

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

Local residents have asked for information about the proposed A426 bus lane scheme. They would like a copy of the safety audit;

ANSWER

Please find attached a copy of the Stage 1 Road Safety Audit.

They ask if traffic accidents have increased on the A6 since bus lanes were put in on that section of road.

The A6 quality bus corridor scheme was constructed between November 2005 and May 2006. The number of recorded personal injury accidents on this corridor for each year from year 2000 to 2011 (the latest available year) is listed below.

2000 = 27
2001 = 18
2002 = 26
2003 = 23
2004 = 16
2005 = 26
2006 = 21
2007 = 24
2008 = 24
2009 = 30
2010 = 18
2011 = 25

They also ask if accidents have increased on the A47 as a result of bus lanes.

The A47 quality bus corridor scheme was constructed between January 2009 and June 2010. The number of recorded personal injury accidents on this corridor for each year from year 2000 to 2011 (the latest available year) is listed below.

2000 = 17
2001 = 20
2002 = 27
2003 = 17
2004 = 33
2005 = 25
2006 = 21

2007 = 22
2008 = 22
2009 = 19
2010 = 21
2011 = 27

This data on its own should not be used to conclude the effect of the schemes in terms of reducing or causing personal injury accidents. There are many factors that can influence the number of accidents on a length of highway and road traffic accidents are rare, random and multi-factor events.

They would like to know if there is any information demonstrating a correlation between increase accidents and 3 metre wide bus lanes.

We do not hold any information demonstrating a correlation between increase accidents and 3 metre wide bus lanes. Guidance is provided by the Department for Transport in Chapters 3 and 5 of the Traffic Signs Manual regarding bus lane widths.

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