



Moving Traffic Enforcement: Yellow Box Junctions

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1. Background & Methodology

Between 26th July and 6th September, the Council ran a public consultation, seeking to engage residents and motorists that use five Bolton locations, containing yellow box junctions, in sharing their reflections on whether the Council should obtain Moving Traffic Enforcement powers at the sites. During that period a comprehensive communication plan was implemented to raise awareness of the proposal across the borough, with a strong emphasis on engaging commuters around the sites. Information was distributed to all key stakeholders, including the Chief of Police, bus operators and license taxi drivers. Supporting documentation was made accessible on the Council's consultation webpages and social media was heavily utilised throughout the period to share key messages about the consultation.

Participants were surveyed using a questionnaire tool made up of open and closed questions, over a period of 6 weeks, providing respondents the opportunity to reflect and share their thoughts on the proposal. The questionnaire was made available both digitally and offline, with the questionnaire being accessible on the council's consultation web page, as well as in hard copy format, on request.

*A copy of the questionnaire is included at the end of this document, located in Appendix A.

Analysis notes

- Results are presented in the questionnaire format with 'Don't know' type responses removed unless stated.
- Comments have been categorised where feasible. Unless otherwise stated, categories with 5 or more responses are shown. Categories may overlap and a comment from one respondent included in multiple categories. A sample of comments [verbatim] are included in the report. Comments may be abbreviated so that only the relevant extract is included. One comment may be coded into multiple categories, and each category may only cover a certain aspect of the comment, for example a respondent may have made both positive and negative comments about the same aspect.
- Base: unless otherwise stated the base is the number of respondents to a particular question.
- Data has been cleansed where appropriate, e.g., comments moved into existing responses.

2. Consultation responses

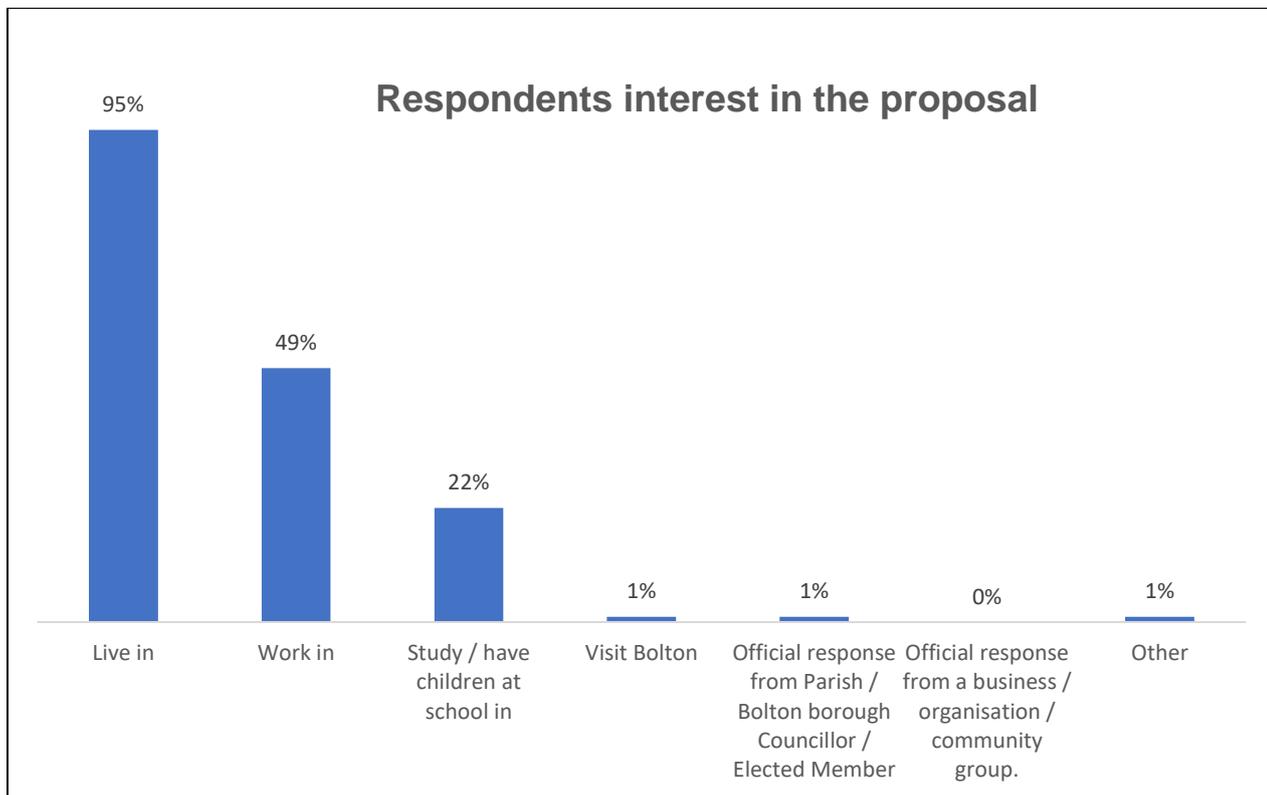
A number of open-ended questions were included in the questionnaire to give respondents the opportunity to comment on the proposal and highlight any concerns at each of the locations.

Throughout the consultation period the following responses were received:

- 202 completed electronic questionnaires from residents and stakeholders
- Stakeholder response on behalf of Greater Manchester Chief of Police - PC Trevor Gibson
- Stakeholder responses on behalf of Diamond Bus North West – Jake Holt
- Resident response *(All stakeholder responses are located in Appendix B)*

Digital survey responses - Interest in the proposal

A total of 202 residents and stakeholders took part in the survey, outlining their reflections of implementing Moving Traffic Enforcement measures at five yellow box junction sites across the borough. 95% of responses live in the Bolton borough. 49% work in the borough and 22% study or have children that access education in the borough. 2% are visitors to the borough. Official responses were received from Elected Members and a resident that lives on the boarder to the borough.



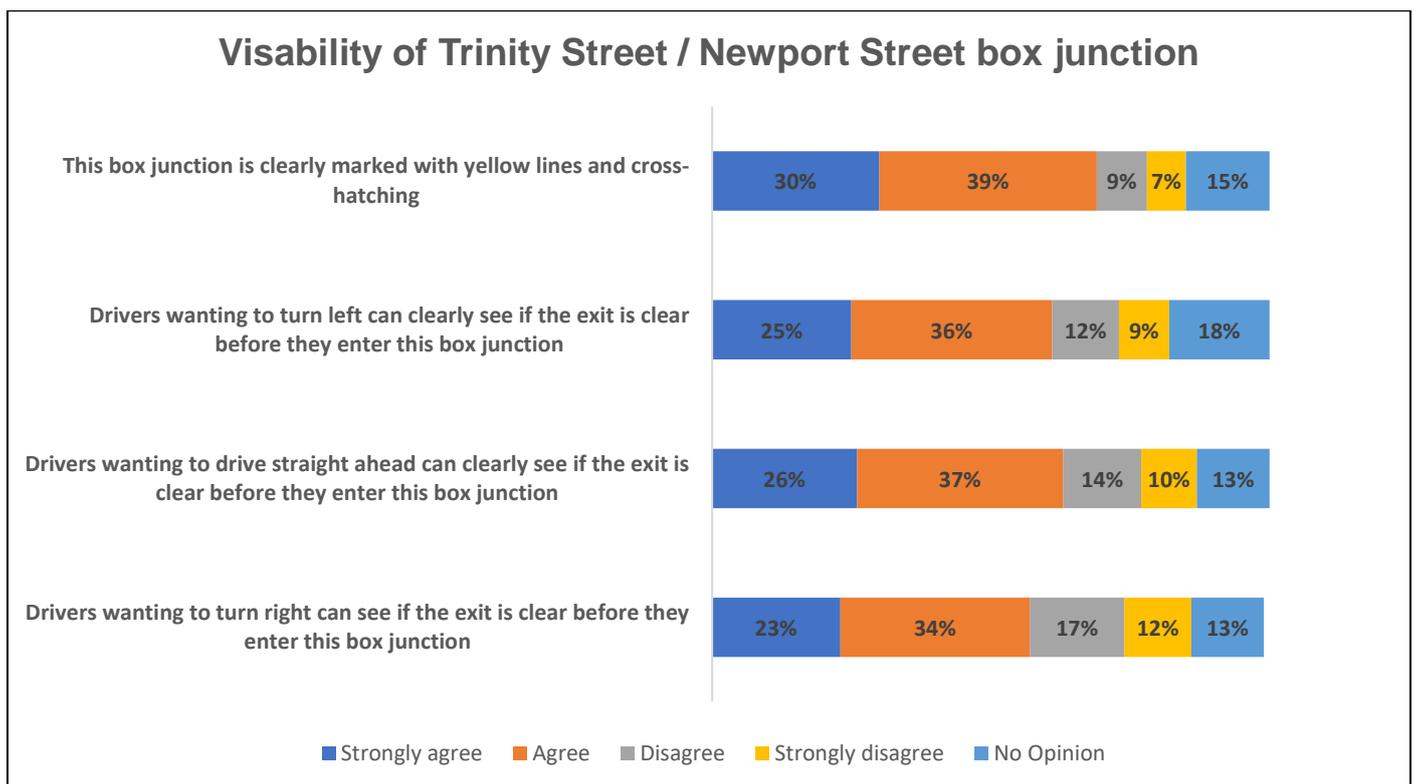
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3. Trinity Street / Newport Street



3a. Visibility on the Trinity Street / Newport Street box junction

Residents and stakeholders were asked to consider the visibility of the Trinity Street / Newport Street box junction. 69% agree that the box junction is clearly marked with yellow lines and cross-hatching. 61% agree that drivers turning left can clearly see if the exit is clear. 63% agree that drivers driving straight ahead can see if the exit is clear before entering the junction; and 57% agree that drivers turning right can see if the exit is clear.



Base average: 189

3b. Comments

Residents and stakeholders were provided with the opportunity to comment on the visibility of the site. 48 comments were received, which have been broken down into the following 4 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Moving into the box junction accidentally	33
Maintenance / signage issues	10
Revenue making scheme	8
Other road users	5

Moving into the box junction accidentally

33 residents and stakeholders were particularly concerned about the impact of the proposal if they moved into the box junction and were fined due to third party factors. Some stakeholders were particularly concerned by the volume of traffic around the site and traffic light phasing affecting the flow of the traffic across the junction.

- *“You leave thinking it’s clear to turn right - but then sometimes the light turn quickly or a car has stalled etc so you have already left the junction but end up on the yellow box”.*
- *“Anyone following another car across the box junction would not see that their exit is clear, therefore this would force every driver to stop and wait till the car in front has exited the box junction”.*
- *“Sometimes drivers can’t see if the road ahead is clear, for instance if a high backed van or lorry is in front and seemingly moving at a normal pace you cant always tell if the vehicle in front has a clear route so you instinctively follow only for them to break suddenly and you are caught in the box”.*
- *“Since the cyclops junction was installed the traffic lights on Thynne Street have been set further back to accommodate the cycle and pedestrian crossings. This has increased the distance from the lights on Thynne Street to end of the yellow box on Trinity Street Bridge making it more difficult for drivers turning right from Thynne Street on to Trinity Street bridge to be 100% confident that they will clear the box junction and not be left in no man’s land if the traffic suddenly comes to a halt on Trinity Street Bridge”.*
- *“The traffic coming uphill is impossible to properly see and judge till you are in the box”.*
- *“To turn right it is not a filter lane, therefore to turn right you can only go when the opposite lanes are clear or when the traffic light turns red therefore you’ll be entering the box on the opposite side of the road while the light is amber/red”.*
- *“I drive this way at 4pm every day, and when the lights at the bottom (onto Manchester Road) turn green, a good chunk of traffic moves through slowly, however, the delay of the tail end of this traffic slowing affects drivers coming from the Newport/Trinity junction and you can be left unsure if the exit is actually full or if cars are still moving to allow room for your own”.*
- *“Large vehicle to the right in outer lanes could potentially block the view of available road space”.*
- *“The exit to these boxes especially on trinity street can be blocked by other road users before you can complete your manoeuvre due to the arrangement of the lights”.*

- *“Trouble with this box junction are the lights, Trinity st tends to stop while the lights on Bradford st are still green and you can be in the box junction before traffic stops on Trinity st comes to a stop”.*
- *“The presence of other signals in close proximity means that the traffic frequently stops at short notice”.*

Maintenance / signage issues

10 comments were received that highlighted concern with the lack of maintenance at the site, with road markings and signage being confusing.

- *“The yellow box markings require repainting at more regular instances. Also the double yellow boxes for traffic turning right from Thynne Street on to Trinity Bridge can be confusing. For instance the space between the 2 boxes near to Newport Street appears to accommodate just 1 vehicle. Would it not be better to just have one large yellow box to take away the confusion?”*
- *“The junction is much to small and has multiple distractions for car drivers to concentrate on”.*
- *“Road markings are confusing for all”.*
- *“I feel it is not a clear marking and lights not on long enough when very busy I feel will make more congestion”.*
- *“Markings not clear enough”.*

Revenue making scheme

8 comments reflected upon the proposal as a way to increase the Council’s revenue, rather than a mechanism to increase safety at the site.

- *“Bolton council are always after money and the motorist is an easy target”.*
- *“You need to consider the cost of living, the impact of this into people's lives, as usual you're going for the drivers coz they're the low hanging fruits”.*
- *“This is another idea for councils to try and make more money out of motorists”.*

Other road users

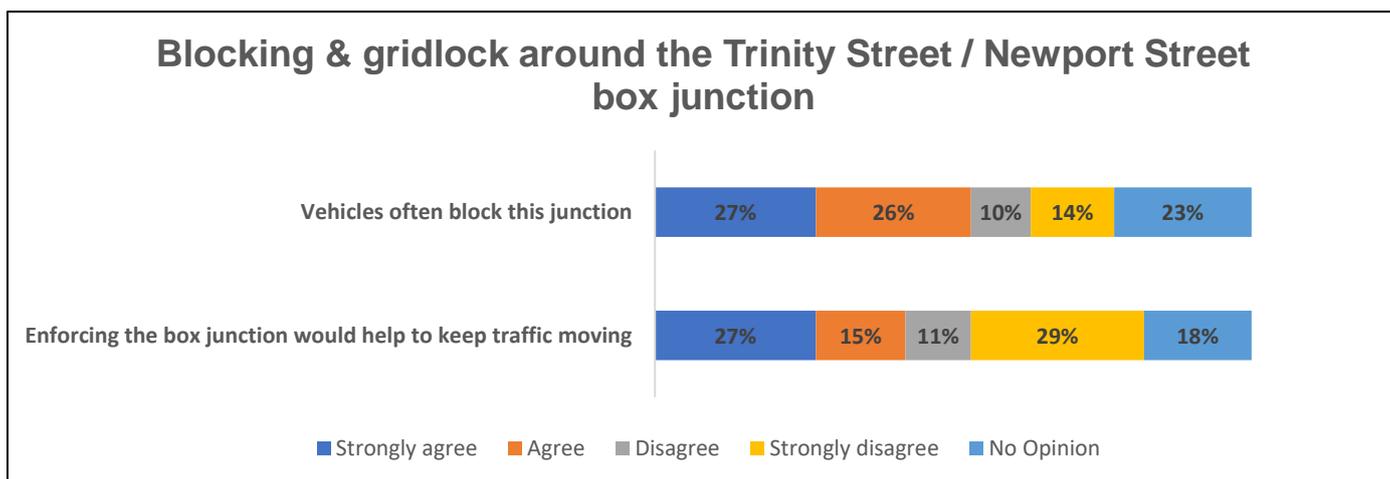
5 comments referred to other road users that may access the site, including how the junction has been designed with pedestrians and cyclists in mind. However, this new cyclops layout has led to frustration and confusion.

- “The junction is much too small and has multiple distractions for car drivers to concentrate on including: pedestrians leaving the train station distracted by mobile phones, pedestrians rushing to get to the train that have arrived at the train station, large numbers of pedestrians attending the bus interchange, pedestrians walking across areas they should not including jumping over walls, taxi drivers pulling in past the box junction blocking one of the lanes on Trinity st. Cyclists that do not understand the new layout”.
- “The cycle lanes are causing huge traffic jams and no cyclists ever use them traffic flow was very easy before cycle lanes were introduced and the lanes are under used”.
- “The problem with this junction is the amount of confusion and distractions that take your eyes from concentrating on the road. There are so many markings, from cycle lanes to give way lines to dashes across the road linking cycle lanes on either sides of pavements, arrows on the road indicating which lane you need to be in, on top of the traffic lights and signage”.

Additional comments were received that called for the proposal to include other motoring offences, **“motorist is an easy target, you need to crack down on illegal parking and vehicles which are not fit for the roads”**, as well as challenges with people using the area to drop passengers off at the interchange, **“people unexpectedly pull over into the left hand lane and stop to drop off a passenger. This can leave you stranded in the box”**.

3c. Blocking / gridlock around the Trinity Street / Newport Street box junction

Residents and stakeholders were asked to consider how far they agreed that there is an issue with blocking or gridlocking around the Trinity / Newport Street box junction site. Of the 189 responses received, over half (53%) agreed that vehicles often block this junction. When asked to consider whether enforcing the box junction would help to keep the traffic moving, 42% of respondents agree and 40% disagreed.



