportunity that has been given. Thank you
159	Support	We are reading private hire drivers deliver an excellent service to reading the (SEN)children and always get stuck on the King's road. They also escort patients from the Royal Berkshire Hospital who have intense treatment and get stuck on King's Road.
160	Support	It's in my interest to use this bus lane, so I can arrive to my destination on time and not to be stuck in traffic as the other drivers, while I am driving for business .
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167	Support	Please allow private hire Taxi to drive on Kings road bus lane. Because it would patient may be going to berkshire hospital and so being stuck in traffic maybe bad and it would make taxi drivers job a lot easier
168	Support	It's not fair that out-of-town vehicles use Kings Road bus lane and reading private hire vehicles is not allowed.
169	Support	I support private hire taxi to use kings road out bound bus line it will help to reduce traffic and it will help environment.
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186	Support	I think private hire should allow to use buss lane it's help local community where all other council licenses Hackney carriage taking advantage.
187	Support	This will be very helpful for us because that road is usually quite busy so being able to use the bus lane is time efficient for us.
188	Support	It would help the passengers
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340	Support	Giving permission to private hire vehicle will be great help because we take a patients from hospital to different distinations and we get stuck in traffic especially in rush hours.More over Passengers get really frustrated that why you can't use bus/ taxi lane.
341	Support	I m a public member and I wanted to let you know that I ve seen most of private hire drivers struggle during the rush hour time specially on kings road they get stuck in traffic with disabled persons in their vehicles and also school children , I will highly recommend that they should be allowed to use the bus lane which will support our community.
342	Support	I ve seen lots of taxis from other boroughs are allowed to use the bus lane , what's wrong if Reading licence drivers use the same bus lane they work hard to help our community. I will highly support them to use the bus lane.
343	Support	Im a disabled person and I use reading private hire taxi service almost every week to go to hospital and town and most of time get stuck in traffic bcz driver not allowed to use the bus lane which is unfair with me and also with drivers so please grant them the permission for use the bus lane thank you.
344	Support	Wanted to support this bcz lots of time when I have to go to airport via kings road specially in rush hour I do get stuck in traffic bcz my private hire driver not allowed to use the bus lane and just wasted time sitting in traffic while other taxis from different borough going through the bus lane .i think it's going to be a great benefit for our community lif reading private hire drivers get the permission to use the bus lane.

345	Support	It's a great idea to allow the reading private hire drivers to use the king's road bus lane bcz they are helping our community specially the disabled people and schools and also helping the working class people who need to travel everyday specially in rush hours.
346	Support	It would benefit the public using private hire getting to there destinations quicker
347	Support	* It will be a big help for the private hire taxi drivers, help customer reach destinations on time. * waste less time in tariff.
348	Support	I am a customer who uses, private hire taxi for work also for travelling around in an out of town. I really feel that private hire driver should also be allowed to use the bus lane, on kings road. As this road is always busy. It would help many customers reach to work an place they need to go on time.
349	Support	we strongly support
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351	Support	Ease of transport using private taxis. It's annoying that smelly black cabs can use them.. everyone using a taxi service should be able to get around easily
352	Support	Ease of traffic
353	Support	Traffic will be eased
354	Support	I support this proposal and feel it is necessary.
355	Support	It will help lots of people
356	Support	Wanted to support for private hire vehicles to use the bus lanes as my [REDACTED] is[REDACTED] patient and [REDACTED] travelled with private hire taxis to and back from hospital and specially kings road where most of time [REDACTED] wasted her time I think it's a great idea highly appreciated thank you.
357	Support	Great idea will support this project.
358	Support	I'm a [REDACTED] and use private hire taxi almost everyday for my kids to and from school and I wanted to support them definitely great idea it's going to benefit our community.
359	Support	Really appreciate our private hire taxi drivers help they work hard to support our community specially schools hospitals church and lots of other places they should allow to use the bus lane . Highly recommended.
360	Support	I'm a private hire driver and use kings road specially for in and out kings road as we are allowed to use the inbound kings road bus lane we never had any problem and it's save lots of our time and also our customers time too . If get the permission to use the outbound kings road bus lane it wil make a big difference for our community. Thank you.
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366	Support	We are also cob drivers sporting local public & providing them service so pls allow us to use bus lane to... Many thanks,
367	Support	I support that bus lane should be .
368	Support	Must allow bus lane to private hire driver to save the environment and ease to the passengers
369	Support	Must allow to private hire drivers to use kings road bus lane.
370	Support	Private hire must be allowed
371	Support	Reading Private hire must be allowed to use bus lanes in reading.
372	Support	Bus lane must be allowed
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375	Support	The only way forward to ease the traffic.allow use to phd
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396	Support	It's not fair that out-of-town vehicles use Kings Road bus lane and reading private hire vehicles is not allowed.
397	Support	I think it would help with congestion and traffic.
398	Support	I support this decision.
399	Support	I support this choice.
400	Support	Yes yes I agree
401	Support	yes i fully support
402	Support	Yes i support
403	Support	i agree with this statement
404	Support	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
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422	Support	I support it because of children getting to school on time
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425	Support	It helps both parties to get customers to their destinations in good time.
426	Support	Reading private hire vehicles should be allowed to use bus lanes, just like hackney carriages vehicles. Such unfair discrimination against a particular trade should be stopped.
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492	Support	Access to bus lanes should be allowed to the private hire drivers specially in the rush hour times so that passengers should reach at their destinations on time specially stations and airports .
493	Support	Reading private hire vehicles should be allowed to use bus lanes, just like hackney carriages vehicles. Such unfair discrimination against a particular trade should be stopped.
494	Support	This will help the flow of traffic out of Reading, as well as boosting the economy for taxi drivers to attend Heathrow and other jobs quicker and more efficiently
495	Support	Private hire taxi drivers should be allowed in the bus lane too. It will support the flow of traffic and gets private hire taxis out of Reading faster to boost the economy etc.
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497	Support	I support this
498	Support	I am supporting the use of the bus line on Kings road, as it's usually not crowded it"s would be beneficial without causing any traffic at any time if used by private hire.
499	Support	Please allow private hire to use bus lanes we are providing transport services to passengers and we would like to make their journey on time
500	Support	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them

