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### **Bus Lane Camera Enforcement in Leicester**

I am writing to inform that as of 28<sup>th</sup> March 2016, the City Council will be rolling out camera bus lane enforcement action to a further two additional sites in the city centre.

It would be appropriate to remind you that private hire vehicles are not allowed to use bus lanes, including bus gates.

Your attention is particularly drawn to enforcement action on the bus gate on Charles Street Southbound and Rutland Street Westbound, where signing has recently been enhanced.

This unauthorised traffic on Charles Street and Rutland Street causes congestion for buses and other legitimate vehicles with the resulting impacts on efficient public transport operations. It increases the likelihood of danger to and causes delay for pedestrians wishing to cross the road. It contributes to pollution within this busy city centre location, particularly by affecting the flow of buses.

Licensed hackney carriages can use bus lanes and bus gates in Leicester. This is because they are liveried, accessible for wheelchair users and is defined as a taxi in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002, as amended.

There are a high number of private hire vehicles travelling in Leicester; many are saloon vehicles and non-liveried that can be confused with ordinary private cars, many are not wheelchair accessible. It is not Council policy to allow private hire vehicles to use the bus lanes in Leicester.

Please can this information be cascaded down to all your Private Hire drivers. If you have any enquires please do not hesitate to contact me Kirti Patel-Sidat on 0116 4542828 for any further information.

Yours sincerely

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