

Response to Request for Information

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Bus Lane Fines

Request:

What measures are in place to warn people of when they can and can't use a bus lane?

All bus lanes are signed in accordance with DfT guidance and is fully compliant with the legal requirements.

Is there a re-occurring time where drivers tend to use the bus lanes illegally?

Bus Lane Location	2015	2016	2017	2018
Cleveland Street	13:00 - 14:00	11:00 - 12:00	12:00 - 13:00	10:00 - 11:00
Darlington Street			12:00 - 13:00	09:00 - 10:00
High Street			12:00 - 13:00	13:00 - 14:00
Market Street		13:00 - 14:00	11:00 - 12:00	10:00 - 11:00
Stafford Street	16:00 - 17:00	15:00 - 16:00	16:00 - 17:00	15:00 - 16:00
Victoria Square		17:00 - 18:00	18:00 - 19:00	17:00 - 18:00
Willenhall Road	13:00 - 14:00	13:00 - 14:00	13:00 - 14:00	17:00 - 18:00
Wolverhampton Road	13:00 - 14:00	13:00 - 14:00	13:00 - 14:00	13:00 - 14:00

What have you done to make the figure of fines decrease over the last few years?

Local Authorities have a duty to manage their traffic network, improving accessibility for public transport, reduce congestion therefore improve inner city air quality and road safety as such the enforcement of a Bus Lane is necessary to encourage compliance. When commencing the enforcement of any new Bus Lane or Bus Gate warning notices will be issued for a minimum of 14 days, the notice will provide guidance and alternative route maps if necessary. On occasions we have suspended bus lane enforcement where there are circumstances which may confuse motorists such as diversions and roadworks.

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

How much are the fines? - If paid when first issued?

If a motorist contravenes a Bus Lane or Bus Gate the penalty cost is £60 however if paid within 14 days, of the Penalty Charge Notice being served, then the charge is discounted by 50% to £30.

What are your thoughts on people illegally using bus lanes?

Please note that the Freedom of Information Act only allows us to respond using factual information that the City of Wolverhampton Council holds, we cannot provide you with opinions, only factual information.