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503	Support	This section of road is always very busy. Allowing private hire to use bus lanes will not only shorten travel time for private hire drivers and passengers but also ease congestion for other road users. Therefore granting Private Hire drivers access to a dedicated outbound bus lane would enhance overall efficiency in transportation.
504	Support	Please grant private hire drivers to use Kings Road bus lanes which should ease congestion for all and enhance overall efficiency in transportation around Reading.
505	Support	I fully support the Private Hire Drivers to use the Kings Road Outbound bus lane to help congestion in the area.
506	Support	, please allow private hire driver to use bus lane to maintain service for passengers to reach on time to their destination.
507	Support	Bikes motor and pedal should be able to use the bus lane - this is both a safety and flow point. Licensed taxis should also be allowed.. but ONLY licensed vehicles... Commercial use should be limited to those who pay a fee..(similar to business rates) e.g. getting a hackney carriage license. Also to simplify policing of the rule, vehicle need to display a badge of some sort e.g. licence hackney carriage plate.

508	Support	<p>The above proposals bring about a Request for Change of Traffic Direction on a 25m section of St Bartholomews Road RG1 3QA for the safety of School Children and Park Users etc.</p> <p>I am writing to bring to your attention a matter of concern regarding the article in the 08 Feb 2024 Reading Chronicle's "NEWS" page, and hope you can give the following due consideration.</p> <p>The proposed changes for the 'outbound bus lane on Kings Road' will further compound the problems that the 'London Road Inbound' changes will cause, resulting in an increased hazard to the safety of our local children in relation to the increased Rat-Run traffic flow that will occur along the length of St Bartholomews Road (RG1 3QA).</p> <p>In short, St Bartholomews Rd will be adversely affected by the combination of these two "Outbound" and "Inbound" proposals because they will turn St Bartholomews Rd into a busier 'Rat-Run' (than it already is), where traffic will attempt to avoid the slow moving outbound and inbound traffic by finding alternative routes to Wokingham Road from where they can whizz up or down St Bartholomews Rd.</p> <p>As a concerned member of the community, I strongly urge you to consider changing 25m of the current two-way traffic system from just after the entrance into St Bartholomews Church to the London Road into a one-way traffic flow. This can be done by inhibiting entrance from the London Road into St Bartholomews Road. This would at least stop St Bartholomews Road from being a rat-run in one direction and so also enhance the safety of children and other pedestrians who routinely use St Bartholomews Road as their route to school, playgroup etc.</p> <p>I believe that this simple suggestion of turning a small 25m section of road between London Road and the entrance to St Bartholomews Church into a one-way road (i.e. inhibiting entrance from the London Road into St Bartholomews Road, but allowing exit from this newly proposed small section of one way road onto the London Road) will mean that at least your plans for managing outbound traffic flow will not be adversely affected, but will minimise the potential for 'Rat-Run' traffic occurring in both directions up/down a road that is too narrow for any further increase in traffic and will therefor mitigate potential accidents and ensure a safer environment without hindering access to St Bartholomews Rd Residents, Haywood Court, the Community Centre and Church.</p> <p>I am aware that such changes require careful consideration and planning, so I am willing to discuss this matter further in person if needed.</p> <p>I sincerely hope that you will give due consideration to this request and take the necessary steps to evaluate the feasibility of converting a small section of St Bartholomews Road into a one-way traffic system.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to a positive response.</p>
509	Support	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
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511	Support	I support private hire using bus lanes. I been doing private hire job for 2 years and our normal roads are really bad heavy traffic. Customers always mentions how come you don't use bus lanes. .
512	Support	<p>Rather let insured licensed RBC drivers who have been through and passed every check, test, obstacle and hurdle that RBC have put them though use the bus lane than the Uber Eats/ Deliveroo organ donors on their red light jumping illegal unregistered unrestricted electric bikes or the moped riders on L plates doing illegal right turns out of the college and showing off to their bus stop friends.</p> <p>These idiots who have no regard for either their safety or the safety of others are the ones that shouldn't be allowed to use the bus lanes.</p>
513	Support	To help roads clear traffic and save times

514	Support	We are private hire drivers who deliver an excellent service to reading the (SEN)children and always get stuck on the King's road. Please allow reading private hire vehicles on Kings Road outbound bus lane.
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516	Support	Hi, Please allow private hire drivers to use out bound bus lane it will help during rush hour to every body specially who working on the road to support there family's.
517	Support	I do sport private hire
518	Support	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
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520	Support	When I use the taxi I will get to work fast
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547	Support	Will help my taxi driver avoid loads of congestion
548	Support	We need this bus lane Other taxi drivers can use it so why can't we and we are from the same council as them
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552	Support	This will help ease traffic on kings road, the bus lane as very less activity I will help with the congestion and environment
553	Support	It's help full for people from rbh
554	Support	I will help with the congestion and environment and save fuel
555	Support	It makes no sense that reading borough council Hackney carriages cabs are allowed to use the bus lanes but private hire drivers from the same council are not allowed
556	Support	Private hire drivers should have access to this bus lane
557	Support	Please allow private hire drivers from Reading council access all Reading bus lanes
558	Support	We need this bus lane
559	Support	Cheap
560	Support	
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574	Support	Being a regular user of taxi service, it will make our overall journey time and help with traffic flow. Especially during busy periods,
575	Support	As a loyal customer of taxi services, it will make travel journeys less time consuming and more time efficient and effective. It will allow for easy transport of patients being treated in Royal Berkshire Hospital.
576	Support	Regular users of taxi will find it easy and efficient to get to hospital appointments.
577	Support	Private hire must be even all bus lanes in reading
578	Support	To be enviormant free private hire must be allowed to use bus lane
579	Support	Only way forward PHD must be allowed
580	Support	All the bus lanes should be allowed for Private hire reading please.
581	Support	This will really benefit overall travel journey for Reading community and beneficial for environment.
582	Support	It must be done long time ago.
583	Support	This is really good for Reading, must have been allowed long ago.
584	Support	Very good decision by council.
585	Support	I think it was the time council making very sensible decision
586	Support	Please do it ASAP. We drivers faced many difficulty in busy times.
587	Support	It will good for Reading and improve road congestion condition overall.
588	Support	Very good decision.
589	Support	Not only bus lanes. Privates hire should have their own parking bays.
590	Support	Bus lanes are our equal right. We also paying annually fee to Council.
591	Support	Reading council should be more lenient for Private Hire. We need all bus lanes.