Base: 189

3d. Comments

56 comments were received from residents and stakeholders who expressed further reflections on blocking and gridlocking at this site. Comments were categorised into 6 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Revenue making scheme / investment	19
Volume of traffic	12
Traffic lights	8
Stop off points / cycle lanes	7
Challenging layout, inc interchange	7
No issues	6

Revenue making scheme / investment

19 comments reflected concern from stakeholders that the proposal was a revenue making scheme by Bolton Council and questioned what the income would be used for and where investment would be made.

- *“The council have spent millions and the roads are worse so this won’t improve”.*
- *“Again you are always after taking peoples money especially in this climate”.*
- *“Investment in the roads infrastructure is needed not financially penalising drivers on already congested roads”.*
- *“Up to now we have not had a problem. Why then you are hell bent in wasting more tax payera money in unnecessary project. Reduce council tax!”*
- *“There will always be drivers who pay no regard for junction boxes. This is another get rich quick council scheme”.*

Volume of traffic

12 stakeholders commented on the volume of traffic around the site, which impacted on how the box junction was used by road users. The traffic light phasing was seen as a key contributor to this build up in traffic.

- *“It’s not junction box that stops traffic. It’s the volume of cars. They should have made 3 lanes instead of two.”*
- *“Because of the weight of traffic in this area”.*
- *“The junction will grind to a halt at peak times as it forces people to wait for the exit to be and no one around that could block the manoeuvre they are about to do.”*
- *“Queues will form at busy times when drivers can’t leave the box”.*
- *“Feel congestion would increase or lights need changing”.*
- *“Sometimes the only movement of travel is provided by going into the box, otherwise the lights change back before the exit clears due to the amount of traffic held at the lights further down trinity street.”*
- *“It’s only busy at peak times inc as the new pickup point for the Railway station moved to Newport street only few cars can get out”.*

Traffic lights

An additional 8 comments were received that made direct comment on the traffic light phasing, seen as a key challenge at this site. Stakeholders called for phasing systems to be better coordinated around the vicinity.

- *“Because all the traffic lights are out of sync so even if your lights are on green you cannot move because of stationary traffic at the next set of lights”.*
- *“If traffic is blocking the junction, it is largely attributable to blocking back from the adjacent junction Trinity Street/Manchester Road junction”.*
- *“Traffic lights used to be timed with next or previous lights helping to keep traffic flowing. This does not seem to be done, this would help traffic flow better”.*
- *“Lights need to coordinate a lot better with the flow of traffic.”*
- *“Too many traffic lights and drivers cutting in.”*

Stop off points / cycle lanes

7 comments referred to the cycle lanes that have been installed, with respondents stating that they cause challenges and are infrequently used. Some comments also reflected upon drivers using one of the lanes as a drop off zone for the train station.

- *“The cycle lanes are causing huge traffic jams and no cyclists ever use them traffic flow was very easy before cycle lanes were introduced and the lanes are under used”.*
- *“The back up of traffic is caused by the ludicrous installation of a cycle lane that nobody uses because the hills are too steep!!”*
- *“New cycle lane (which no one seems to use) and new road layout makes things worse”.*

Challenging layout, inc interchange

7 stakeholders highlighted issues with the layout of the site, including its proximity to the interchange.

- *“Won't make any difference to a badly laid out junction”.*
- *“Perhaps the use of linked SCOOT+MOVA might also help to address the overall congestion problem at both junctions, rather than at just one of the two junctions, if not already installed?”*
- *“The problem is the people who stop past the junction to drop people off (presumably for the station).”*
- *“Vehicles have to stop regularly due to selfish people stopping at the station to drop people off, causing traffic to come to a stand still”.*
- *“The recent change to that junction has meant you've strategically had to put the yellow box there so you can fine motorists! It's borderline malicious! It's slow, congested and now dangerous for motorists, pedestrians and also cyclists!”*

No issues

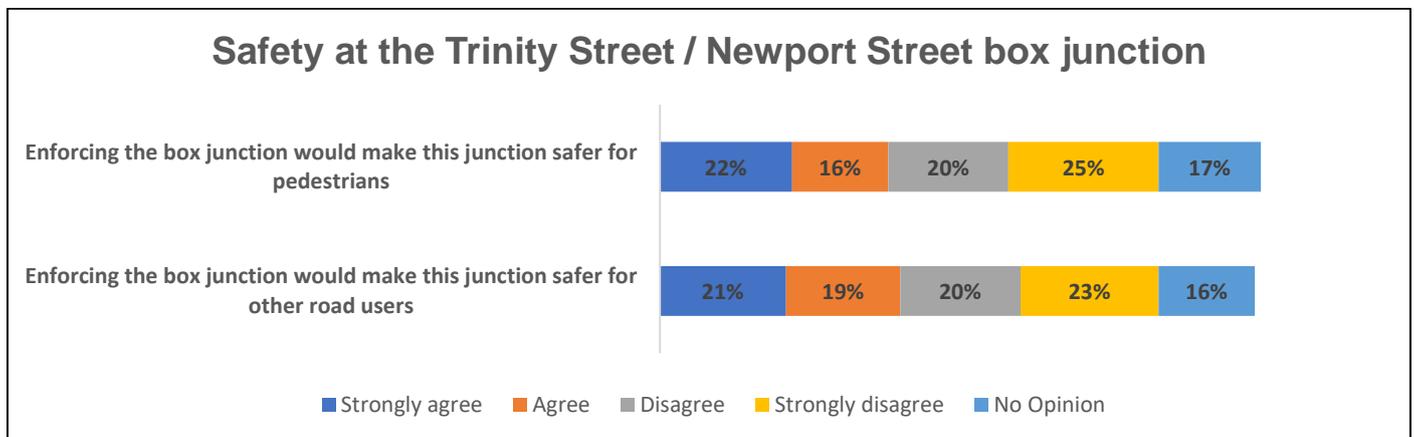
6 residents and stakeholders stated there are no current issues at this site, so questioned if the proposal to enforce was necessary.

- *“Doesn’t need enforcement it’s not a problem at all and enforcement Will actually cause more congestion with people frightened to go when they actually can”.*
- *“It is rarely a problem when I drive through”.*
- *“I’ve not generally noticed an issue with traffic being blocked at the junction”.*

Other comments reflected concerns around visibility, particularly when turning right, **“cars get trapped regularly in this yellow box turning right from Thynne Street primarily because they cannot see downhill”**; as well as it being difficult to clear the junction in an allotted time, **“it is not always possible to clear junction”**.

3e. Safety at the Trinity Street / Newport Street box junction

Residents and stakeholders were asked to reflect upon the safety at the Trinity / Newport Street box junction, and whether enforcing the box junction would increase the safety for pedestrians. Out of the 189 stakeholders responding, 38% agreed and 45% disagreed that it would make the site safer for pedestrians. When asked whether enforcement would make the site safer for other road users, 40% agreed and 43% disagreed.



Base: 189

3f. Comments

All respondents were provided with the opportunity to reflect further on the safety measures at the site and whether implementation of enforcement by Bolton Council would increase the safety for all road users in this location. 64 comments were provided, which could be categorised into 5 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Active Travel / Impact to pedestrians	21
Revenue making scheme	13
Layout / signage at the junction	12
Enforcement of other road traffic offences	7
Entering the junction - Concerns	5

Active Travel / Impact to pedestrians

21 comments were focused upon the lack of use by cyclists and how the new infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians has made the junction more confusing for all road users. Where the site is used by pedestrians, stakeholders felt that the site was confusing, with some pedestrians seen walking in the cycle lanes and crossing through queuing traffic.

- *“Pedestrians and cyclists don’t utilise the current cycle path, footpath. Doing so would make it safer, not the enforcement of fines for incorrect use of box junctions”.*
- *“Pedestrians can cross through blocked traffic”.*
- *“Pedestrians crossing at the junction are in a vulnerable position anyway due to the middle island being so narrow especially those with prams or pushchairs”.*
- *“Pedestrians rarely use these areas to cross it would have no impact on pedestrian safety”.*
- *“The road markings are so confusing that pedestrians do not know where to cross. I have seen elderly people walking in the cycle lanes because these lanes are joined by broken lines from one pavement to the other side of the road. Aside from older people in the green lanes, I have never yet seen one cyclist”.*
- *“New cycle layout has made the whole junction a mess. Pedestrians walk in the cycle lanes, raised kerbs and uneven flooring are more hazardous to people than a car stuck in the middle of the road”.*

Revenue making scheme

13 comments focused specifically on the proposal being an additional revenue stream for Bolton Council.

- *“Disagree with another tax on motorists already paying a fair share”.*
- *“We need to tackle the problem. This will just be seen as revenue generation”.*
- *“The road planners have created bottle necks and now aim to capitalise by slowing traffic down by what is simply another tax for using the roads the public own”.*
- *“These proposals are about making money for a cash strapped council, nothing to do with safety”.*

Layout / signage at the junction

12 comments were received that referenced the challenges with the layout of the highway, referencing concerns about the phasing of the lights, lane layout and the volume of signage in the area.

- *“Its more important to get the traffic lights timings and speeding issues addressed - this would make the roads safer”.*
- *“If vehicles block this junction, it has been primarily as a result of waiting to turn-right, doing so once opposing traffic has cleared, allowing them to proceed”.*
- *“Visual disturbance and it makes more worse for the motorist and pedestrians. Many drivers get confused”.*
- *“Cars and commercial vehicles are now driving so close together the actual infrastructure is the thing that’s made it dangerous!”*
- *“New cycle layout has made the whole junction a mess”.*
- *“If exits are in use traffic is stationary”.*

Enforcement of other road traffic offences

7 comments called for the enforcement to go further and include other road traffic offences and other types of road users, including cyclists.

- *“Cars running red lights are more dangerous than improper use of a box junction”.*
- *“Buses pull out into the junction causing a block, enforcement is by camera”.*
- *“Lots of. Cyclist going through red lights”.*

Entering the junction – Concerns

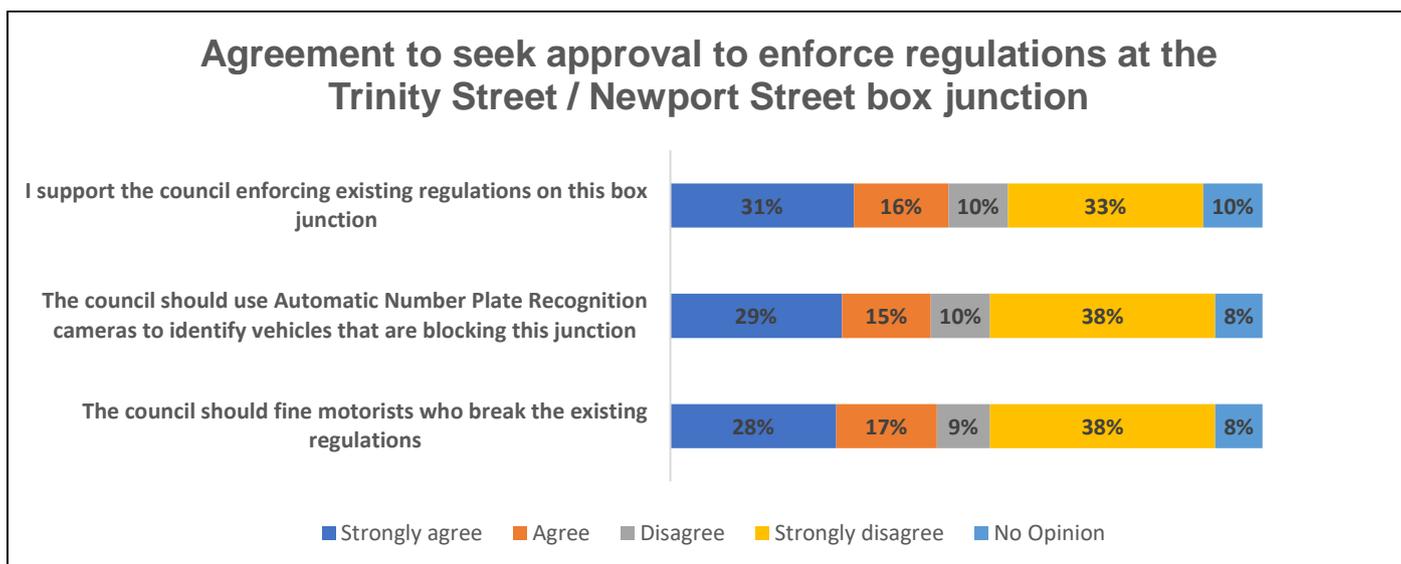
5 comments reflected concerns over entering the box junction accidentally, or the impact of being held back from entering the box junction and the impact this may have on other road users.

- *“Vehicle would block crossings and cycle lane rather than enter the box junction and remain there after traffic lights turn to red”.*
- *“Car drivers at this junction would be forced to stop until they were fully assured their exit is clear causing confusion for pedestrians or other car users that believe the lights have turned to red”.*

Other comments reflected concerns of the Council having the power to enforce and that it should remain with the police, **“only the police should have the power, the council are not the law.”** Additional comments were also received from stakeholders who think there are no concerns at the junction or the proposal does not warrant being implemented, **“I don’t think the junction generally gets blocked”** and **“it’s not going to make the slightest difference in terms of safety”.**

3g. Approval to enforce existing regulations at the Trinity Street / Newport Street box junction

Residents and stakeholders were asked to consider whether they would support Bolton Council in applying for the Moving Traffic Enforcement powers and implementing the regulations at this site. Of the 192 responses received, 47% of respondents supported the Council enforcing the existing regulations. When asked whether the Council should use Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras at the site, 48% disagreed. When asked to consider whether Bolton Council should fine motorists who break the existing regulations, 47% disagreed and 45% agreed.



Base: 192

3h. Comments

Respondents were provided with the opportunity to expand on their answers regarding the Council implementing enforcement regulations at this site. 70 responses were received which were categorised into 5 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Revenue making scheme	34
Challenging road layouts	17
Include other offences and motorists	15
Being penalised without context	11
Police should retain the power	9

Revenue making scheme

34 comments were received that highlighted concern that this could be seen as a revenue making stream for Bolton Council.

- *“Motorists already taxed enough for driving a vehicle with poor access and reliability to public transport”.*
- *“Just another area you've identified that will make you money at other peoples expense”.*
- *“this should have been considered before investing in multi million pound junction improvements, not afterwards”.*
- *“Motorists pay to much as it is this would just be a stealth tax on average people”.*
- *“Bolton council have messed up the centre this is just another way of making money”.*
- *“There are enough fines in the world of driving. It is penalising people who genuinely just make a mistake.”*
- *“Only interested in making money from motorists”.*
- *“Just another money making idea, hitting the pockets of people who are already getting poorer.”*

Challenging road layouts

17 comments were received that highlighted challenges with the road layout, with particular concerns about the cyclops system, traffic light phasing and the volume of traffic in the area.

- *“You have created the bottleneck with cycling lanes that don't get used!”*
- *“By altering the traffic flow around the town (width restrictions, two lanes reduced to one, phasing of traffic lights, too short turning lanes, hardly used bus lanes) the road planners have created bottle necks”.*
- *“Not needed on this junction traffic flow is blocked and slowed by the cycle lanes get rid of the lanes which are not used and flow will also improve on Manchester road”.*
- *“The council has designed these changes to create a dangerous junction! The council should revert back to the older junction layout which was far safer”.*
- *“It's usually around rush hour and after the improvements this still has not worked. We should have had 3 lanes if possible with dedicated right lanes.”*
- *“It is a complicated enough junction and two boxes make matters worse as you are expected to gage both junction and this is dependent on other vehicles as well.”*

Include other offences and motorists

15 comments called for other motoring offences and a wider range of motorists, including cyclists, to be included within the proposal.

- *“Cameras would be better used to detect drivers going thru traffic lights on red.”*
- *“Its more important to spend money on speeding and traffic light timings”.*
- *“ANPR should be used to stop people blocking the exit lane beyond the box junction.”*
- *“If the council are concerned about safety for all road users they should be concentrating on the huge amount of speeding drivers in Bolton”.*
- *“A motor vehicle is far to easy an option to 'fine' lets have a go at cyclists and electronic scooter users please.”*
- *“Other aspects should have priority, such as stopping illegal parking on main routes and bus lanes.”*

Being penalised without context

11 comments reflected on the proposal penalising motorists without having a wider context to why they have moved into the box junction, including drivers stopping unexpectedly to drop someone off at the interchange, causing the traffic behind to stop.

- “A camera still does not show context”.
- “It’s really difficult to judge because you carry on then suddenly the lights change or someone is blocking the traffic because they had a last minute mind change to change lanes and so many times ended up on junction boxes is unavoidable. I feel many people will end up with penalties by sheer bad luck.”
- “Even the best drivers can end up making a mistake in judgement at this junction.”
- “Would drivers of heavy vehicles be fined for 'blocking' the junction if the rear of their vehicle overhung the box junction by say 0.3m.”
- “The reason for blocking the junction could be valid, but not obvious by 'automatic' methods.”

Police should retain the power

9 comments referred to the powers remaining with the police only.

- *“Police have discretion in all cases, photos and council do not.”*
- *“If this problem is so pandemic then why haven’t Bolton council raised it with greater Manchester police , who have all the powers to enforce the law as it stands.”*
- *“This should be left to the police”.*
- *“I don’t mind being booked by a police officer. But not by a civil enforcement officer or by anpr.”*

Other comments reflected a concern around the proposal impacting the local visitor’s economy, **“you are going to stop people from wanting to come to Bolton even further”**. Some comments called for the proposal to consider other highways challenges, **“every route from Daubhil to Deane is clogged up due to taxis and people just stopping at take aways”**. Some comments also stated that there are currently no problems with the junction and therefore the proposal is not warranted, **“I think it rarely happens and don’t think it is a place that causes congestion due to the junction”**.

