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Dear Stephen,

Experimental A4 Bus and Cycle Lane

We remain very supportive of the vision behind the original introduction of the A4 bus lane, and would like to see it not only retained, but restored to its original 24-hour operation.

The object is to provide reliable journey times for scheduled public transport. We need to ensure that public transport journeys are as attractive as possible to help encourage people to switch from less sustainable means, leading to the ideal outcome of reduced congestion and pollution.

I appreciate that the removal of the lanes during the off-peak times was to help ensure the lanes were more politically acceptable, however we cannot see what practical benefit this change brought, given that congestion is low during off-peak periods. Bus lanes are most effective when there are no grey areas surrounding their use.

The government's National Bus Strategy requires the Council to provide more bus priority measures and deliver enhanced services from April 2022, and the removal of this infrastructure would do the opposite. We are keen to work with the Council to develop new and enhanced services in this area of Slough, and the Council's investment in this infrastructure is central to the business case for that. It would be a crying shame for all the good work to be undone.

Yours sincerely,

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Robert Williams
Chief Executive Officer