592	Support	<p>The IDR is particularly fast at this point. Vehicles which have paused near Watlington St accelerate into the dip before rising into Forbury Rd. Pedestrians have to wait a very long time to cross because the priority is given to vehicles to 'keep the traffic flowing'. It is so dangerous as pedestrians and the ever increasing number of cycle couriers servicing east Reading try to cross illegally before the light turns green.</p> <p>I agree with the proposal to evolve the type of vehicles permitted to use the restricted lane, but it must be accompanied by 1 reducing the speed to 20 mph on this stretch the IDR and Kings Road at the junction as shown on Drawing 1.</p> <p>I live on [REDACTED] using this junction twice a day. It is really dangerous. The cycle lanes are extremely chaotic and place cyclists at angles with road users or force onto narrow pavements.</p> <p>20 mph speed limit on all Reading urban roads would improve traffic flow, make it easier to cross the IDR so it doesn't divide the town. Would also reduce traffic noise and pollution.</p> <p>Reading would be such a nice place to live if it wasn't treated like a race track.</p>
593	Support	<p>The Reding Kings Road bus lane, very important for Reding. Private hire driver. For the school run and hospital jobs, especially Heathrow Airport runs jobs, always stuck in traffic I would help us</p>
594	Support	<p>I use the bus lane as a cyclist on a fairly regular basis. Issues for me are the camber, the state of the road surface, the occasional impatient drivers, ebikers on unregulated machines, and drivers of minibuses who, in my opinion, do not receive the same level of training as more professional drivers.</p> <p>I tend to ride in Primary position along the length of the lane because of the camber and road surface. I also do this because I want drivers turning left to see me and because I tend to want to come across to Wokingham Road when I get to Cemetery Junction; that can be a challenge with road users in the right hand lane cutting across at the last moment - they just look at the gaps between motor vehicles.</p> <p>Most of the drivers of motor vehicles using the bus lane are patient. Reading Buses drivers will wait behind and most taxi drivers do too. I like to think of myself as courteous and will move into the bus stops by Wipro and the college if it is appropriate for me to do so. Can I assume that those registered users are reminded about the rules of the Highway Code 2022?</p> <p>I support the use of the bus lane as proposed and hope that the opportunity may be taken to address issues with camber, road surface and driver impatience. Perhaps increased signage reminding drivers that cyclists are entitled to use the lane, in Primary position where they are more visible and can better avoid close passes, can be considered.</p>
595	Yes	<p>I STRONGLY AGREE THAT READING PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE THE KINGS ROAD OUTBOUND BUSLANE AS THEY TRANSPORT S-E-N CHILDREN, THEY ALSO TRANSPORT PATIENTS FROM THE ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL WHO HAVE HAD INTENSE TREATMENTS FOR CANCER AND OTHER MAJOR ISSUES. ALSO THEY TRANSPORT TRANSPORT PASSENGERS/PATIENTS WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES WHO GET EXTREMELY DISTRESSED WHEN STUCK IN TRAFFIC. ALSO IT'S NOT FAIR OUT OF TOWN VEHICLES USE THIS OUTBOUND BUSLANE AND THE REGISTERED READING PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES ARE NOT ALLOWED !!!</p>
596	Yes	<p>Yes, I support the proposal for Private Hire Taxi's to use Kings Road (Outbound) Bus Lane.</p>
597	Yes	<p>I would strongly agree with private hire using bus lane as it would benefit passengers travelling to school, hospital and airport and reduce pollution</p>
598	Yes	<p>This would be an asset to the private hire trade in reading</p>
599	Yes	<p>Yes, I support the proposal for Private Hire Taxi's to use the Kings Road (Outbound) Bus Lane.</p>