3i. Additional comments about the proposal to enforce moving traffic enforcement within the box junction at Trinity Street / Newport Street

73 additional comments were received by stakeholders wanting to expand further on their reflections of Bolton Council implementing and enforcing Moving Traffic Enforcement regulations at this site. These comments were categorised into 6 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Traffic management layout	21
General agreement / disagreement	16
Revenue making scheme	13
Enforcement for wider traffic offences and motorists	10
Ensure fines are appropriate and look at alternative measures	7
Improve the highways infrastructure	6

Traffic management layout

21 comments focused specifically on improving the traffic management at the site, from improving the cycle lane infrastructure, to make it less confusing; implementing better phasing of traffic lights around the site and locations immediately beyond the site; as well as making the interchange infrastructure more accessible to drivers dropping off commuters, thus avoiding drivers using the lanes as a drop off zone.

- “Close Newport Street to all traffic and redesign the interchange drop off point on Bradshawgate, where it meets Trinity st, (currently spare land), and create a walkway over the train bridge”.
- “The crossings at this junction are regularly blocked by vehicles. The cycle crossings are impossible to use when this happens.”
- “With these cycle lanes and all the crossings and signals it must be a very confusing junction to someone from out of town.”
- “Better traffic management of this junction is required a peak times.”
- “People are still dropping off along side the station not using the drop off. Erect barriers to prevent.”
- “Another issue with this junction is that the creation of the cycle lane removed the space for taxis to stop along that road, so now they will just stop and put their hazards on.”
- “The traffic light sequencing should be checked to ensure it aligns given the relatively short distance between the lights at this junction and Bradshawgate/Manchester Road, and the lights that control access to the A666.”
- “The Cars turning right cannot see stopping traffic down the hill on the bridge so naturally get stuck in that yellow box.”
- “The traffic lights enabling turning right at this junction are not on green long enough”.
- “The new lay out has caused the increase in congestion due to being overly complicated and confusing and a danger to pedestrians.”

General agreement / disagreement

16 comments were received that predominantly agreed in principle with the proposal or highlighted disagreement with the proposed enforcement measures.

- *“Agree with number plate recognition but need to be sure that it definately would only pick up offenders”.*
- *“These measures are long overdue”.*
- *“As a motorist and a pedestrian I strongly support the Council’s actions to enforce the existing traffic regulations.”*
- *“I am amazed at the amount of drivers who don’t seem to know or just ignore the rules of Yellow Box junctions. I sincerely hope the consultation ends with the introduction of the ANPR cameras”.*
- *“Please make sure the fines are proportionate but also a deterrent.”*
- *“It isn’t a problem leave it as it is.”*
- *“We public do not wish more dystopian enforcements on us.”*
- *“I don’t support it.”*
- *“In summary a very bad idea and will cause confusion and make drivers and pedestrians extremely angry and out of pocket for the former.”*

Revenue making scheme

13 comments were concerned that Bolton Council were applying for the Moving Traffic Enforcement powers to raise revenue for the authority, rather than improve safety for road users.

- *“It is simply a money making scheme for the council and you know it.”*
- *“It’s just a easy way of making money”.*
- *“Money making project for people who are trying to make a living”.*
- *“You should be asking central government for more funding rather than trying to come up with useless, unproven way to rinse already squeezed society's pockets.”*
- *“This is another money making scheme which rips off drivers and nobody else.”*

Enforcement for wider traffic offences and motorists

10 comments requested that the authority look to include other motoring offences and road users as part of the enforcement process.

- *“Start fining for parking on pavements and double yellows”.*
- *“On a regular basis I see busses crossing from Newport street on red and taxi drivers jumping the lights doing illegal u turns people just jumping out at the station holding up traffic.”*
- *“I’d also like to see more random checks on vehicles to ensure they are road worthy, taxed and insured”.*
- *“Also enforce stopping and parking in bus lanes especially on Derby at and deane Rd. Switch on the cameras please”.*
- *“Enforce cyclist have someone on duty to stop cyclist at different times, fine the cyclist”.*
- *“I think that there should be cameras on all traffic lights. Some people just disregard amber lights.”*

Ensure fines are appropriate and look at alternative measures

7 comments requested that Bolton Council ensure that the regulation measures are implemented appropriately, and that consideration should be given to looking at alternative measures rather than fining.

- *“Should be given an option to pay a fine or attend a safe driving course for their first offence”.*
- *“Fines and enforcement should only be used as a last resort for persistent offenders not the occasional lapse in judgement.”*
- *“Re-educate drivers, the standard I see daily is appalling”.*
- *“Before enforcing any fines Council should check for other bad drivers ahead of them that may have cause them to stop on Box Junction”.*
- *“More publicity is required about box junctions as most Bolton drivers don’t understand them.”*

Improve the highways infrastructure

6 comments reflected on the improvement of wider highways infrastructure and consideration of other box junction sites.

- *“Paint and repaint the box when needed.”*
- *“The whole town centre needs a rethink and have more lanes”.*
- *“What about the one at the Dealy st junction on Wigan Rd. That is constantly blocked by people stopping in it”.*
- *“I think another junction the council should bear in mind with is Tonge Moor Road/Crompton way as when there was resurfacing the box junction never got put back”.*

Other comments reflected concern on the impact to the wider visitor economy, **“will make more people avoid bolton”**. Some comments outlined that signage needed to be introduced at sites, highlighting that



enforcement is in operation, ***“a very wide and visible signs must be put at each side to let drivers know that traffic cameras are in place at this yellow box”.***

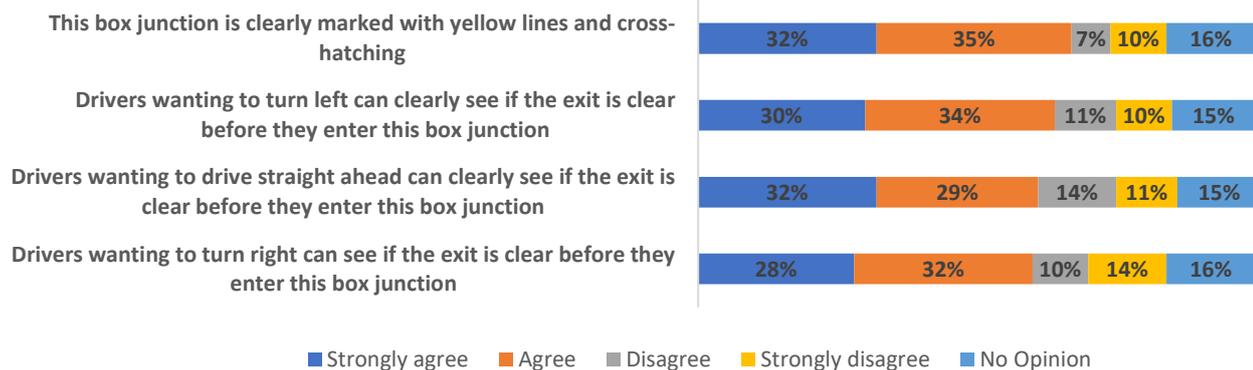
4. Topp Way / Higher Bridge Street



4a. Visibility on the Topp Way / Higher Bridge Street box junction

Residents and stakeholders were asked to consider the visibility of the Topp Way / Higher Bridge Street box junction. Of the 185 responses received, 67% agree that the box junction is clearly marked with yellow lines and cross-hatching. 64% agree that drivers turning left can clearly see if the exit is clear. 61% agree that drivers driving straight ahead can see if the exit is clear before entering the junction; and 60% agree that drivers turning right can see if the exit is clear.

Visibility at Topp Way / Higher Bridge Street box junction



Base average: 185

4b. Comments

Residents and stakeholders were provided with the opportunity to comment on the visibility of the site. 34 comments were received, which have been broken down into the following 4 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Road layout, infrastructure, visibility	13
Being penalised without context	9
Revenue making scheme	6
Volume of traffic	5

Road layout, infrastructure, visibility

13 comments were received that remarked upon the challenges with visibility within the road layout and infrastructure. Particular concerns were highlighted including, the camber of the road, the buildings surrounding the junction, as well as the phases of lights around the junction. These factors all contribute to challenges as a driver using the box junction.

- *“The right turn view is blocked by the central reservation and the cycle of the next set of lights makes the straight on direction unpredictable”.*
- *“Because of the angle of the road and camber it’s sometimes difficult to see exactly where the junction starts and ends also the road marking are very poor”.*
- *“Because the lights for the A666 junction don’t let enough cars through especially during the rush hours”.*
- *“This is an awful junction due to its size and no filters on the lights”.*
- *“Visibility there is awful and traffic flow unpredictable”.*
- *“The Building on the right prevents sight of right turn preview the Flower beds or street furniture on the right prevent sight of clear road turning right.”*
- *“Close proximity of other signals means traffic frequently stops suddenly”.*

Being penalised without context

9 comments were received from stakeholders who were particularly concerned about being penalised as a result of a third-party action. This included vehicles suddenly stopping when a manoeuvre into the junction had already begun.

- *“They can be blocked by others before you complete your manoeuvre”.*
- *“If you have large vehicles turning, you cannot see behind them for other vehicles so forces you to move into the box and crawl past”.*
- *“Traffic backs up and you can’t see or stops once you have already entered the area and you have nowhere to go”.*
- *“When turning right, the traffic seems to be moving, yet can abruptly stop before cars driving through the yellow grid have the chance to exit the junction.”*
- *“This all depends on the size of the vehicle in front of you and you be left in the junction box unintentionally.”*

Revenue making scheme

6 comments reflected on the proposal being implemented to raise additional revenue for the local authority.

- *“Money making project, always taking peoples well earned money”.*
- *“It is needed sometimes and i feel this is a money making scam”.*
- *“Money making scheme , persecuting motorists”.*

Volume of traffic

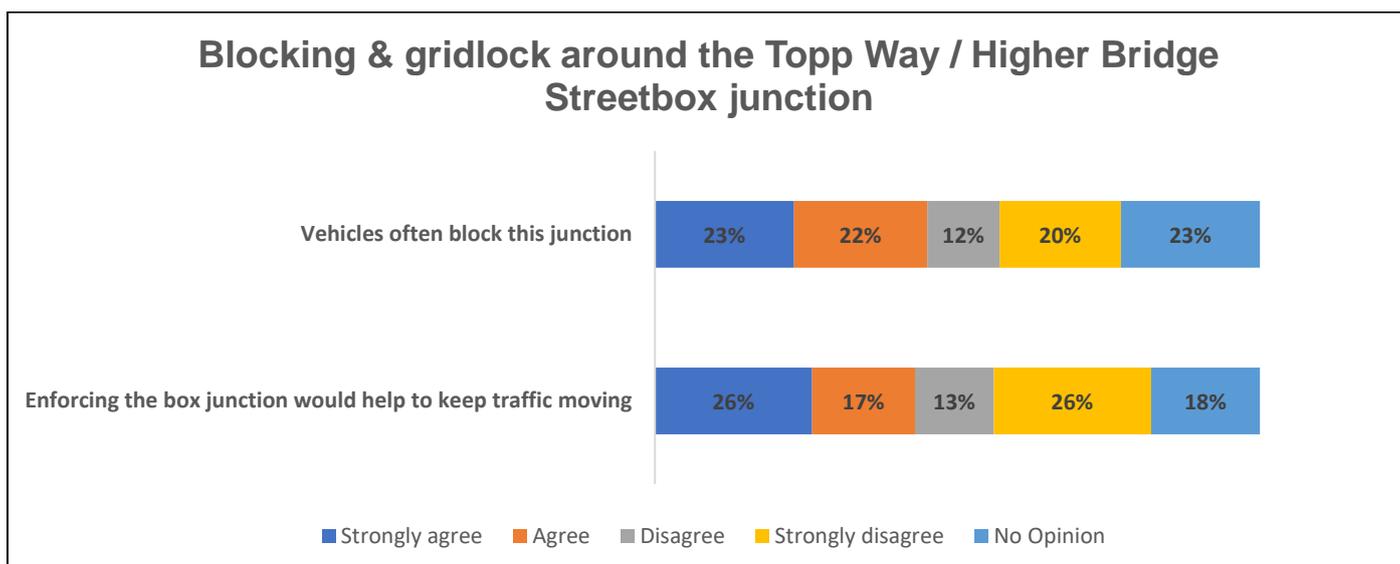
5 comments highlighted the challenges with the volume of traffic at Topp Way / Higher Bridge Street.

- *“Traffic flow unpredictable”.*
- *“Heavily used road”.*
- *“Queues of cars particularly large lorries obstruct view”.*

Other comments reflected the concerns around the general maintenance of the site, **“last time I looked the hatching seemed faint”** and the **“*marking is worn*”**.

4c. Blocking / gridlock around the Topp Way / Higher Bridge Street box junction

Residents and stakeholders were asked to consider how far they agreed that there is an issue with blocking or gridlocking around the Topp Way / Higher box junction site. Of the 186 responses received 45% agreed that vehicles often block this junction. When asked to consider whether enforcing the box junction would help to keep the traffic moving, 43% agreed and 39% disagreed.



Base average: 186

4d. Comments

45 comments were received from residents and stakeholders who expressed further reflections on blocking and gridlocking at this site. Comments were categorised into 3 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
No problem with the junction	16
Layout of junction / poor infrastructure	14
Revenue making scheme	6

No problem with the junction

16 comments were received from stakeholders that stated that there were no issues with the box junction.

- *“The junction does not cause significant congestion”.*
- *“I regularly used this road last year at around 4pm, a very busy time, and would say that it was not a regular occurrence for me to see the box junction blocked.”*
- *“I have very rarely experienced the problems that you suggest”.*
- *“Of all the junctions (I use this one several times a day) I have least issue with this one.”*

Layout of junction / poor infrastructure

14 comments reflected on the challenges with the current layout around the box junction, including the infrastructure. The traffic light sequencing was seen as a particular challenge for motorists, who experience frustration with a short phasing cycle.

- *“I know its a nightmare to turn right from topp way on to higher bridge because again the traffic llight is green for a very short period so traffic backs up”.*
- *“The issue here is the timing between the lights at this junction and the junction with the A666, the poor lane signage and lane design.”*
- *“Problem is the too small 'run off' to the next junction, Better timing on lights would solve the problem”.*
- *“The traffic towards tongemore is the root cause of this issue. If traffic lights are managed According to the time of the day might help”.*
- *“The junction needs a filter arrow for traffic turning right from the filter lane as if there is a lot of traffic coming the other way”.*
- *“At peak times the road after the box does not clear during the cycle of the light changes so when the lights change vehicles are still unable to move”.*

Revenue making scheme

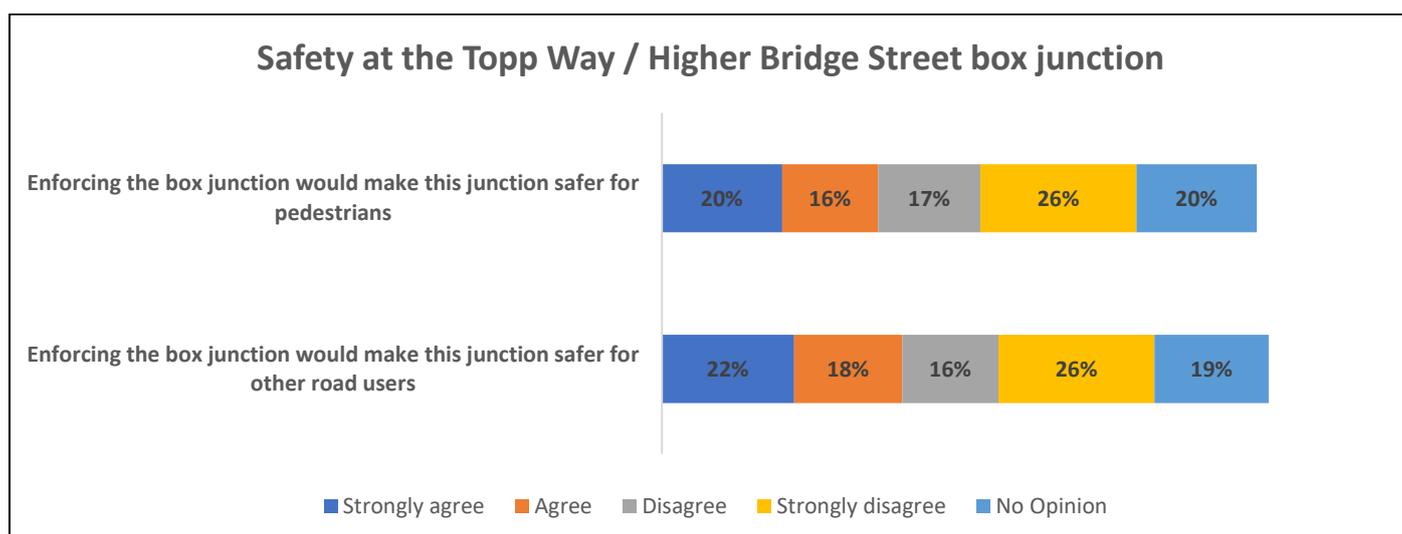
6 comments referred to the proposal being a way to raise additional revenue for Bolton Council.

- “Money making project”.
- “I do not support fake reasons for councils/ government taking money from the people on bogus premises.”
- “Is this about safety or more revenue for the council?”

