
Plans for managing your road network in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

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Dear Cllr. Gordon Wheeler & Cllr. Kay Cutts

We're writing to you as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport, and Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council, about your plans for managing your road network in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. We have also written to Nottingham City Council.

You will have seen that the Government has announced a new set of rules for Transport Authorities in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The [press release is here](#) and the [statutory guidance is here](#).

The Transport Secretary, Grant Shapps [said](#);

"During this crisis, millions of people have discovered cycling - whether for exercise or as a means of safe, socially-distanced transport. While there is no change to the 'stay at home' message today, when the country does get back to work we need those people to stay on their bikes and be joined by many more."

He also [said](#);

"... with public transport's capacity severely restricted at this time, our trains and buses could become overcrowded and our roads gridlocked – holding up emergency services, critical workers and vital supplies."

We agree completely and we want to help you achieve this by creating an environment where more people are enabled to make their journeys on foot and by bike.

We think you should consider these measures which we've written about on [our website](#).

Changes which can be made right away

- Make all bus lanes 24 hour so that people can cycle in them and prevent parking
- Make advisory cycle lanes compulsory and prohibit parking in them
- Give priority at pedestrian and cycle crossings
- Stop people parking cars on pavements

Get trial infrastructure in quickly and refine it in the longer term

- Create Low traffic neighbourhoods
- Reallocate road space on big roads
- Widen pavements on High Streets
- Address the Trent Bridge bottleneck

We are encouraging our supporters to write to their councillors about these issues.

Please could you let us know what your plans are for enabling more people to walk and cycle in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak? We would be more than happy to discuss this over a video call.

Kind regards,

Matt Turner, Emma Metcalfe & Iain Lane

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