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604	Yes	Yes, I support the proposal for Private Hire Taxi's to use the Kings Road (Outbound) Bus Lane.
605	Yes	I fully support that Private hire vehicles should be allowed to use the bus lane. Firstly like the Hackney carriage and Reading buses the Private Hire also provide a service for the public. Secondly and most importantly it's very difficult to explain to customers when the Private hire is stuck in traffic on King's Road whilst out of town Taxis are freely taking advantage of the King's Road Bus lane. It would be a massive help to the public who use private hire vehicles for school runs hospital/doctors appointments, travelling to the Airport and getting to work on time.
606	Yes	It's helpful to reduce traffic
607	Yes	Yes, I support the proposal for Private Hire Taxi's to use the Kings Road (Outbound) Bus Lane.
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609	Yes	Yes, I support the proposal for Private Hire Taxi's to use the Kings Road (Outbound) Bus Lane.
610	Yes	READING PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS HAVE BEEN RUNNING A FANTASTIC SERVICE OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS PLUS AND ARE ALWAYS TRANSPORTING PATIENTS MEMBERS OF PUBLIC AND ALWAYS SEE THEM STUCK ON THE KINGS ROAD BUT OUTBOF TOWN TAXIS USING THE BUSLANE JUST DOES NOT MAKE SENSE. PLEASE LOOK AFTER YOUR YOUR LOCAL PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS WHO PAY ALL THEIR LICENSING FEES TO READING
611	Yes	Yes, I support the proposal for Private Hire Taxi's to use the Kings Road (Outbound) Bus Lane.
612	Yes	I support allow private hire and school vehicles use bus lanes
613	Yes	Yes Support the proposal for Private Hire vehicle's to use King's Road outbound Bus lane.
614	Yes	We need this lane to pick and drop kids from school and for hospital and Heathrow Airport...
615	Yes	Reading private hire drivers are very hard working drivers. I always see them stuck in heavy traffic on King's Road when out of town cars drive in those buslanes. These guys work in Reading pay their licence fees to Reading so why shouldn't they receive these benefits. You need to stop out of town cars who don't contribute anything 2 Reading and allow the private hire vehicles of Reading
616	Yes	Yes I support the proposal for private hire Taxis to use the Kings road (outbound) bus lane.
617	Yes	Yes I support the proposal for private hire Taxis to use the Kings road (outbound) bus lane.
618	Yes	Private Taxi's should be allowed to use kings road outbound bus lane
619	Yes	I [REDACTED] STRONGLY AGREE THAT READING PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE THE KINGS ROAD OUTBOUND BUS LANE AS THEY TRANSPORT S-E-N CHILDREN, THEY ALSO TRANSPORT PATIENTS FROM THE ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL WHO HAVE HAD INTENSE TREATMENTS FOR CANCER AND OTHER MAJOR ISSUES.
620	Yes	I think private hire should be allowed to use bus lanes in Reading.they pay a vital part in Reading transport.

621	Yes	I stongly agree that reading private hire have the ability to use the kings road bus lane, they are a provider of transport for S.E.N children to get to school as well as transportation for patients to the local hospital
622	Yes	I support, this lane can be used for other vehicles
623	Yes	I strongly support this proposal, this brings many benefits as a private taxi user, I could get to my office quicker at Thames valley park when I'm running late for meetings because kings roads always busy Avoid missing my flight because in the past I have missed my Flight due to gridlock traffic on kings Road
624	Yes	We, the [REDACTED] support this change. We agree that RBC licensed Private Hire Vehicles should be allowed to use the King's Road outbound bus lane and non RBC licensed Hackney Carriage Vehicles use of this bus lane be removed.
625	Yes	I support the proposal because we need to do good service for the costumers as a taxi driver
626	Yes	Yes, i fully support the proposal for private hire vehicles to use the Kings Road (outbound) bus lane.
627	Yes	Yes I fully support the proposal for private hire taxis to use the bus lane (outbound) on King's Road reading
628	Yes	Happy with this proposal Will help me get to work on time
629	Yes	Great proposal Will help me get to my destination a lot quicker
630	Yes	Great proposal idea Will help me get to work a lot quicker
631	Yes	Yes I support the proposal for private hire taxis to use the bus lane (outbound) on the King's Rd reading
632	Yes	Great proposal !!! will bring benifet to everyone
633	Yes	Yes I support the proposal for private hire taxis to use the bus lane (outbound) on the King's Rd reading
634	Yes	I support the use of the (outbound) bus lane by private hire taxis on the King's Road reading
635	Yes	I support the use of the (outbound) bus lane by private hire taxis on the King's Road reading
636	Yes	strongly support this proposal, this brings many benefits as a private taxi user, I could get to my office quicker at Thames valley park when I'm running late for meetings because kings roads always busy Avoid missing my flight because in the past I have missed my Flight due to gridlock traffic on kings Road
637	Yes	Great idea !!! my taxi driver needs this
638	Yes	I strongly agreed that Reading private hire vehicle should be allowed to use the king road outbound bus lane as they transport S.E.N children to special schools and they also transport the patients to and from the hospital who have intense treatment and other issues. Using the bus lane will help to transport easy and quick

639	Yes	I'm a private hire driver so it's Crucial that I can use the Kings road Outbound bus lane to get my customers to their destination on time. Public Service.
640	Yes	
641	Yes	I support the proposal as it's going to be very helpful
642	Yes	Yes I strongly agreed that Reading Private Hire Vehicles should be allowed to used the kings road outbound Bus lane as its use for emergency and buses because they also transfer patients and school children's and airports drop off.
643	Yes	Hi I strongly agree with private hire drivers using the King's Road bus lane
644	Yes	It makes so much sense for the bus lane to be accessible by taxis as well. It would help so much.
645	Yes	Yes we desperately need that bus lane
646	Yes	As a user of private hire taxis this would be a great. In traffic times I have experienced many delays getting to work or the station in the mornings. Black cabs are allowed so I see no reason why private hire should not be able to use the same bus lanes.
647	Yes	As a PHD would benefit myself and my customers to get their destination as quick as possible
648	Yes	I strongly believe that the kings road reading bus lane outbound should be allowed for private hire drivers of reading. A lot quicker less traffic less omission in that area , hospital is close by.
649	Yes	Hi I believe all the private hire drivers should be able to use the bus lane on kings road reading
650	Yes	I think they should be allowed to use the bus lane because of Royal Berkshire hospital as they need to pick up or drop off passengers
651	Yes	
652	Yes	It would be Easier as a Private Hire Driver to get towards Cemetery Junction at Peak Times
653	Yes	Sensible idea