Other comments reflected concerns of the volume of traffic, **“junction is too busy, flow of traffic would not be improved”** and **“It will just cause more queues at the lights. They are long enough!”**

4e. Safety at the Topp Way / Higher Bridge Street box junction

Residents and stakeholders were asked to reflect upon the safety at the Topp Way / Higher Bridge Street box junction, and whether enforcing the box junction would increase the safety for pedestrians. Out of the 185 stakeholders responding, 43% disagreed that it would make the site safer for pedestrians. When asked whether enforcement would make the site safer for other road users, 40% agreed and 42% disagreed.



Base average: 185

4f. Comments

All respondents were provided with the opportunity to reflect further on the safety measures at the site and whether implementation of enforcement by Bolton Council would increase the safety for all road users in this location. 50 comments were provided, which could be categorised into 4 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Little impact for pedestrians	22
Proposal won't make a difference	12
Revenue making scheme	10
Road layout	6

Little impact for pedestrians

22 responses referred to the proposal not making a difference to the safety of pedestrians. Respondents referenced the infrastructure already in place for pedestrians, as well as the low number of pedestrians that cross at this particular junction.

- “I don’t feel it has anything to do with pedestrians as they have their own pelican crossings away from the yellow box”.
- “Pedestrians have a clear view of all traffic before crossing”.
- “Pedestrians rarely cross here”.
- “I don't see how ANPR enforcement will improve safety for pedestrians, whose crossing points are signalised and who are allowed to cross on a green-phase only during the traffic red-phases.”
- “There are a LOT of very clearly marked, functional crossings for pedestrians to use in this area, they have no excuse not to use them when there are 3 lanes of traffic”.
- “Traffic Islands already in place for pedestrians”.
- “People don't cross the road on a box junction. They cross on the allocated crossing points.”

Proposal won't make a difference

12 stakeholder comments thought that the proposal for Bolton Council to regulate the site wouldn't make a difference to the way the site is currently utilised.

- “Traffic is smooth so why enforce?”
- “I think there is no need at this junction as it, as per my opinion, rarely get congested.”
- “There will always be those who disregard.”
- “I don't think it will make a difference.”

Revenue making scheme

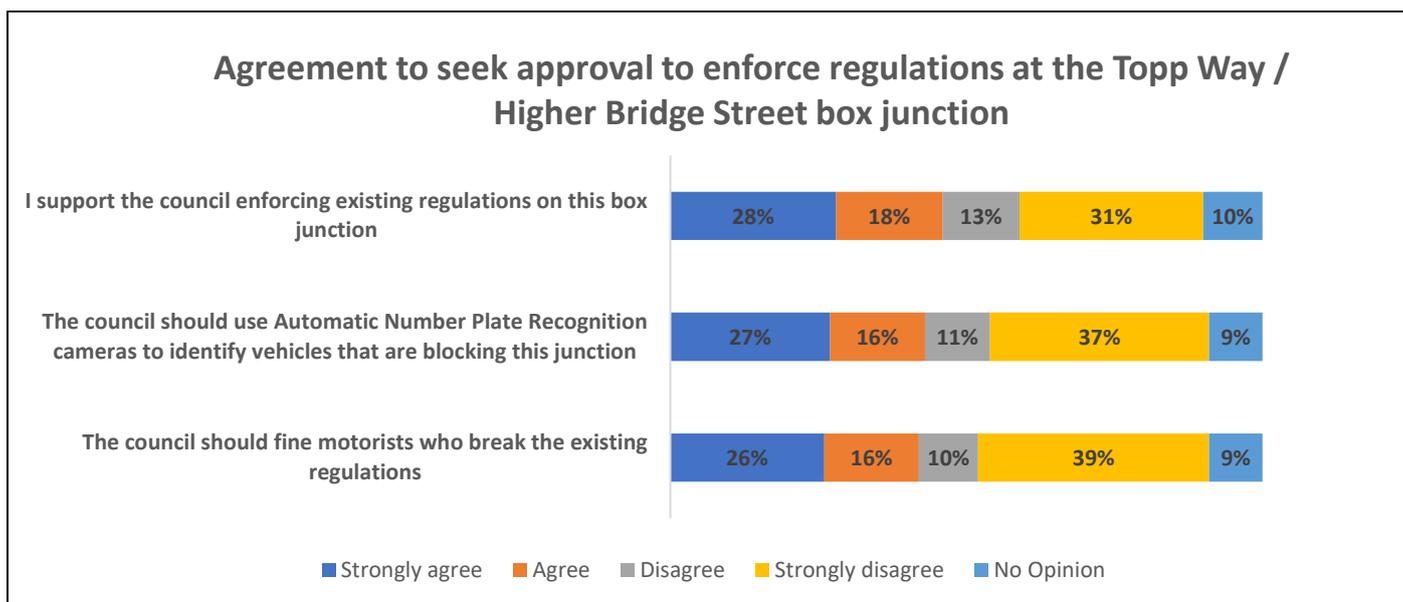
10 comments referred to Bolton Council profiteering from regulating the site, which would impact some of the borough's most economically deprived communities.

- *“Why explore fining people as an option in the middle of a cost of living crisis.”*
- *“Just another area you've identified that will make you money at other peoples expense”.*
- *“We just know this is a money making exercise”.*

Other comments focused on cyclists, **“I have never seen cyclists use this junction yet”, “cyclist and pedestrians ignore the rules”** and **“penalise cyclists and electric scooter users will you - these are the dangers I face as a pedestrian.”**

4g. Approval to enforce existing regulations at the Topp Way / Higher Bridge Street box junction

Residents and stakeholders were asked to consider whether they would support Bolton Council in applying for the Moving Traffic Enforcement powers and implementing the regulations at this site. Of the 185 responses received, 46% of respondents supported the Council enforcing the existing regulations, 44% of stakeholders disagreed. When asked whether the Council should use Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras at the site, 48% disagreed. When asked to consider whether Bolton Council should fine motorists who break the existing regulations, 49% disagreed and 42% agreed.



Base average: 185

4h. Comments

Respondents were provided with the opportunity to expand on their answers regarding the Council implementing enforcement regulations at this site. 45 responses were received which were categorised into 4 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Revenue making proposal	18
Not a problem / won't work / don't agree	13
Traffic layout, including traffic lights	9
Being penalised due to other factors	7

Revenue making proposal

18 comments were received reflecting on the proposal being a revenue making scheme.

- *“Tax on motorists is becoming ridiculous”.*
- *“Enough money is made of car users - instead of these schemes fix the potholes!”*
- *“Fining people for box junction contravention should not be a priority. If the council want to make some money why don't they clear the derelict land the own and either rent or sell it”.*
- *“Money making scam. Poor financial decisions by councils up and down the country are causing this cash grab on motorists. Then they ask why no one goes into town anymore.”*
- *“The whole proposal is plainly a money-making scheme by the council, and not a safety measure.”*

Not a problem / won't work / don't agree

Some stakeholders (13 comments) did not think the box junction was a problem and therefore the proposal was not warranted at this particular site.

- *“The box junction isn't the problem”.*
- *“I don't believe there are enough accidents or issues in this area to warrant it.”*
- *“There are no problems with this junction. Leave it alone.”*
- *“Fining people because of some utopian road traffic plan failure is not the answer.”*
- *“I do not want councils to have moving traffic powers to fine motorists as this will be abused by the council”.*
- *“I do not agree with increased surveillance from the Council by camera.”*

Traffic layout, including traffic lights

9 comments referred to traffic management and the lighting infrastructure/phasing being a more appropriate way of making improvements to traffic flow.

- *“I feel the money can be better sent to sort the traffic jams due to poor traffic light timings”.*
- *“The real issue is the volume of traffic and staggering of the traffic lights. The box junction further up between Topp Way and Turton Street is a MUCH bigger problem”.*
- *“The lights need to be rethought.”*
- *“I would agree with all of these if the junction allowed a filter arrow at the lights for turning traffic from St Peter's Way direction to Higher Bridge St”.*

Being penalised due to other factors

7 comments reflected the concern of being fined as a result of additional factors causing the driver to stop in the junction.

- *“As this is a wide box junction, traffic may move slowly across the box junction - could they end up being fined?”*
- *“There will be innocent people that enter these junctions when the exit is clear for it to get blocked by another road user.”*
- *“Also cars sometimes stop leaving a big gap between cars so the vehicle behind is in the box.”*
- *“The reason for blocking the junction could be valid, but not obvious by 'automatic' methods.”*

4i. Additional comments regarding the proposal to enforce moving traffic enforcement within the box junction at Topp Way / Higher Bridge Street

54 additional comments were received by stakeholders wanting to expand further on their reflections of Bolton Council implementing and enforcing Moving Traffic Enforcement regulations at this site. These comments were categorised into 3 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Problems with layout, inc congestion & traffic lights	9
Revenue making scheme	8
No issue with current layout	7

Problems with layout, inc congestion & traffic lights

9 comments outlined problems with congestion and traffic light phasing. This was seen as a key contributor to drivers stopping in the box junction.

- *“The box junction should be expanded to cover the full junction.”*
- *“There is often congestion at this junction during rush hour where it's impossible to get through the junction when lights change because cars enter the yellow box when the road they are turning into is congested.”*
- *“The traffic backs into the box junction due to insufficient length of road on Topp way between Bridge st and ST Peters Way”.*
- *“Please look at how this whole area works for traffic flow rather than just trying a quick fix”.*
- *“Better timing with lights on St Peters Way would resolve this issue”.*
- *“Sort the lights out at rush hours!”*
- *“Ensure the traffic light sequencing works well with the lights to access the A666, as there's only a short section of road.”*

Revenue making scheme

8 comments continued to reference the proposal as a revenue making scheme.

- *“It doesn’t benefit anyone except the authorities in terms of gaining funds”.*
- *“It’s a waste of time and you need to stop fining drivers to fund the council”.*
- *“You don’t want to solve the problem, better to just keep it that way and take the money eh?”*

No issue with current layout

Some stakeholders (7 comments) highlighted that there were no challenges with the traffic management at this site and therefore the proposal was not warranted.

- *“No issues at all with the traffic”.*
- *“The traffic flow is good at this junction i have been using it for years”.*
- *“Don’t support it. Don’t agree it will make junction safer.”*

Other comments called for other motorists and offences to be included, **“you should have speed cameras on these lights as you have people coming from a666 at speed and continuing on top way”** and **“pull the cyclist for offences”**. Some comments reflected concerns for pedestrians, **“there needs to be some pedestrian crossings put in here as it is a very dangerous area to cross the road as a pedestrian”**. Stakeholder comments also reflected the need for better signage, **“the use of warning signs would also help keep traffic moving”**.

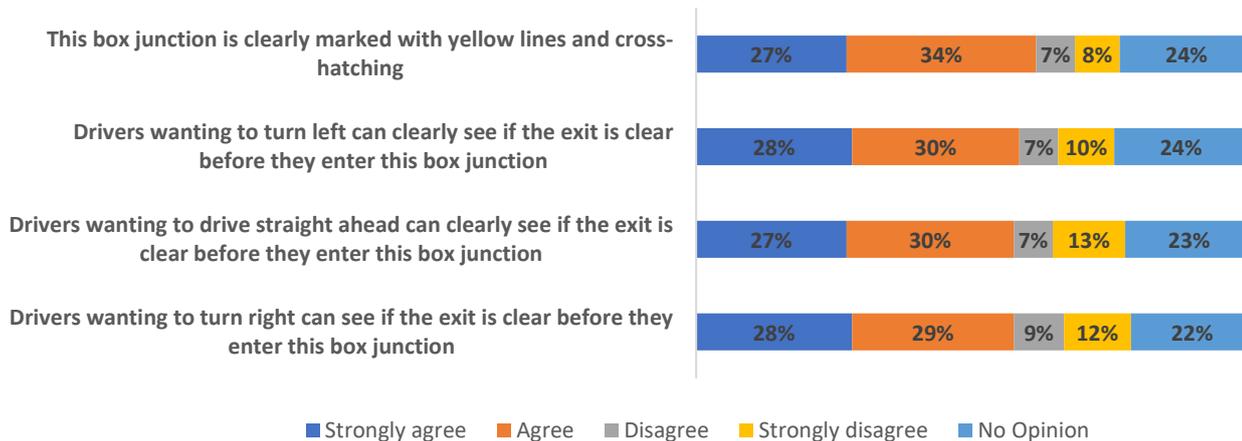
5. Bridge Street / St George's Street



5a. Visibility on the Bridge Street / St George's Street box junction

Residents and stakeholders were asked to consider the visibility of the Bridge Street / St George's Street box junction. Of the 182 responses received 61% agree that the box junction is clearly marked with yellow lines and cross-hatching. 58% agree that drivers turning left can clearly see if the exit is clear. 57% agree that drivers driving straight ahead can see if the exit is clear before entering the junction; and 57% agree that drivers turning right can see if the exit is clear.

Visibility at the Bridge Street / St George's Street box junction



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5b. Comments

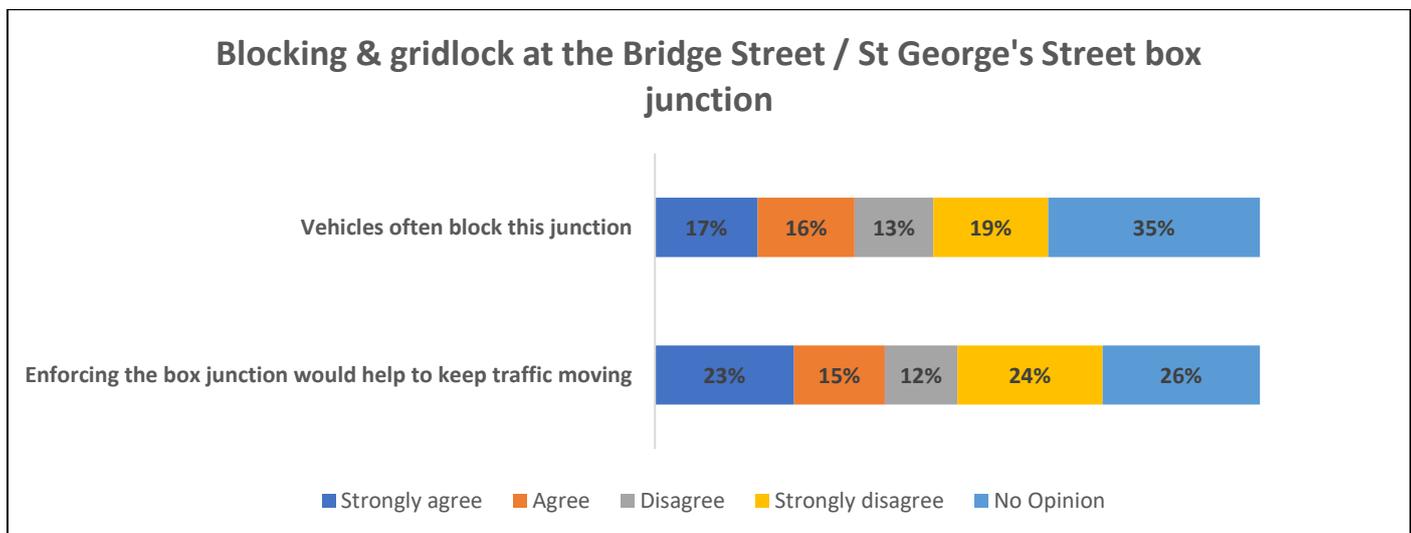
25 comments were received, with specific focus on concerns of the current layout, including signage maintenance (12 comments). Additional comments reflected concerns with moving into the box junction and being penalised due to third party factors, **“visibility isn't clear when you are behind a number of cars in a queue”**. Other comments also perceived the proposal as a revenue making scheme, **“money**

grabbing opportunity”.

- “This direction can have the view blocked by traffic in the other lane”.
- “Markings are worn, vision isn't great”.
- “Road markings need to be kept in good order, not left to fade or sections missing, also better signage all round for motorists”.
- “Yellow road markings look old and worn.”
- “The close proximity of other signals means that traffic frequently stops suddenly”.
- “You cannot turn left at that Junction as there is a ludicrous bus lane only system in place”.

5c. Blocking / gridlock around the Bridge Street / St George's Street box junction

Residents and stakeholders were asked to consider how far they agreed that there is an issue with blocking or gridlocking around the Bridge / St George’s Street box junction site. Of the 182 responses received 33% agreed that vehicles often block this junction and 32% disagreed. 35% had no opinion. When asked to consider whether enforcing the box junction would help to keep the traffic moving, 38% of respondents agreed and 36% disagreed.



Base: 182

5d. Comments

36 comments were received from residents and stakeholders who expressed further reflections on blocking and gridlocking at this site. Comments were categorised into 3 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
No issues with current layout	17
Revenue making scheme	10
Problems with layout	6

No issues with current layout

17 comments were received from residents and stakeholders that did not think there were any issues with the current road layout, and thus the proposal is not needed.

- *“I dont think the junction is busy enough for enforcement/fines to be issued”.*
- *“I’ve never come across a problem with people blocking this junction.”*
- *“Traffic resolves easily in this area without enforcement”.*

Revenue making scheme

10 responses were received stating that the proposal was being explored as an additional method to draw in revenue for Bolton Council.

- *“Trying to make extra money”.*
- *“Solely to make revenue.”*
- *“It’s a tax scam stealing money from the people on a false premise of ‘Keeping People safe’.”*

Problems with layout

6 comments explored the challenges with the layout of the junction, stating particular problems with traffic light management.

