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Dear Caroline,

Thank you for the petition presented at the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 2 December 2021 regarding bus lane hours on Green Lanes in Enfield. I am sorry for the delay in responding.

As you will be aware, the changes to bus lane hours on Green Lanes in the London Borough of Enfield are taking place as part of the Green Lanes and Fore Street Bus Priority Scheme. This scheme has been designed by and is being delivered by, the London Borough of Enfield. As such, I believe Enfield Council is better placed to respond to the petition and the statement of concerns you have provided. They can be contacted via email regarding this scheme at traffic@enfield.gov.uk, or by adding comments to the survey on the Enfield website.

Transport for London's (TfL) involvement with this scheme has been twofold. It has provided the relevant funding allocations as part of the Bus Priority Programme to schemes such as the Green Lanes and Fore Street scheme, and it has also ensured that the scheme design has the ability to improve bus journey time benefits, therefore encouraging public transport use and helping to achieve my objective of 80 per cent of journeys being made by active travel and public transport by 2041. TfL currently has a budget for the Bus Priority Programme that boroughs bid for in order to fund their bus priority schemes. To work out which scheme is allocated funding, all bids are prioritised.

Green Lanes lies on the strategic bus network, which consists of roads that are strategically important for moving people by bus. Maintaining and growing bus ridership on these corridors is an important part of delivering my aim for 80 per cent of all journeys to be made by active modes of public transport across London, especially as Londoners and visitors alike return to the network with the continued easing of restrictions. It is important to residents, and to ensuring the accessibility of key destinations for older and disabled residents in particular.

Therefore, protecting bus performance on the strategic bus network is a priority. Strategic analysis of bus performance highlights sections of road that would benefit most from investment in bus performance, which can be used to target new bus priority schemes. Interventions such as new bus lanes, improved bus priority at junctions, kerbside measures such as parking restrictions, or bus and cycle only streets are among the interventions that boroughs can consider to reduce or remove

pinch points along bus routes. This aims to improve bus journey times and to ensure that buses run a reliable service that is good enough to attract more people to use public transport and reduce car usage, which in turn reduces congestion on London roads, makes them safer and reduces air pollution. Bus lanes also support cyclists by sharing the lanes with them, and the proposed bus lane on Green Lanes will create a direct link into the segregated cycle lanes on Green Lanes north of the A406 junction.

TfL has delivered a trial of introducing bus lanes on the TfL Road Network to support bus journey times and reliability, help social distancing on buses and at stops, and reduce potential exposure to COVID-19. Monitoring has shown that the trial has had a positive effect on bus journey times, particularly in the early morning and late evening and on Sundays. It has also shown that there has not been a significantly adverse impact on general traffic or the wider performance of the network. Additionally, it has indicated an overall reduction in slight collisions and reduction of collisions within the bus lanes. It is hoped that similar objectives will be achieved with new bus lanes introduced on the borough road network, including on Green Lanes.

I hope this information helps explain my role in this specific intervention and my position on bus priority more generally.

Yours sincerely,



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