654	Yes	<p>That first question is VERY badly phrased. Surely the options should be "Support", "Object", and neither. A "Yes" or "No" to the question "Do you support or object to the proposal?" cannot determine whether someone is supporting or objecting, and is meaningless for any kinds of statistical analysis of the results.</p> <p>In any case. I'm doing a bit of both supporting and objecting. The bus lane should be open to ALL Hackney carriages, and ALL private hire vehicles, irrespective of where they are registered. I don't see the point of restricting it to just some of these vehicles, rather than all of them. This seems illogical to me. I can't imagine there's such a large number of these vehicles which are non-RBC registered that their use of the lane would be such that it's obstructive.</p> <p>I'm not sure if this is the case already, but I also support motorcycle use of the lane. I think motorcycles should be permitted to use ALL bus lanes anyway; but I suspect that's a debate for another time. I know they're allowed to use some. but not all, bus lanes, and I don't know off the top of my head if this is one of them they can currently use.</p> <p>Actually, on a general point; rather than having numerous bus lanes with different vehicles permitted access to different lanes, it should surely be the case that the types of vehicles permitted is exactly the same across all bus lanes. Doing so is something certainly within the remit of RBC for all bus lanes within its borders, and would make the rules absolutely crystal clear, and consistent, for everyone.</p> <p>(I'd go so far as to say rules for bus lanes should be the same on a national level, but that's way beyond RBC's remit!)</p>
655	Yes	
656	Yes	I support the proposal for the outbound kings road bus lane for private hire drivers. can get passengers out off town quicker and going to rbh & joining the motorway from j10 safes lot off time
657	Yes	
658	Yes	<p>Support proposal but notices that this is shared with bicycles need to be clear eg. regular road markings.</p> <p>Some close passing already happens for drivers as not possible to safely overtake a cyclist when other lanes are full and it's already not ideal as it's not a protected safe cycle route. The more vehicles without additional traffic calming measures the higher chance this critical route will be more dangerous and less appealing for cyclists.</p>
659	Yes	This bus lane very helpful for school kids Heathrow Gatwick Luton Airports and special for hospital
660	Yes	<p>I strongly agree with this proposal</p> <p>Will save lot of time.</p> <p>going to work, attended appointments or joining m4 to go airport it's always very long queue</p>
661	Yes	<p>I strongly support this proposal, this brings many positive as a private taxi driver.</p> <p>I could get to my office quicker.</p> <p>I will avoid missing many flights as I missed many due traffic on kings road</p>
662	Yes	
663	Yes	I support the proposals for licenced hackney carriages and private hire vehicles to use the bus lane to speed up journey times for those using the route. The licenced vehicles pay a fee to the council so should be included in the priority group on this section of route. I don't believe bus journey times will be impacted by the proposals

664	Yes	I strongly agree with this proposal. This is because this will make life easier for private hires drivers due to the traffic running a lot smoother , allowing customers to reach destinations much quicker .
665	Yes	I support this proposal because I strongly agree with the idea of private hire driver's being able to have access to the bus lane . By them having access it will allow customers to be able to reach destinations much quicker . And it will reduce traffic time. This is important as being stuck in traffic is costing private hire drivers alot of precious time, and by having access to the bus lane it will prevent customers from being late to appointments.
666	Yes	Agree with the proposal wouldn't be late for work etc
667	Yes	Yes i do support private hire drivers to use out bound bus lane
668	Yes	I am in support of this proposal of reading private hire being allowed to use the bus lane
669	Yes	I think reading taxi drivers should be allowed to use the bus lane.taxi from different council shouldn't be allowed to use the ex bus lane.
670	Yes	I suppose reading private hire using bus lanes in kings road
671	Yes	I strongly support the decision to allow this private hire drivers to be allowed in using bus lane Would make my journey a lot quicker to Thames valley park area
672	Yes	I do strongly supports the prosal allow private hire vehicles to use the king road bus lane
673	Yes	I do strongly support the proposal to allow private hire vehicles to use the kings road bus lane Which will help in reducing journey times and less traffic
674	Yes	I strongly support
675	Yes	As a private hire driver my self we always struggle to be on time during rush hour time allowing us to use the bus lane will make our journey smooth and quick to reach the demand of the customers picking them or dropping the in reasonable time
676	Yes	Reading Private Hire is a big part of Reading traffic they transfer all kinds of people in and out hospitals/airports/ train/bus stations many times a day they fight with traffic and time I believe RPH is a public transport should be recognised as public transport and given the rights and movement freedom as a public transport
677	Yes	Yes I do support the proposal for Private hire to use Bus lanes on King's Road Reading
678	Yes	Of course I support the proposal for Kings Road Bus lane for private hire vehicles of Reading
679	Yes	Definitely support the proposal for Private hire vehicles for Kings Road Bus lane in Reading they play vital role in their service.
680	Yes	Yes I support the proposal for Private hire use Bus lane on Kings Road Reading
681	Yes	Strongly agree with the proposal it will help taxi Drivers and passengers safe time Specially critical patients from rbh to their destinations Should be allowed outbound bus lane kings rd