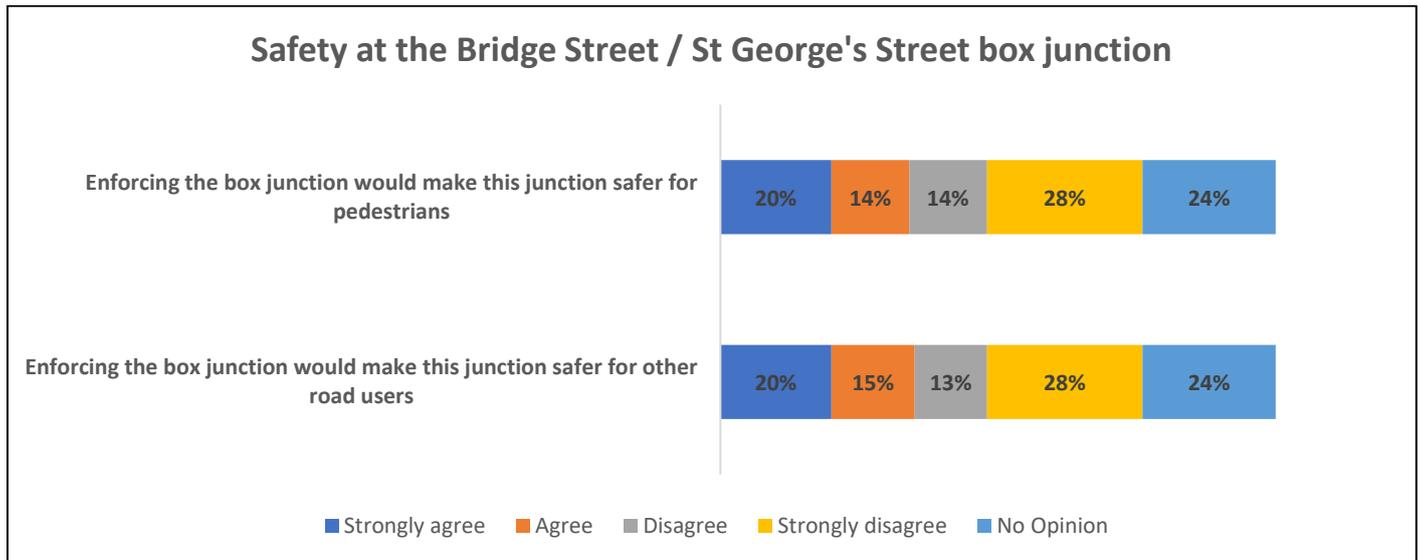
- *“Because the only time the traffic is backed up is due to the lights at the next junction St Peter way”.*
- *“You’ve reduced the speed of traffic, reduced the usable number of traffic lanes and the paying road users sit and look at empty bus lanes.”*
- *“Traffic signals are not managed to ensure an even flow of traffic from all access points”.*

Other comments were concerned with being inclusive of all motorists and offences, ***“I’d love to see some enforcement of the bus lanes on St Helens Road. This really is like Wacky Races.”***

5e. Safety at the Bridge Street / St George's Street box junction

Residents and stakeholders were asked to reflect upon the safety at the Bridge / St George’s Street box junction, and whether enforcing the box junction would increase the safety for pedestrians. Out of the 181 stakeholders responding, 42% disagreed and 34% agreed that it would make the site safer for pedestrians.

When asked whether enforcement would make the site safer for other road users, 41% disagreed and 35% agreed.



Base average: 181

5f. Comments

All respondents were provided with the opportunity to reflect further on the safety measures at the site and whether implementation of enforcement by Bolton Council would increase the safety for all road users in this location. 38 comments were provided, which could be categorised into 3 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Won't work / No issues	12
Revenue making scheme	10
Will cause further challenges	5

Won't work / No issues

12 responses reflected upon there being no issues with the current site or that the proposal wouldn't improve safety at the junction if implemented.

- *"I am not convinced correct use of box junctions will improve road safety."*
- *"This isn't dangerous at this junction, just inefficient".*
- *"In my experience drivers and pedestrians always take good care at this junction".*
- *"There are pedestrian crossings on all sides of the junction. Push the button, wait for the green man and away you go safely."*

Revenue making scheme

10 stakeholder comments reflected upon the proposal being a revenue making scheme.

- “It’s just a money thing there no proof safety would go up”.
- “Bolton council running out of money this why they want to enforce it”.
- “Charging someone half of his/her weeks wages would not make it safer for someone walking in the road.”

Will cause further challenges

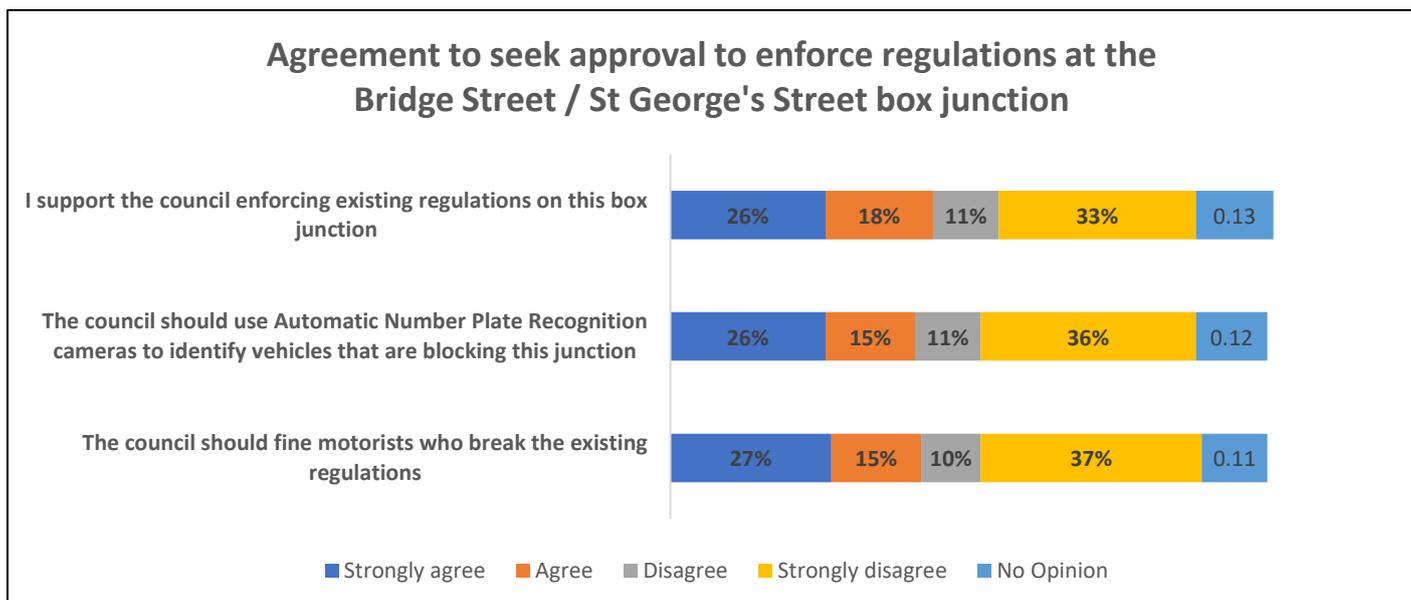
5 stakeholder comments reflected upon the proposal worsening the driver experience at the junction.

- “Traffic will be stationary.”
- “If junction is blocked, it is not moving”.
- “Abuse from vehicles behind”.

Other comments reflected upon infrastructure already in place for pedestrians, “**crossings are available for pedestrians**”, as well as the inclusion of other motoring offences, “**buses are the problem here**”.

5g. Approval to enforce existing regulations at the Bridge Street / St George's Street box junction

Residents and stakeholders were asked to consider whether they would support Bolton Council in applying for the Moving Traffic Enforcement powers and implementing the regulations at this site. Of the 181 responses received, respondents were equally split in their level of agreement, with 44% of respondents supporting the Council enforcing the existing regulations and 44% disagreeing. When asked whether the Council should use Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras at the site, 47% disagreed. When asked to consider whether Bolton Council should fine motorists who break the existing regulations, 47% disagreed and 42% agreed.



Base average: 181

5h. Comments

Respondents were provided with the opportunity to expand on their answers regarding the Council implementing enforcement regulations at this site. 42 responses were received which were categorised into 3 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Revenue making scheme	17
Don't agree with the proposal	9
Powers should remain with the police	8

Revenue making scheme

The majority of comments received (17) reflected on the proposal being a way for the Council to raise additional income.

- *“Mostly it will be fines for people who are not causing any problem.”*
- *“Penalise motorists to make money”.*
- *“The whole proposal is plainly a money-making scheme by the council, and not a safety measure.”*

Don't agree with the proposal

9 comments were received from stakeholders that disagree with the proposal for the Council to regulate Moving Traffic Enforcement at this site.

- *“Fining motorists is not the solution they should be re-educated like speeding”.*
- *“Junction not causing major traffic issues.”*
- *“This does not actually help traffic congestion is unfair on drivers to be micromanaged in this way”.*

Powers should remain with the police

8 comments stated that the powers should remain solely with Greater Manchester Police.

- *“Bolton council should leave the police work to the police!”*
- *“The police already have the required powers.”*
- *“I do not want councils to have moving traffic powers to fine motorists as this will be abused by the council”.*

Other comments were concerned about being penalised due to factors beyond the driver's control, **“a camera only takes a picture it doesn't tell a story of why that motorist is in the yellow box”** and **“it'll punish drivers due to other users making people make rash manoeuvres”**. Some comments were concerned with the road layout, **“the whole area needs to have lights that work together e.g. up to**

Topp Way"; and other comments wanted the proposal to include other motoring offences, **"other aspects should have priority, such as stopping illegal parking on main routes and bus lanes"**.

5i. Additional comments regarding the proposal to enforce Moving Traffic enforcement within the box junction at Bridge Street / St George's Street

38 additional comments were received by stakeholders wanting to expand further on their reflections of Bolton Council implementing and enforcing Moving Traffic Enforcement regulations at this site. These comments were categorised into 4 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Don't agree with the proposal / No problems	11
Challenges with the current layout	8
Revenue making scheme	7
General agreement	6

Don't agree with the proposal / No problems

11 comments were received from residents who didn't think there were traffic management problems at the site or didn't agree with the proposal for Bolton Council to implement regulations at the site

- *"Intelligent traffic management is needed not fining motorists for situations out of their control".*
- *"Traffic flows through without any issues".*
- *"This one isn't as bad for getting blocked and even when it does it doesn't cause as much of a problem compared to the higher bridge Street one".*
- *"In the past, there was issues however, since Argos, M&S and Debenhams close down this is less traffic flow is lot better Therefore it's unnecessary for this".*

Challenges with the current layout

8 comments were received from residents and stakeholders who outline challenges with the current layout, particularly with lane management and the cumulative impact of traffic light sequencing within nearby vicinities.

- *"Provide better lane management."*
- *"Sort out the traffic lights at other junctions to keep the traffic flowing".*
- *"Check traffic light sequencing with lights in the immediate vicinity".*
- *"Fix the roads first instead of these daft schemes."*

Revenue making scheme

Raising additional income from the implementation of this regulation was seen as a key barrier to engaging with this proposal.

- “Stop trying to create issues purely to fleece motorists”.
- “Council will proceed no matter what, only interested in making money”.
- “Tax cameras are tax cameras and increase councils wealth whilst doing zero for safety.”

General agreement

6 comments provided general agreement to implementing the enforcement powers at this location.

- *“Road regulations would make sense”.*
- *“Yep this one definately needs cameras.”*
- *“Enforce it EVERY box junction”.*

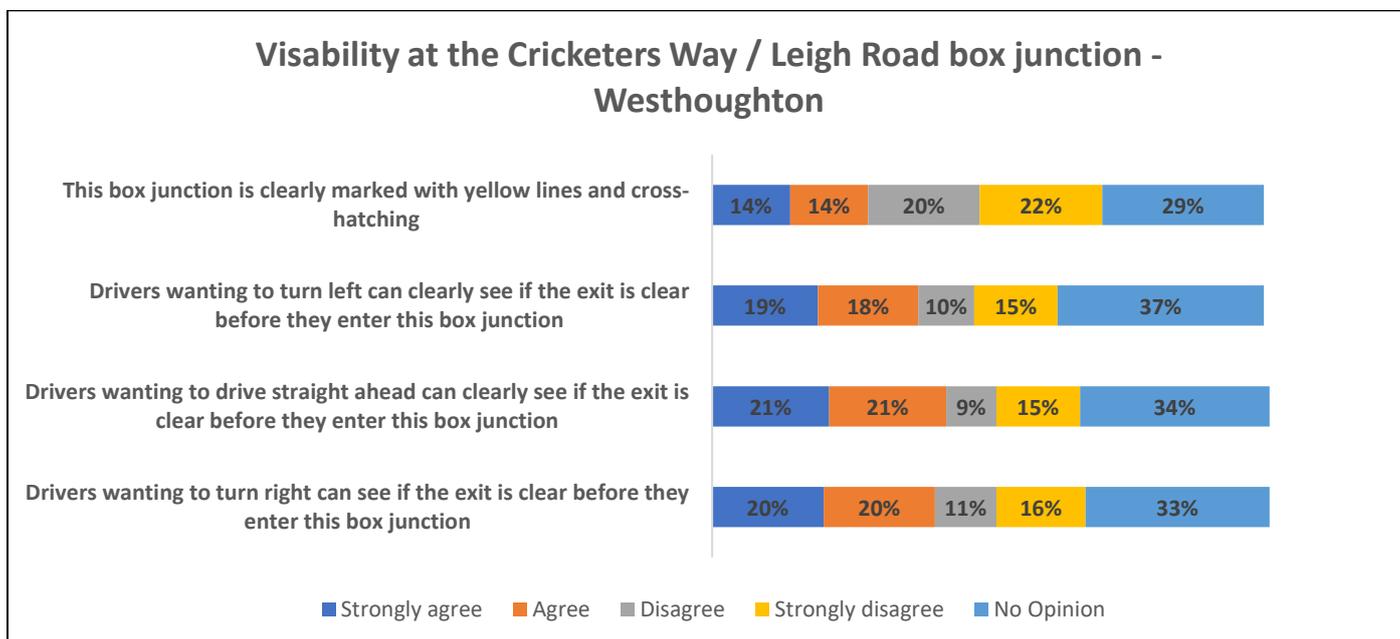
Other comments reflected on the need to have better signage at the site, ***“only if the signs are clear, uncluttered and unambiguous. Ensure there are not multiple signs for multiple things that can mislead or confuse drivers”***; as well as in the inclusion of other motoring offences, ***“link with cars jumping red lights cameras”***.

6. Cricketers Way / Leigh Road



6a. Visibility on the Cricketers Way / Leigh Road box junction

Residents and stakeholders were asked to consider the visibility of the Cricketers Way / Leigh Road box junction. 42% disagree that the box junction is clearly marked with yellow lines and cross-hatching. 37% agreed that drivers turning left can clearly see if the exit is clear, however, 37% also had no opinion. 42% agree that drivers driving straight ahead can see if the exit is clear before entering the junction; and 40% agree that drivers turning right can see if the exit is clear.



Base average: 183

6b. Comments

Residents and stakeholders were provided with the opportunity to comment on the visibility of the site. 59 comments were received, which have been broken down into the following 3 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Poor road markings	41
Road layouts	13
Revenue making scheme	5

Poor road markings

A significant number of responses (41) remarked upon the poor quality of the box junction markings.

- *"You can't see the road markings clearly".*
- *"Yellow lines need repainting".*
- *"The box junction markings were badly worn at this junction the last time I passed through this location."*
- *"The lines are very light people cant see them".*
- *"The yellow lines are badly worn and not clearly visible, so if there is water on the road or poor visibility road users could not see the markings".*
- *"The box isn't clearly marked so drivers continue to block the way".*

Road layouts

13 comments reflected on the road layout and the poor visibility due to the quantity of vehicles in the area.

- *"Park road backs up very quickly and coming out of leigh road the view isn't east as you can't see ahead properly".*
- *"Because off the cars at the lights you cannot see where the cars are until you go when the light go green."*
- *"It is not easy to see if the exit is clear when turning right from leigh road onto cricketers way due to the road lay out".*
- *"The box junction doesn't doesn't cover the road where left turns are made, both left turns are via filter lanes not across the box junction."*
- *"The picture shown does not match the diagram because if you attempted to turn left, you would hit a brick wall."*

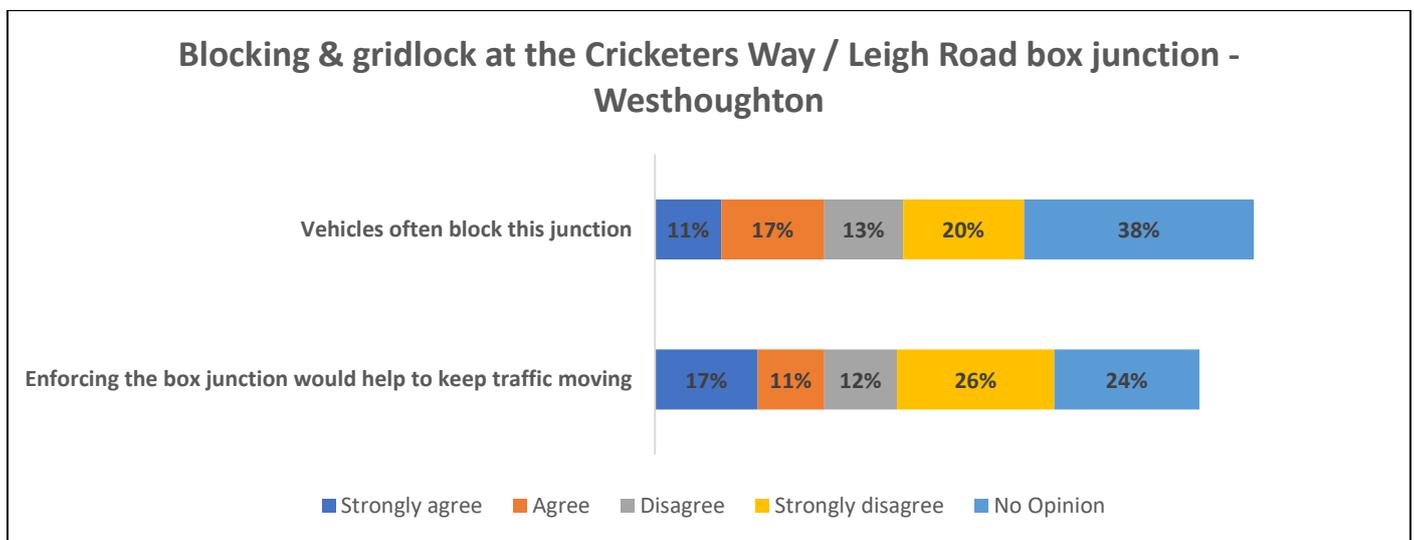
Revenue making scheme

5 comments referred to the adoption of the enforcement powers being a revenue making opportunity for Bolton Council.

