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No motorbikes in Cambridgeshire bus lanes

Cambridgeshire councillors have unanimously decided 'that powered 2-wheelers should be accorded the same status as cars in terms of priority measures and consequently should not be allowed to use bus lanes.'

The motorbike lobby had sought to allow motorbikes to use the county's bus lanes.

However, on March 30th members of Cambridgeshire County Council's 'Environment and Transport Committee' considered a report from officers that 'on environmental grounds, it appears that motorcycles should be accorded the same position in the road user hierarchy as cars'. Councillors also expressed concern at the effect the proposals would have on cycle safety, and on the Council's ability to reach its casualty reduction targets.

Clare Macrae, of Cambridge Cycling Campaign, welcomed the decision, saying that 'although both cyclists and motorcyclists are vulnerable road users, we were concerned that cyclists' safety should not be jeopardised in order to promote what is essentially a polluting form of transport'.

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Notes.

1. The Officers' report is on the Cambridgeshire County Council web site at:

<http://www.camcnty.gov.uk/sub/commins/>

[env%20&%20transport/env%20&%20trans%20ctte/reports/etc0003-2.doc](http://www.camcnty.gov.uk/sub/commins/env%20&%20transport/env%20&%20trans%20ctte/reports/etc0003-2.doc)

The relevant sections are

- 3.18 to 3.22
- 5.1(e) (which was corrected at the meeting, to remove the first 'not')

2. Cambridge Cycling Campaign was formed in 1995 and now has 650 members.

- <http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/camcycle/>
- <http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/camcycle/motorbikes/>