682	Yes	I strongly agree that Reading PHD should be allowed to use the kings Road Bus lane outbound.
683	Yes	I do support the proposal for the private hir taxis to use the outbound bus lane. 1- it will help the private hire drivers to be on time on jobs, and will make abit of profit in peak hours, at the moment in peak if they get a job from town to Thames valley or cemetery junction, they not making a £1 from it, waste of fuel and time. 2- Some time it take 30 minutes from station to thame valley roundabout, and from there to heathrow 35 minutes. 3- Customs will be ontime to their appointments or work
684	Yes	Allowing private hire taxis to use bus lanes in the Reading could enhance efficiency by reducing traffic congestion, benefiting both passengers and drivers. It might lead to quicker and more reliable transportation, encouraging people to choose private hire services and contributing to a more streamlined urban transit system.
685	Yes	Granting private hire taxis in Reading access to bus lanes could optimize traffic flow, potentially reducing overall congestion. This could result in quicker and more efficient journeys for both passengers and drivers, contributing to improved transportation services and a more effective use of road infrastructure in the local context.
686	Yes	I think letting taxis use the bus lanes will be effective for passengers who could get to their destination faster, it will also be better for taxi drivers so they can get to their next job faster
687	Yes	I think letting taxis use the bus lanes will be effective for passengers who could get to their destination faster, it will also be better for taxi drivers so they can get to their next job faster
688	Yes	Allowing taxis to use bus lanes can enhance the overall efficiency of transportation systems. It can lead to reduced traffic congestion, faster and more reliable travel times, and a more attractive option for commuters. This utilization of bus lanes by taxis contributes to a smoother flow of traffic and promotes a more efficient use of road infrastructure.
689	Yes	I am strongly agree to give permission for using kings road bus lane for private hire drivers because they are doing school runs, patient transfer service etc.
690	Yes	I think private hire deserve the bus lane going towards cemetery junction it will make the journey for the passengers quicker. This is why public rely on private hire/taxis to get to their destination faster. I personally would like to see the bus lane to be used for private hire vehicles.
691	Yes	Yes I do sport the proposal to use the Kings Road bus lane
692	Yes	Good for those whose using regular private hire and for school children they always late just for the traffic
693	Yes	I strongly agree that Reading Private Hire vehicles should be allowed to use the Kings Road Outbound Bus Lane as they transport children, work peoples, and the old people who can't walk , They also transport Royal Berkshire Hospital who had intense treatments for cancer and other issues.
694	Yes	Of course I support the proposal for Private hire vehicle using Bus lane on kings Road Reading
695	Yes	I support private hire
696	Yes	Yes I support the proposal for Private hire for using Bus lane at Kings Road
697	Yes	I support private hair

698	Yes	Reading private hire drivers provide an excellent service to members of the public in Reading. They also escort us to hospital appointment at the royal Berkshire hospital and always get stuck on the king's road and get stuck. And we see taxis not from Reading driving in the king's road buslane. How is that possible. look after your local trades not out of Reading taxis who pay nothing to you
699	Yes	These private hire drivers deserve to use the bus lane on kings road. They always get stuck on the kings road and I always notice out of town taxis using the same bus lane. These guys pay for their license in Reading and don't get no benefits. They are very safe drivers. Please look after your local trade
700	Yes	I STRONGLY AGREE THAT READING PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES SHOULD BE CERTIFIED TO USE THE KINGS ROAD OUTBOUND BUS LANE AS THEY TRANSPORT S-E-N CHILDREN, THEY ALSO TRANSPORT VULNERABLE PATIENTS FROM THE HOSPITAL WHO HAVE HAD INTENSE TREATMENTS FOR CANCER AND MANY OTHER MAJOR ISSUES
701	Yes	RBC Private drivers should be allowed to use bus lane, the vehicle is used for public Transport like the a bus is being for the same purposes.
702	Yes	I wanted to use buss Lane because I can get to my customers quicker and drop them off
703	Yes	Private hire vehicle should be allowed
704	Yes	I STRONGLY AGREE THAT READING PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE THE KINGS ROAD OUTBOUND BUSLANE AS THEY TRANSPORT S-E-N CHILDREN, THEY ALSO TRANSPORT PATIENTS FROM THE ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL WHO HAVE HAD AN INTENSE TREATMENTS FOR CANCER AND OTHER MAJOR ISSUES
705	Yes	I STRONGLY AGREE THAT READING PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE THE KINGS ROAD OUTBOUND BUSLANE AS THEY TRANSPORT S-E-N CHILDREN, THEY ALSO TRANSPORT PATIENTS FROM THE ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL WHO HAVE HAD INTENSE TREATMENTS FOR CANCER AND OTHER MAJOR ISSUES
706	Yes	Yes I support the use bus lane for saving lots of time. King's road one of the busy road in reading.
707	Yes	I been taxi driver last [REDACTED] years in reading not using the bus lane I have to and the customer have to sit in the traffic for a long time
708	Yes	Local taxi drivers should be allowed to use it especially the hospital is nearby and it's the exit to the airport. Also they transport students with special needs to kings college.
709	Yes	I strongly agree that Reading private hire vehicle should be allowed to use the kings road outbound bus lane as they transport s .e.n children and also people who go to Rbh who have had intense treatment for cancer and other major issues and some customers booked taxi last minute for airport they are panak when they see traffic on kings road
710	Yes	I support the proposal
711	Yes	R P H Is very important industry to provide absolutely great service to Reading community all the bus lanes of very useful toget the opportunity for R P H Drivers please help R P H drivers as like they look after their Coustmars Reading Borough Council should be able to see how much traffic has been incurred in Reading because of all new development population of Reading have been incurred so much please help R P H Drivers to use the bus lanes plenty of love and respect for Reading Borough Council best wishes