- “Money grabbing opportunity”.
- “It's a another money making scheme by the council taxing the motorists!”
- “Will give you an excuse to paint over and cause yet again more congestion to justify your caz/ burnham tax”.

6c. Blocking / gridlock around the Cricketers Way / Leigh Road box junction

Residents and stakeholders were asked to consider how far they agreed that there is an issue with blocking or gridlocking around the Cricketers Way / Leigh Road box junction site. Of the 183 responses received 28% agreed and 33% disagreed that vehicles often block this junction. When asked to consider whether enforcing the box junction would help to keep the traffic moving, 38% of respondents disagreed.



Base average: 183

6d. Comments

37 comments were received from residents and stakeholders who expressed further reflections on blocking and gridlocking at this site. Comments were categorised into 3 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
No issues / won't make a difference	15
Problem with roads in surrounding area	15
Revenue making scheme	10

No issues / won't make a difference

15 stakeholder comments referenced that the proposal would make no difference if implemented, or that there were no issues with the current site.

- *“This junction is not the issue in westhoughton, the junction at the other end of cricketers way outside lidl is the issue”.*
- *“Use this junction at least twice a day, never seen a problem.”*
- *“Although there is heavy peak hour demand at this junction, I have not seen it be blocked by traffic.”*
- *“Never seen it be a problem at that junction.”*

Problem with roads in surrounding area

15 comments reflected on problems with traffic management in the wider area of Westhoughton.

- *“The problem is getting out of Faust hill towards the motorway”.*
- *“Platt lane further on is the problem!”*
- *“I have seen traffic blocking back from the Church Street/Cricketers Way junction.”*
- *“The junction at sainsburys also needs reviewing as this causes issues the other way.”*
- *“It is the right turn from Cricketers Way into Leigh Rd is the accident issue and also the junction at Bolton Rd Cricketers Way that also needs consideration at the same time as that DOES block the right turn into Bolton Rd”.*
- *“Traffic conjection isn't caused by this junction it is caused by the junction of Platt lane and Park road”.*

Revenue making scheme

10 comments referred to the proposal being a revenue making opportunity for Bolton Council.

- *“Financially penalising drivers is not going to resolve the traffic problems going through Westhoughton.*
- *“This is just another way of hitting motorist with more money.”*
- *“All-out money and revenue for the council”.*

Other comments reflected upon the challenges around the volume of traffic if the proposal was implemented, **“It will likely add to traffic as no one would be able to move”**. Some comments reflected upon the impact of traffic management due to housing developments, **“this is due to the volume of new houses in the areas that the roads cannot accommodate.”**

6e. Safety at the Cricketers Way / Leigh Road box junction

Residents and stakeholders were asked to reflect upon the safety at the Cricketers Way / Leigh Road box junction, and whether enforcing the box junction would increase the safety for pedestrians. Out of the 182 stakeholders responding, 42% disagreed that it would make the site safer for pedestrians. When asked whether enforcement would make the site safer for other road users, 26% agreed and 39% disagreed.

Safety at the Cricketers Way / Leigh Road box junction - Westhoughtton



Base average: 182

6f. Comments

All respondents were provided with the opportunity to reflect further on the safety measures at the site and whether implementation of enforcement by Bolton Council would increase the safety for all road users in this location. 40 comments were provided, which could be categorised into 3 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
No issues / won't work	16
Little impact for pedestrians / cyclists	14
Revenue making scheme	9

No issues / won't work

16 comments stated that the site doesn't have any issues that would warrant the Council gaining the powers to regulate the box junction for Moving Traffic Enforcement measures. Others stated the proposal would not work if implemented.

- *"Not convinced box junctions contribute to road safety."*
- *"This junction works well, I have never seen it blocked in 22 years".*
- *"Having not witnessed a capacity issue I can't agree enforcement is necessary."*
- *"Most drivers obey the rules anyway. Stop wasting time on things like this."*
- *"I don't think it's an issue, not even in rush hour traffic."*

Little impact for pedestrians / cyclists

14 comments stated that the proposal wouldn't make a difference to pedestrian or cyclist safety as crossings are available.

- *“The box junction makes not a jot of difference to safety of pedestrians.”*
- *“There are pedestrians crossings on the junction, so there are safe crossings available”.*
- *“The junction has pedestrian crossings on all sides, all the pedestrian has to do is push the button and traffic stops to allow them to cross the road.”*
- *“There's a separate pedestrian phase on the signals so I doubt if box junction enforcement would make much difference.”*

Revenue making scheme

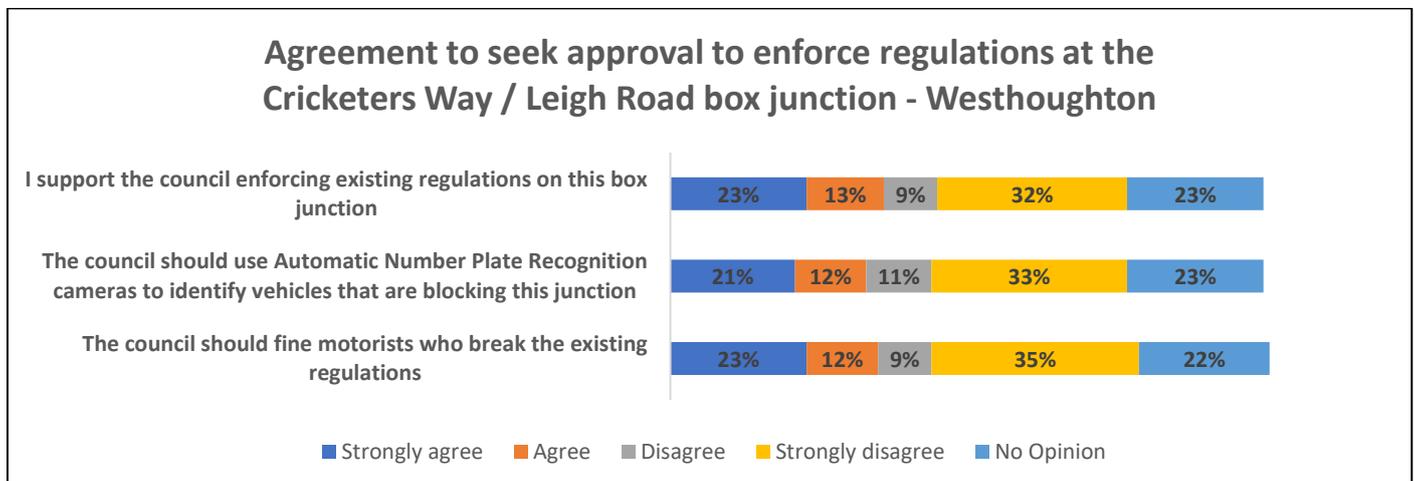
9 comments continued to reference the theme of the Council implementing the powers to raise additional income for the organisation.

- *All about money and revenue for council”.*
- *“We just know this is a money making exercise.”*
- *“You'd make some money, but that's about it.”*

Other comments focused on the challenges with the surrounding area, **“Park road is a car park in rush hour morning/night but motorists do not sit in the yellow box”**, and **“this junction is not the problem it’s PLATT LANE”**.

6g. Approval to enforce existing regulations at the Cricketers Way / Leigh Road box junction

Residents and stakeholders were asked to consider whether they would support Bolton Council in applying for the Moving Traffic Enforcement powers and implementing the regulations at this site. Of the 184 responses received, 36% of respondents supported the Council enforcing the existing regulations, whereas 41% disagreed. When asked whether the Council should use Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras at the site, 44% disagreed. When asked to consider whether Bolton Council should fine motorists who break the existing regulations, 44% disagreed and 35% agreed.



Base: 184

6h. Comments

Respondents were provided with the opportunity to expand on their answers regarding the Council implementing enforcement regulations at this site. 41 responses were received which were categorised into 3 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Revenue making scheme	19
Don't agree / no problem	12
Wider challenges, including highways	7

Revenue making scheme

19 comments continued to refer to the proposal being a revenue making scheme.

- *"You're inventing a problem to try and make money".*
- *"The money made will be sucked into Bolton and Westhoughton will still be gridlocked".*
- *"We just know this is a money-making exercise."*

Don't agree / no problem

12 comments were received that stated there were no issues with the site and therefore the proposal is not needed.

- *"Don't think this junction causes a problem."*
- *"Enforcing junctions like this will not make a difference to safety".*
- *"I don't believe enforcement will provide any benefit on this junction."*

Wider challenges, including highways

7 comments reflected wider challenges with the area, including the volume of traffic on the highway, as well as local housing developments adding pressure to the road infrastructure.

- *"I feel it will cause additional frustration to drivers unable to get through before traffic lights change".*
- *"The infrastructure in this area generally needs much improvement, too many houses and in turn cars for the roads".*
- *"To turn right from Leigh Road onto Cricketers Way/Park Rd is impossible at times and entering the yellow box is sometimes the only way to move forward".*

6i. Additional comments regarding the proposal to enforce moving traffic enforcement within the box junction at Cricketers Way / Leigh Road box junction

48 additional comments were received by stakeholders wanting to expand further on their reflections of Bolton Council implementing and enforcing Moving Traffic Enforcement regulations at this site. These comments were categorised into 6 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Other box junction sites	11
Revenue making scheme	9
Don't agree / no problem	8
General agreement	6
Include other motorists & offences	6
Infrastructure at junction, including signage	5

Other box junction sites

11 comments expressed concern with other sites across Westhoughton that had more pressing challenges for drivers and road users.

- *“Get the Westhoughton bypass built , its the worst place along with horwich in the borough for traffic. Thousands of extra houses and no infrastructure improvements.”*
- *“Sort out snydale way instead and chequerbent.”*
- *“Whilst this junction does get blocked by far worse for causing road issues and congestion is the junction further down cricketers way outside the sainsburys carpark”*
- *“The junctions on Cricketers Way from Sainsbury’s up to & including Leigh Rd need to be considered”.*
- *“The Fairways box Junction is more widely abused.”*
- *“You also need enforce the same rules in the box junction further on at Lidl.”*

Revenue making scheme

9 comments referred to the Council introducing the measures to regulate the site, as an additional way to raise revenue for the authority.

- *“Leave the people alone, stop raising taxes on the bogus cause of 'safety' and concentrate on catching real criminals instead.”*
- *“Revenue raising from motorists again”.*
- *“A complete mis-use and waste of council funds resulting in no improvement in traffic flow whatsoever.”*

Don't agree / no problem

8 stakeholder comments didn't agree with the proposal to implement enforcement measures at the site, as there were no issues.

- *"ANPR is NOT the solution".*
- *"Should not be done. The Council caused this by allowing the development at Platt Lane. This is a massive own goal by the Council."*
- *"This junction is not a hot spot lots of others need more of a priority".*

General agreement

6 stakeholder comments generally agreed with the proposal for Bolton Council to apply and adopt the enforcement measures.

- *"Traffic enforcement is definitely needed. Fines will increase compliance".*
- *"Agree with these measures".*
- *"If the box is clearly marked then drivers should have no complaints if they are fined for entering although I feel it is going to cause as much problems with congestion when drivers avoid entering the box from Leigh road into cricketers way."*

Include other motorists & offences

6 comments wanted the proposal to include other motorists and motoring offences.

- *"How about fining cyclists and pedestrians for not following the rules of the road or using crossings improperly."*
- *"Link with cars jumping red lights cameras".*
- *"Other aspects should have priority, such as stopping illegal parking on main routes and bus lanes."*

Infrastructure at junction, including signage

5 comments reflected challenges with the current infrastructure, in particular the poor quality of road markings. Requests were also made to improve the signage of the site if implemented.

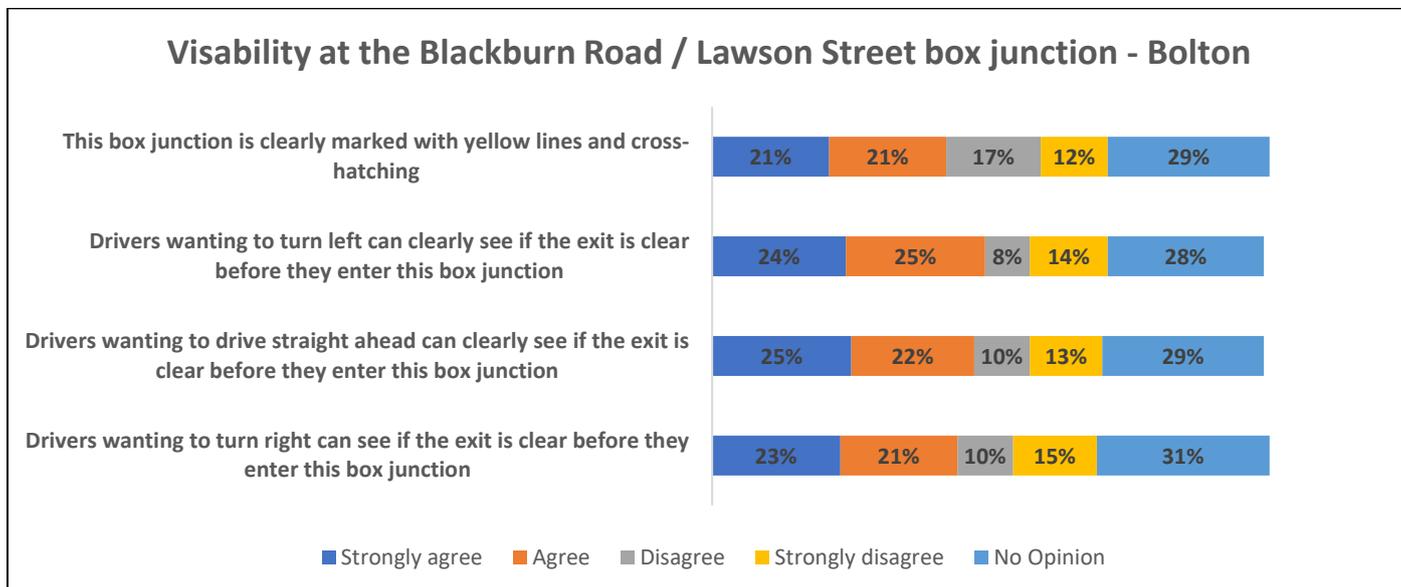
- *"Make sure the box junction is clearly marked."*
- *"If cameras installed then signs must be put on sides to warn drivers of cameras."*
- *"The yellow lines need to be te painted first to make them visible."*

7. Blackburn Road / Lawson Street



7a. Visibility on the Blackburn Road / Lawson Street box junction

Residents and stakeholders were asked to consider the visibility of the Blackburn Road / Lawson Street box junction. Of the 178 responses received, 42% agree that the box junction is clearly marked with yellow lines and cross-hatching. 49% agree that drivers turning left can clearly see if the exit is clear. 47% agree that drivers driving straight ahead can see if the exit is clear before entering the junction; and 44% agree that drivers turning right can see if the exit is clear.



Base average: 178

7b. Comments

Residents and stakeholders were provided with the opportunity to comment on the visibility of the site. 36 comments were received, which have been broken down into the following key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Road markings	18
Challenges with current road layout	13

Road markings

18 comments were received that referred to the poor visibility of the current box junction.

- *“The paint is almost entirely gone”.*
- *“Southbound IS clearly visible but Northbound is not. If it is not intended that Northbound is subject to MTO's then the road markings (which are faint but still visible) should be removed.”*
- *“One side of the road has clear markings, the other side us badly faded and needs to be renewed.”*
- *“Road markings need to be painted much clearer.”*
- *“Needs repainting, worn and unclear”.*

Challenges with current road layout

13 comments were received from stakeholders expressing concern with the current road layout.

