

Dear TRO Team

**Portsmouth Cycle Forum would like to OBJECT to the current ETRO being continued or made permanent in London Road.**

With the current trial (and potential extension) of the current PHV use of bus lanes in the city, it would appear to be presumptuous to maintain this facility located inside a bus lane. The bus lane is also used by people cycling and wheeling and if in use it used forces these vulnerable road users into the main carriageway at the same time as approaching a busy junction (Laburnum Grove) with cars entering from both directions of London Road as well as exiting into London road in both directions. The same is also true of the Derby Road Junction on the western side of London Road in the same area.

Whilst we object to this location being used as a taxi stand, we do not object to the requirement of a rank in this area of the city. A bus lane is not the correct place however.

On the other side of the road just north of the Derby Road Junction there is space for a two or three vehicle rank which would not affect bus routes or cyclists (see attached image). This alternative location is currently just white hatched markings of paint and does nothing to stop drivers parking illegally at all times of day - as can also be seen in the image, as well as many of the street view images from the last decade.

Following the precedent set by the creation of the 24 hour rank outside the Kings Theatre in Albert Road, this is an opportunity to reduce anti social parking while creating an opportunity for the public to access taxi services. Given it is also north facing and metres from the roundabout this gives taxi drivers five options to route their fare in which ever direction they wish north, south east or west via Gladys Avenue, London road northbound, Stubbington Avenue or London Road Southbound.

Portsmouth Cycle Forum would suggest this as a new location for any further trial for a taxi rank in this area of the city which would have less impact on other road users of North End. The current ETRO for the bus lane should be withdrawn as soon as possible.

For and on behalf of the Members of Portsmouth Cycle Forum

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