712	Yes	Bus lane is very important for reading private drivers to be used
713	Yes	Years old bus lane rules should be changed or at least reviewed hence I support and there shouldn't be restrictions for taxis at least be it a private hire or black cab taxi 🚕 as they both serve the local community really well . Of course it will help the environment and net zero target the British government had announced some time ago. Thx
714	Yes	I STRONGLY AGREE THAT READING PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE THE KINGS ROAD OUTBOUND BUSLANE AS THEY TRANSPORT S-E-N CHILDREN, THEY ALSO TRANSPORT PATIENTS FROM THE ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL WHO HAVE HAD INTENSE TREATMENTS FOR CANCER AND OTHER MAJOR ISSUES
715	Yes	This bus lane very important for private hire taxi driver. The reason is the Kings Road gets really really busy specially for school runs and hospital appointments are going off for airport run Please allow this bus to private hire drivers to help reading community used this opportunity!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 😊
716	Yes	I am agree that private hire should allow use of kings road buss lane as thy do a lot of jobs from RBH and schools
717	Yes	I agree that private hire vehicles should be allowed on kings road outbound buslane as this will be very helpful.
718	Yes	I agree that private hire vehicles should be allowed on kings road outbound buslane as this will be very helpful.
719	Yes	I support the proposal
720	Yes	Due to traffic along kings Road they work in Reading and are residents
721	Yes	I strongly agree that the Reading private hire vehicles should be allowed to use the kings road outbound bus lane.
722	Yes	
723	Yes	Private Hire vehicles should be allowed to use the lanes as they carry children to schools and they need to arrive at time, also patients to hospital, who also need to arrive on time and not get stuck in traffic.
724	Yes	The private hire vehicles should be able to use the outbound Kings road as they need to transport children/disabled/sick to Royal Berkshire Hospital and will lower already busy London rd.
725	Yes	It will be beneficial to non drivers.
726	Yes	
727	Yes	I STRONGLY AGREE THAT READING PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE THE KINGS ROAD OUTBOUND BUSLANE AS THEY TRANSPORT S-E-N CHILDREN, THEY ALSO TRANSPORT PATIENTS FROM THE ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL WHO HAVE HAD INTENSE TREATMENTS FOR CANCER AND OTHER MAJOR ISSUES
728	Yes	I strongly agree with all private hire drivers to be allowed to use the bus lane on kings road, because we as drivers need to get our customers to airports and other places on time, and because of us not being allowed to use the bus lane really upsets us because kings road is a very busy road, it will help us all drivers, and it would be very appreciated if we would be allowed to use the bus lane.
729	Yes	i strongly agree that reading private hire vehicles should be allowed to use the kings road outbound bus lane as they transport S-E-N children they also transport patients from the RBH who have had intense treatment for cancer and other major issues

730	Yes	To use bus lane as a private hire driver saves time
731	Yes	I am a taxi driver all ways customer getting late going to hospital for there appointments specially old customers we pick who need help.
732	Yes	I support the proposed claim
733	Yes	We are sending our children to school and also we use bus line to drop people at station and we some elderly people in hospitals for their appointment. So that's why that's gonna be good decision for all of us.
734	Yes	I STRONGLY AGREE THAT READING PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE THE KINGS ROAD OUTBOUND BUS-LANE AS THEY TRANSPORT S-E-N CHILDREN, THEY ALSO TRANSPORT PATIENTS FROM THE ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL WHO HAVE HAD INTENSE TREATMENTS FOR CANCER AND OTHER MAJOR ISSUES.
735	Yes	I support the proposal of the private hire vehicles to use the kings road bus lane as I use private hire taxi to commute will be much more efficient
736	Yes	I support the the proposal as this will benefit customers going to the hospital as some may have disabilities off all kind also waiting in traffic can cause polution thsi will also benefit customers who are travelling out off town so they dont have to wait in traffic many thanks
737	Yes	I support this project as I use private hire vehicle to commute to cemetery junction from reading town centre
738	Yes	I am strongly in support of using bus lane for private hire vehicles registered under RBC .
739	Yes	I strongly agree regarding private hire vehicle should be able to use kings road bus lane as we transport customers to hospital children with special needs and some patients with serious illnesses
740	Yes	Private Hire drivers face vulnerability while waiting in queues, accommodating passengers of diverse needs, such as patients and children. Granting them access to a kings road outbound bus lane would enhance their efficiency in transportation. Thanks
741	Yes	If it moves traffic faster especially at rush hour its welcome because it will reduce noise and pollution for local residents.
742	Yes	I support the bus lane as it will ease the passengers journey. Will save time for both the driver and passenger.
743	Yes	I strongly support the proposal. Any taxi whether black cab or private hire. These provide the facilities to the community When you pickup drop off the patients or vulnerable people.
744	Yes	
745	Yes	I believe it is the right decision for private hire vehicles licensed by the Reading Council to have the privilege of using the bus lane.
746	Yes	Good idea to limit to local licensed vehicles only as a motorcycle rider out of town unmarked vehicle aer a menace
747	Yes	Because private hire drivers are Reading based and how can out of town taxis use this buslane but the Reading Private hire drivers who pay their licence fees to Reading cannot.
748	Yes	I strongly agree that reading private hire vehicle should be allowed to use Kings Road outbound bus lane
749	Yes	reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
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751	Yes	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
752	Yes	I believe the lane should be used it will help ease traffic and also help patients get to appointments quicker or if they need urgent medical assistance but have chosen to take a taxi due to the ambulance crisis we have at the moment. Children with additional needs also would benefit from this quicker less stressful route on their school journeys which would make their transition from school to home easier which should have a better impact on their day and learning also.
753	Yes	
754	Yes	believe the lane should be used . It will help ease traffic and also help patients get to appointments quicker.
755	Yes	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
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762	Yes	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
763	Yes	i strongly think that private hire taxis should be allowed to use the bus lane in kings road as they paid licence for reading so they should be able to use it and they could be carrying patients for the hospital, being able to use the bus lane would make their job so much easier.
764	Yes	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
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768	Yes	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
769	Yes	I strongly support the proposal. Thank you
770	Yes	This would benefit a lot of people who travel in and out of town
771	Yes	If others can use it, then why not you? If people from outside of the reading borough or under another license can use it then why can't you, it doesn't make a whole lot of sense.
772	Yes	It would be useful for private hire to have use of the bus lanes for hospital appointments
773	Yes	I support for use of Bus Lane to Private Hire use,
774	Yes	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
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778	Yes	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
779	Yes	Taxis throughout the borough pay the same licensing fee, why should some be restricted in where they can drive and other can't.
780	Yes	These private hire drivers deliver a great service to Reading day and night and totally deserve this bus lane
781	Yes	It good private hire vehicle and will save lot of time
782	Yes	Reading private hire drivers deliver a great service 24/7 and I see them always stuck in traffic on the kings road. I always see out of town taxis using this bus lane who are not even registered in Reading.... How is that possible. Look after your local drivers please
783	Yes	These private hire drivers deserve this buslane.they are always stuck in traffic on king's road and out of Reading taxis use this lane, how does that make sense. Please Reading look after your own driver's
784	Yes	I need to pickup hospital patients like cancer patients and this will save time and also if to join the M4 for airport travel and this would great time saver if Taxi driver private hire allow to use the Bus Lane.
785	Yes	It's easier to commute in rush hours.
786	Yes	As a private hire driver I support the proposal because its beneficial for my business and the time spent to complete a job as well as for our customers who will get to their destinations in a timely manner.
787	Yes	
788	Yes	Provides equality for non personal vehicles.
789	Yes	Better access for drivers less congestion on the Kings Road and quicker response times for taxis.
790	Yes	Makes Reading private hire CUSTOMERS happier because there journey be faster
791	Yes	It's very helpful peack time for offic and airport travelling thanks
792	Yes	Please allow all the taxi to drive trough bus lane as sometime in emergency easy access to the hospital.
793	Yes	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
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801	Yes	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
802	Yes	This will help reduce traffic on roads and get urgent passengers to their destinations quicker.
803	Yes	it would make it easier for passgengers\going to hospital\airports and school runs