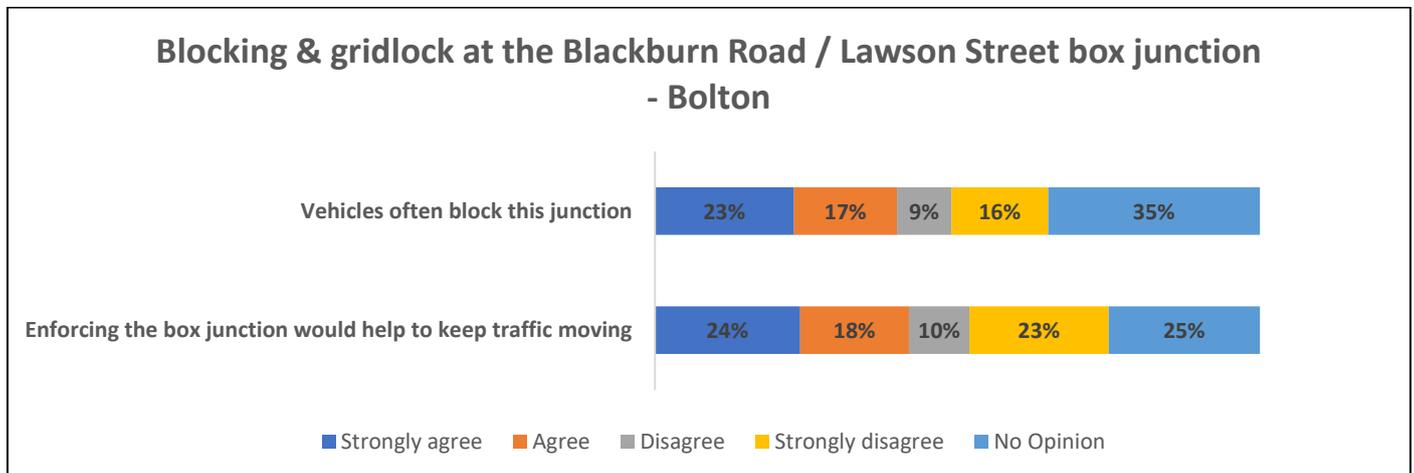
Stakeholders outline that the highways layout, although new, is confusing, particularly impeded by the volume of traffic and poorly phased lights.

- *“The lane for drivers to later turn right onto Moss Bank Way is too short and often cars "stick out" and restrict the room for drivers wanting to drive straight ahead”.*
- *“Biggest shambles of a junction in Bolton.”*
- *“This junction along with the recent work is not fit. Needs a rethink and the slalom lanes on blackburn Rd has made it confusing already. This just adds to it.”*
- *“Is very different junction to predict.”*
- *“Going down Blackburn rd towards Asda the left turn is rather sharp and has cars parked just as you turn the corner”.*
- *“Traffic is coming from each side, so you need to move forward for a better view of your exit”.*
- *“The right filter light to turn onto moss bank change far too quickly making all the traffic released from the yellow box junction come to a standstill”.*

Other comments reflect concerns about parked cars, **“junction is impossible to judge, especially if there are parked cars further down Blackburn road”**; as well as concerns that the proposal is to generate revenue, **“money grabbing opportunity”**.

7c. Blocking / gridlock around the Blackburn Road / Lawson Street box junction

Residents and stakeholders were asked to consider how far they agreed that there was an issue with blocking or gridlocking around the Blackburn Road / Lawson Street box junction site. Of the 178 responses received 40% agreed that vehicles often block this junction. When asked to consider whether enforcing the box junction would help to keep the traffic moving, 42% of respondents agreed.



Base average: 178

7d. Comments

26 comments were received from residents and stakeholders who expressed further reflections on blocking and gridlocking at this site. Comments were categorised into 3 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Challenges with current layout around area, inc volume of traffic	9
No issues / Don't agree	8
Revenue making scheme	5

Challenges with current layout around area, inc volume of traffic

9 responses outline challenges with the highways layout around the site, as well as the volume of traffic in the vicinity.

- *“Large amounts of traffic at peak times”.*
- *“Box junction close to traffic lights create traffic congestion”.*
- *“The main issue here is due to the lack of clarity at the next junction and the overall road layout”.*
- *“The problem is the main junction with Moss Bank Way about 50 yards further on”.*
- *“Blackburn road always had more traffic flow and poor lights”.*

No issues / Don't agree

8 respondent comments stated that there are no issues with the current site, or that they don't agree with the proposal.

- *"I would not say it's often that the junction is blocked, maybe occasional".*
- *"Never encountered a problem here."*
- *"No evidence to support this".*

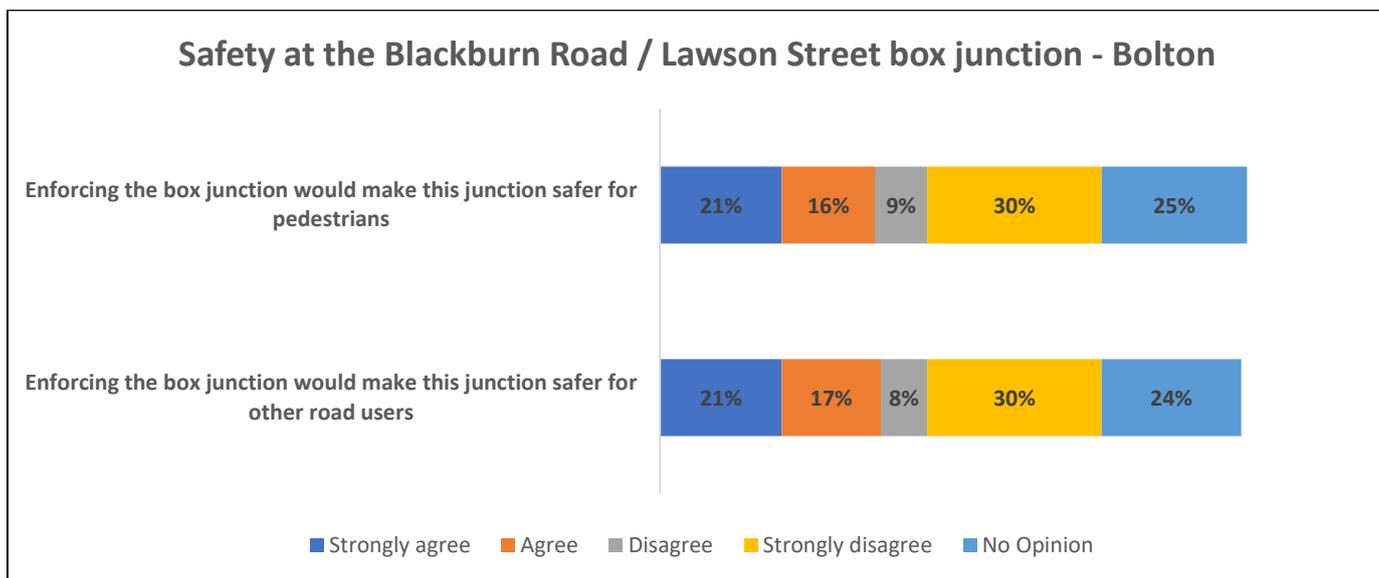
Revenue making scheme

As with all the other proposed locations, 5 respondents also stated that the enforcement power would create an additional revenue stream for the local authority.

- *"Revenue for council".*
- *"Money grabbing opportunity, no issues with traffic".*

7e. Safety at the Blackburn Road / Lawson Street box junction

Residents and stakeholders were asked to reflect upon the safety at the Blackburn Road / Lawson Street box junction, and whether enforcing the box junction would increase the safety for pedestrians. Out of the 178 stakeholders responding, 37% agreed and 39% disagreed that it would make the site safer for pedestrians. When asked whether enforcement would make the site safer for other road users, 38% agreed and 38% disagreed.



Base average: 178

7f. Comments

All respondents were provided with the opportunity to reflect further on the safety measures at the site and whether implementation of enforcement by Bolton Council would increase the safety for all road users in this location. 29 comments were provided, which could be categorised into 3 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Revenue making scheme	11
No issues with safety / don't agree	8
Little impact for pedestrians	7

Revenue making scheme

11 comments reflect concern that this may be a method for the Council to raise additional income.

- *“Because you are trying to make money out of a problem you have created!!”*
- *“We just know this is a money making exercise.”*
- *“An opportunity to grasp another revenue stream.”*

No issues with safety / don't agree

8 respondent comments had experienced no issues with the site or didn't agree that the proposal should be implemented.

- *“Box junctions do not contribute greatly to road safety.”*
- *“There is no real safety issue here”.*
- *“Never seen a problem. How does anyone think it will improve safety?”*

Little impact for pedestrians

7 comments referenced that the site provided adequate crossings for pedestrians and therefore safety was not a concern.

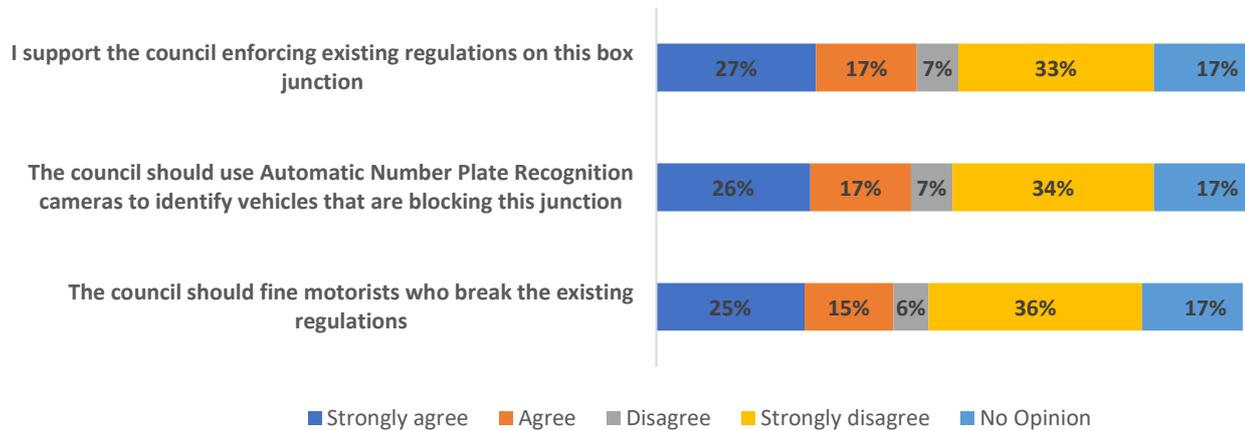
- *“Pedestrians can use the junction safely now”.*
- *“Pedestrians can use the crossings that are provided.”*
- *“There are signage for all the other road users and pedestrians but they do not follow it correctly”.*

Other concerns reflected challenges around the phasing of the traffic lights, **“traffic light timings need to be assessed and sorted”**.

7g. Approval to enforce existing regulations at the Blackburn Road / Lawson Street box junction

Residents and stakeholders were asked to consider whether they would support Bolton Council in applying for the Moving Traffic Enforcement powers and implementing the regulations at this site. Of the 181 responses received, 44% of respondents support the Council enforcing the existing regulations. When asked whether the Council should use Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras at the site, 43% agreed and 41% disagree. When asked to consider whether Bolton Council should fine motorists who break the existing regulations, 42% disagreed and 40% agreed.

Agreement to seek approval to enforce regulations at the Blackburn Road / Lawson Street box junction - Bolton



Base: 181

7h. Comments

Respondents were provided with the opportunity to expand on their answers regarding the Council implementing enforcement regulations at this site. 33 responses were received which were categorised into 2 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Don't agree / no issues	12
Revenue making scheme	11

Don't agree / no issues

12 comments were received from stakeholders that didn't agree with the proposal for Bolton Council to implement the Moving Traffic Enforcement powers at this box junction. Other comments within this theme stated there were no issues with the site.

- *"I do not want councils to have moving traffic powers to fine motorists as this will be abused by the council."*
- *"Will not ease congestion."*
- *"No issues with traffic".*
- *"I don't think threats and fines are the answer because I don't believe motorists are purposely blocking the junction."*

Revenue making scheme

11 comments referenced the proposal being a way for the Council to create a revenue stream, which could financially impact the most vulnerable citizens within the borough.

- “Another tax on the motorist”.
- “I don't agree with criminal councils stealing money from the people.”
- “The whole proposal is plainly a money-making scheme by the council”.

Stakeholders reflected on other concerns including fining other motorists and offences, **“other aspects should have priority, such as stopping illegal parking on main routes and bus lanes”**; as well as challenges with the road layout, **“the problem here is with the overall road design not people stopping in the box junction”**.

7i. Additional comments about the proposal to enforce moving traffic enforcement within the box junction at Blackburn Road / Lawson Street

41 additional comments were received by stakeholders wanting to expand further on their reflections of Bolton Council implementing and enforcing Moving Traffic Enforcement regulations at this site. These comments were categorised into 4 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Challenges with layout / surrounding areas	17
Don't agree / no issue	9
Include other motorists / offences	8
Revenue making scheme	5

Challenges with layout / surrounding areas

17 comments remarked upon challenges with the road layout and the layout of the roads in the surrounding area. The comments reflected concern with drivers blocking neighbouring junctions on Blackburn Road, as well as issues with traffic light phasing, which result in a backlog of traffic.

- *“You should have box junction outside viola street as there a work buildings and it is difficult to get to the other side as traffic in rush hour block the entrance to the street”.*
- *“A problem with this junction is if you are turning right off Lawson Street onto Blackburn Road the right hand filter gets blocked quickly due to the right filter from Blackburn road turning right onto Moss Bank Way”.*
- *“Ever since the main junction was improved the traffic lights are out of sync and the timings are not good.”*
- *“The lights at the Blackburn road/moss bank way junction need to be adjusted to prevent the traffic backing up to the box junction and preventing traffic turning out of Lawson st/holly st at busy times.”*
- *“Drivers currently completely ignore the yellow box, which impedes traffic flow, and can also make ambulance access to the A666 from Belmlnt Road difficult because traffic has nowhere to go.”*
- *“If you are coming out of Asda and some one is blocking the box everyone gets stuck. Every direction of that junction is horrendous. It really does cause a huge build up of traffic”.*

Don't agree / no issue

9 respondent comments stated that there are no issues with this site or generally do not agree with the proposal.

- *“Leave it the way it is”.*
- *“Not the role of the council”.*
- *“Although except there’s a problem on this junction, I do not believe that the officers at the Town Hall are responsible enough to give out fines for moving traffic offences”.*

Include other motorists / offences

8 comments called for other motorists and offences to be included within the Moving Traffic Enforcement regulations.

- *“Use your current powers to prevent illegal parking along Blackburn RD, outside certain buildings”.*
- *“Cars regularly run the lights at the junction of Blackburn Rd/Moss Bank/Crompton Way making it very dangerous for other road users and pedestrians.”*
- *“I would also suggest Red light cameras should be installed as Blackburn road traffic pass through on Red as a matter of course.”*
- *“Switch on bus lane cameras”.*

Revenue making scheme

5 comments focused specifically on the proposal being a revenue making scheme.

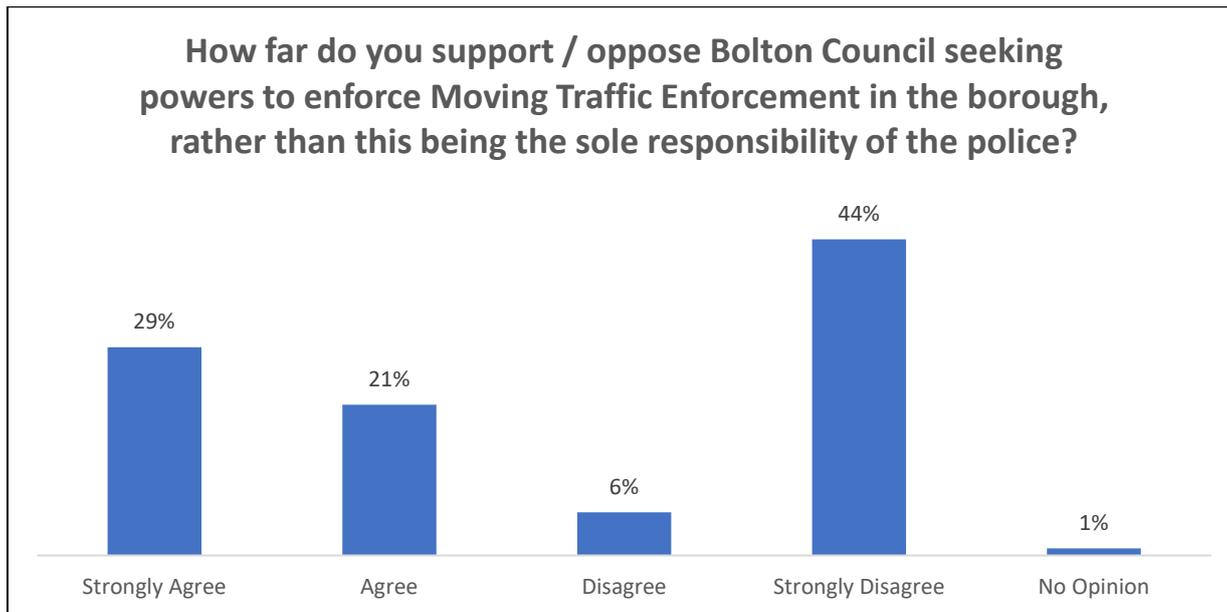
- *“Money making project”.*
- *“No issues with traffic it's just another money grabbing opportunity”.*

Other comments reflected upon the signage in the area, ***“the lines need re painting and warning signs need to be installed, as this will help to keep traffic moving”***, as well as general agreement for the proposal, ***“fully support enforcement of this Junction for the safety of all users”***.

