

Sent 17 Feb 2006 just before 12 midday.

This is a formal objection to Paragraph 7.16 of the Cambridge East Area Action Plan.

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"Bus priority improvement measures will include:

- Conversion of the existing bus lanes to a busway of around 7.5m width for exclusive use by a very frequent bus service, which could be in guideway or employ some other means of tracking;
- Traffic signalled crossroads with bus priority to replace the Elizabeth Way roundabout;
- Bus priority along Maids Causeway;
- Improvements to passenger stops in Emmanuel Road to serve both the historic centre and the Grafton Centre;
- Bus priority along East Road"

If this means that cyclists may be prohibited from cycling in bus lanes (which they never have been in Cambridge) we strongly object. More generally we object to any bus priority measures which put pressure on on-road cyclists to cycle off-road. We also object to bus lanes which narrow traffic lanes (including those in the opposite direction to the bus lanes) to such an extent that motor vehicles have insufficient space to overtake cyclists.

Yours sincerely

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