804	Yes	it would make easier for passengers going to destination
805	Yes	its makes sense taking patient to hospitals and school runs and passengers to airport
806	Yes	i would support the bus lane going out by private hire
807	Yes	i would support the private hire using bus lane
808	Yes	It will be good for the public and customers to reach at work in time and quickly not to wait in the traffic less pollution
809	Yes	i do support the private hire using bus lane
810	Yes	White
811	Yes	i support the outbound buslane
812	Yes	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
813	Yes	Great idea! Less traffic
814	Yes	i do support private hire using outbound bus lane
815	Yes	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
816	Yes	it would improve the time for passengers
817	Yes	Allows commutes to be easier and more efficient for public.
818	Yes	i support the private hire using outbond bus lane
819	Yes	I support it
820	Yes	its a good idea and i support private hire using bus lane
821	Yes	i support private hire using bus lane
822	Yes	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
823	Yes	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
824	Yes	i think its good idea i support the private hire
825	Yes	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
826	Yes	Sports yes I want to sports them to use bus lanes
827	Yes	I love the idea
828	Yes	As a taxi driver we should be able to use the bus lane
829	Yes	it would improve travel journey for passengers
830	Yes	I think private hire cars are key role in readings transport and I fully support
831	Yes	Fully support as I use private hire cars all the time always getting stuck heading to cemetery junction
832	Yes	Yes good idea I l've easy reading and always stuck on kings road
833	Yes	I object to this change, as taxis are a key part of the towns travel and infrastructure.
834	Yes	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
835	Yes	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them

836	Yes	I support this because I commute from reading town centre to cemetery junction which will make this journey more time efficient
837	Yes	I support the use of the bus lane for private hire vehicles. The allowing of these vehicles to use the bus lanes will reduce the pollution and be a more effective and efficient transportation means for the public.
838	Yes	
839	Yes	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
840	Yes	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
841	Yes	I fully support the proposal regards to usage of Bus Lane
842	Yes	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
843	Yes	Reading private hire drivers work very hard and get stuck in traffic all the time on this road plz help them
844	Yes	More free flowing of traffic less congestion
845	Yes	I believe that taxi drivers should be allowed to use bus lane especially as busy routes at peak times can't be avoided so if the bus lane can be really beneficial and time saving for everyone as it will reduce the volume of traffic from main routes and more
846	Yes	I support the use of King's Road outbound for private hire taxi drivers. It will help them go quicker on their way to journeys for picks ups and drops ,even on an emergency situation or travelling to stations and heading towards motorways.
847	Yes	I support bus lane change of use
848	Yes	Support as will help traffic congestion
849	Yes	



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Dear Cabinet Members and members of the Traffic Management Sub-Committee,

Thank you for the consultation on the changes to the exemptions for the Kings Road, Bus Lane. During the informal consultation, I responded on behalf of Thames Valley Police raising concerns over the amount of collisions that have occurred on Kings Road that relate to traffic travelling in the bus lanes. The concern was that an increase in traffic using the bus lanes may have an adverse effect on the already high collision statistics.

Thames Valley Police appreciate that we are a statutory consultee and that the Traffic Authority are responsible for setting traffic regulation orders (TRO's). Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 (RTRA 1984) sets out the reasons why a TRO may be made, however in the statement of reasons provided, there appears to be no reason as to why the change to the TRO is required. The statement of reasons only provides the number of petitioners and a time line.

At this time Thames Valley Police object to the change of TRO for the following reasons:

1. There are already concerns over the safety of Kings Road, and particularly the collisions involving pedestrians, other vulnerable road users and the vehicular traffic using the bus lanes, and what the impact that a further increase in traffic using the bus lanes will have.
2. Lack of information as to the reason or rationale as to why the change of exemption is required.

Should the cabinet go ahead and approve the TRO then Thames Valley Police ask that the collisions are closely monitored to ensure that this change of exemption does not have an adverse effect on the collision rates or type of collision.



There is an alternative to setting a new TRO. Under section 9 RTRA 1984 an experimental TRO can be set for a period of 18 months and extended by a further 18 months if required. This would allow for a period of time so that the scheme and collision rates could be monitored. At the end of the period should there be an adverse effect on the collision rates then the experimental order would be allowed to lapse and the previous TRO would then recommence. Or if the scheme was successful the experimental order could become permanent. At this time Thames Valley Police would not object to an experimental order as it approaches the change of exemption which has raised some concerns in a pragmatic way.

I respectfully submit this reply for your consideration.

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