8. General reflections

8a. Level of agreement for Bolton Council to seek the power to enforce

Respondents were asked to consider whether they would support or oppose Bolton Council to seek the powers to enforce Moving Traffic Enforcement within Bolton, rather than it being the sole responsibility of Greater Manchester Police. Of the 197 responses received, respondents were equally split in their opinion of whether the Council should seek the enforcement power. 50% of respondents agree with the proposal and 50% disagree with the proposal.



8b. Other yellow box junction sites for consideration

Respondents were asked to reflect on other roads or junctions from across the borough that should be considered for Moving Traffic Enforcement. 81 comments were received that were categorised into 7 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Don't agree with proposals	18
Westhoughton area	15
Blackburn Road area	10
Deby St / Deane Rd area	7
Harwood / Bromley Cross area	7
Chorley New Road area	7
Boroughwide	6

Don't agree with proposals

18 respondent comments did not agree with the proposal for the Council to adopt the enforcement powers, calling for other methodologies to be explored to improve moving traffic challenges across the borough.

- *“The junctions identified are troublesome junctions and definitely well identified. But the reason for issue and solution identified i do not agree with.”*
- *“Penalties won't resolve the problem but lights at the junction can be managed better”*
- *“All these years its not been a problem. We dont want more cameras! We all oppose!”*
- *“Bolton council have created queueing traffic all over the town due to stupid ideas”*
- *“The council needs to look at ways of creating less complicated junctions with less distractions from irrelevant signage and markings all over the roads which take drivers eyes of the traffic Infront of them.”*

Westhoughton area

15 comments were received from stakeholders that requested several sites across Westhoughton be explored for Moving Traffic Enforcement regulations.

- *“Junction Wigan Road /Cricketers Way, Westhoughton. Not only is this road frequently blocked by vehicles in the yellow box, it is also a hot spot for drivers proceeding through a red traffic light.”*
- *“Wigan Road/Beaumont Road. The number of accidents just in the past year where the car has come off the road is very worrying.”*
- *“Cricketers way outside sainsbury / road to pavilion car park and also cricketers way / Wigan road”*
- *“Wigan Rd/Cricketers Way Junction travelling towards Church St Westhoughton is particular bad with vehicle blocking this junction.”*
- *“Yellow box junction by Lidl in Westhoughton, likewise the traffic lights at Sainbury's which can be a bit of a mare and currently has no yellow box junction.”*

Blackburn Road area

10 comments were received from stakeholders that requested sites stretching Blackburn Road be explored for Moving Traffic Enforcement regulations.

- *“There should be a junction on Blackburn road outside Viola Street.”*
- *“Junction Blackburn Rd/Moss Bank/Crompton Way. Vehicles using the right turn lane to cut to the front of the line of traffic and jump the lights”*
- *“The whole of Blackburn Road is becoming a death trap with the actions of many motorists who block boxes.”*
- *“Junction Halliwell Rd with Blackburn Rd leading onto A666. People doing left turns at lights.”*
- *“Asda Blackburn rd. This has got to be the worst of any I ever drive by.”*
- *“Astley Street/Blackburn Road Junction by Tramways Hotel, a very busy road with numerous accidents.”*

Deby St / Deane Rd area

7 comments were received from stakeholders that requested the Deane Road / Derby Street area be explored for Moving Traffic Enforcement regulations, particularly locations near take-away outlets and the University of Bolton.

- *“Derby Street - many motorists park in the traffic lanes or on double yellow lines while nipping in takeaway shops etc”.*
- *“Dean Rd and Derby St parking/stopping in bus lane on double yellow lines. Also need box junction to University Senate House car park on Derby St. Seen lots of near misses”.*
- *“Derby Street outside Domino’s pizza cars park on main road and no enforcement very dangerous Derby Street outside Subway cars park on main road and no enforcement very dangerous”*

Harwood / Bromley Cross area

7 comments were received from stakeholders that requested several sites across Harwood and Bromley Cross be explored for Moving Traffic Enforcement regulations. The area with greatest comment was the junction around Bradshaw Brow and the cumulative buildup of traffic around the Crofters and Morrisons.

- *“Turton Road / Bradshaw Brow junction - particularly bad at rush hour.”*
- *“Darwen Road, Bromley Cross is a terrible road for speeding and despite signs is clearly ignored by drivers.”*
- *“Road between Lea Gate and Bradshaw Road at the Crofters and also road between Lea Gate and Tottington Road where Morrisons is”.*
- *“Bradshaw Brow junction north of Canon Slade School”.*

Chorley New Road area

7 comments were received from stakeholders that requested that the Chorley New Road area be explored for Moving Traffic Enforcement regulations, including the incorrect use of cycle lanes.

- *“Top of beaumont road with chorley new road, accident black spot, near misses every day!”*
- *“Chorley New Road cycle lane - frequently used as additional carriageway width for motorists, especially on approach to junctions”.*
- *“Top of Beaumont road and Chorley new road is often blocked so traffic cannot turn. Maybe look at sequencing of lights?”*
- *“Chorley Old Road/ Chorley New Road junctions are terrible to cross on foot”.*

Boroughwide

6 comments were received from stakeholders that requested that the authority look at sites and traffic infrastructure across the borough.

- *“All over the town”.*
- *“I would also prefer to see other means of reducing traffic volume throughout Bolton.”*
- *“Take away traffic lights and put in roundabouts instead to keep the flow of traffic moving”.*

8c. Further comments

86 additional comments were received that outlined respondent’s additional views on the proposal for the Council to seek the regulatory powers for Moving Traffic Enforcement. These comments were categorised into 6 key themes.

Theme	Number of responses
Revenue making scheme / Don't fine	32
Don't agree / evidence	21
Include other motorists / offences	20
Challenges with general road layouts, including volume of traffic	16
General agreement	15
Traffic / filter lights	5

Revenue making scheme / Don't fine

A significant number of comments (32) referenced the concern that the Council would utilise the powers to draw in additional revenue for the organisation budget. These comments called for the authority not to fine and to explore other regulatory methods.

- *“Cameras will be see as just another income.”*
- *“You've just seen another income stream that you've put under the guise of improving safety, the reality is this won't make anything safer”.*
- *“I oppose any cameras or fines if its not going to make a drastic change to the traffic or safety to the public and ends up being a money making scheme.”*
- *“Council need to look at already squeezed families, where is the penalties going to come from,you should be getting more funding from central government”.*
- *“You need to look at these junctions better and see what is causing the problems, finning people isn't the answer!”*
- *“Stop targeting working class people and drivers and trying to target them with fines.”*

Don't agree / evidence

21 responder comments don't agree with the proposal for Bolton Council to seek the regulatory powers to enforce moving traffic. Other comments within this theme called for a greater evidence base to make a more informed decision as to whether the measure is needed at each proposed site.

- *“Totally disagree with council”.*
- *“I think at time like this Bolton council should be making visiting Bolton a more enjoyable experience not fines for some situations that cannot be avoided.”*
- *“You're useless at enforcing powers on cars that aren't moving. How would anyone expect you deal with the complexities of cars that are moving.”*
- *“Enforcement should be a distant second and only accompany engineering solutions to PREVENT the wrong occuring. Enforcement is a blunt instrument to prevent.”*
- *“This won't make a difference to safety. It might, at times, make a difference to the flow of traffic, but in many cases it will make it worse or just move the problem away from the monitored junction to another one in the same area.”*
- *“It will just make congestion worse as people will be afraid to go even when it's clear”.*
- *“If you want to command support, some sort of statistical impact assessment would be useful.”*

Include other motorists / offences

20 responses called for other types of motorists and motoring offences to be included within the enforcement powers.

- *“Speeding is a blight on Boltons roads therefore I'd like to see the extensive use of speed cameras for the safety of pedestrians and other road users”.*
- *“Now just need to enforce existing laws regarding parking and speeding!”*
- *“Ban the use of motorised scooters, or force them to buy insurance, when they cause an accident”.*
- *“I would like to see more enforcement of drivers who park on pavements, blocking the right of way of pedestrians. This is becoming common place throughout the town.”*
- *“However it should also be enforced for cyclists who do just what they want.”*

Challenges with general road layouts, including volume of traffic

16 stakeholder comments reflect upon the challenges with road layouts / infrastructure, as well as the wider influences that contribute to increase road pressures.

- *“All junctions, flow of traffic should be reviewed to ensure there isn't unnecessary backing up of traffic which leads to the way not being clear in the first place”.*
- *“The crucial issue is whether the road user has any chance of seeing if the junction is empty when entering the box. If there are large vehicles blocking the lane view or a dip in the road how are they supposed to see their exit is clear?”*
- *“There is the added problem with more houses being built in the area leading to more cars and more pollution.”*
- *“Mostly due to rush hour, but road plans need to be better with wider/extra lane for use in town.”*
- *“It isn't fair to fine people if the road markings are worn and unreadable.”*
- *“Making sure that all yellow boxes are fully marked, no point in having them when the paint is faded or gone”.*

General agreement

15 respondents provided their general agreement to the proposal for the Council to seek the power and enforce at the yellow box junction sites outlined.

- *“These measures are long overdue.”*
- *“I support this because something needs to be done about the poor and dangerous driving across Bolton.”*
- *“I strongly support the council using these powers to enforce as many moving traffic offences as possible.”*
- *“I support enforcement because without such a deterrent selfish drivers will continue to not adhere to the rules of the highway code.”*
- *“I'm all in favour of more moving traffic enforcement because of the execrably low standards of driving that are now commonplace on our roads and the apparent view that a steady stream of deaths is acceptable.”*

Traffic / filter lights

5 comments raised concerns with traffic light phasing, impacting on the volume of traffic at key sites across the borough.

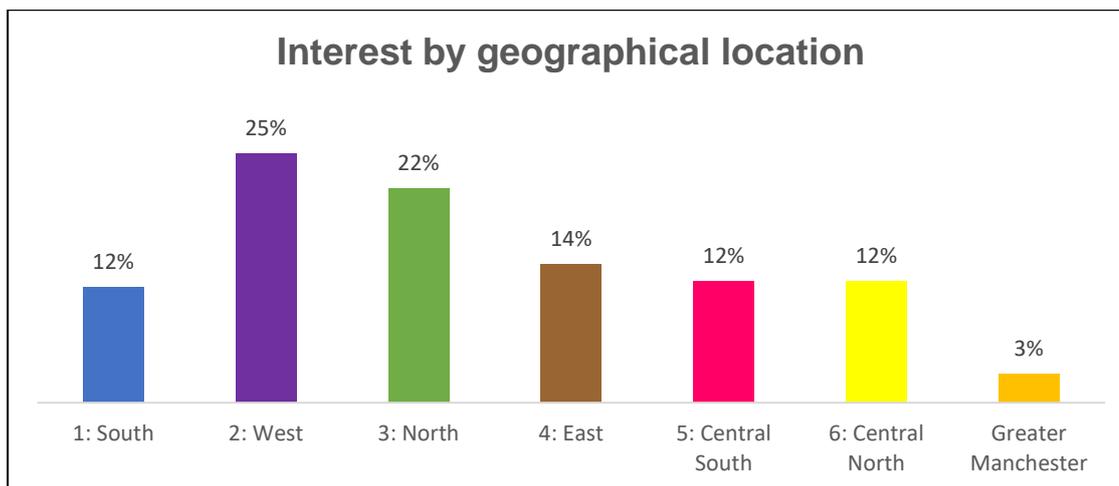
- *“Good lights are far more helpful.”*
- *“The sequencing needs to be sorted on Trinity St /Bradshawgate and Bradford St.”*
- *“Generally support as long as traffic monitoring surveys are carried out to identify traffic signal issues before the enforcements come into force, particularly the issues during the morning rush hour at the Blackburn road/Lawson st junction”*

Other comments focused on schemes to see greater uptake of Active Travel, **“encourage people to take alternative methods of transport”** and **“I feel the government and councils are trying to discourage car users and make it harder to run them.”**

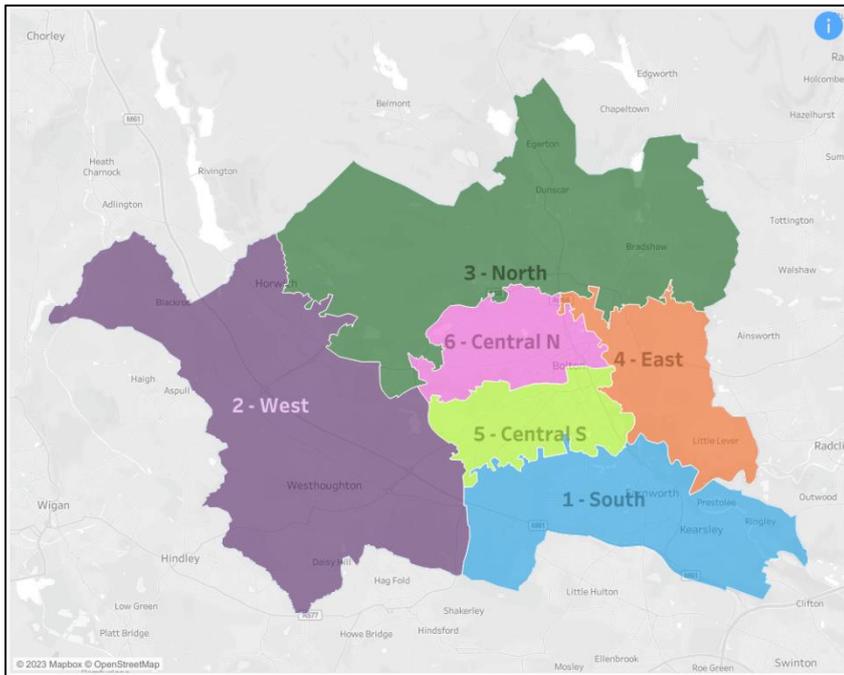
9. Stakeholder demographics

9a. Demographics: Geographical

The table below outlines the demographics of respondents by geographical neighbourhood. A total of 171 respondents provided their full postcode. The greatest number of respondents are from the West of the borough (25%); the North of the borough are represented by just over one-fifth of respondents (22%) and the East of the borough is represented by 14% of respondents. All other areas have 12% of responses. 3% of replies are from respondents in other locations in Greater Manchester.



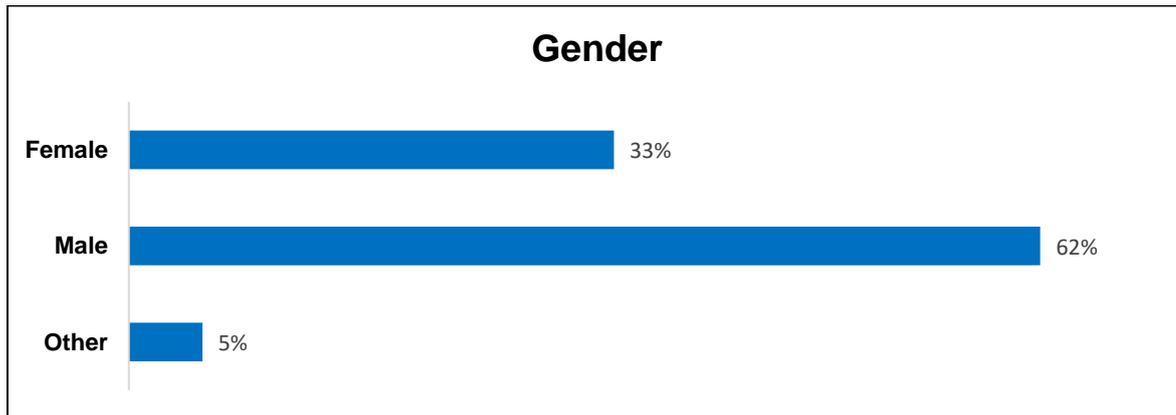
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*Neighbourhoods are a local geography for integrated health and social care; all have a population of around 50,000 residents.

9b. Gender

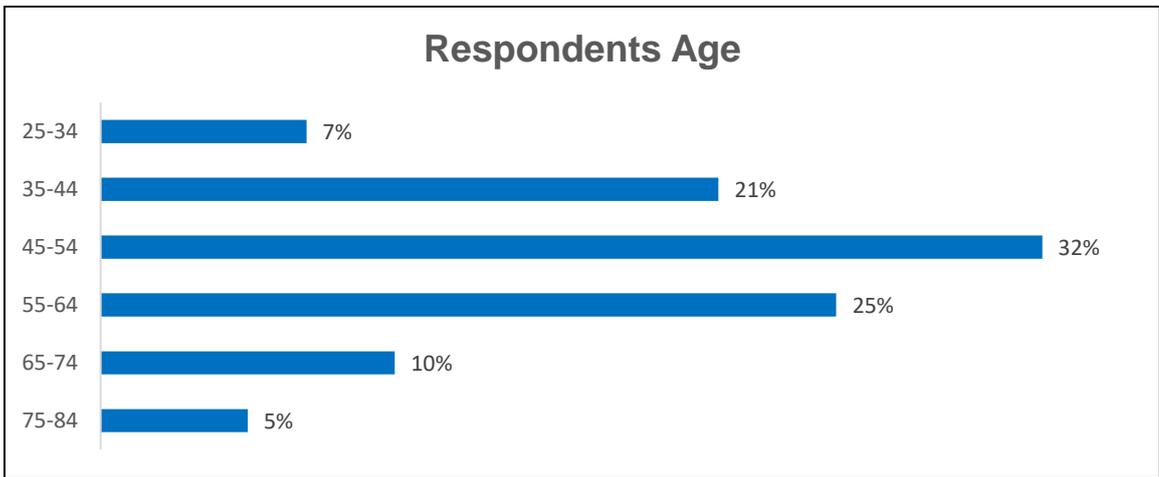
186 responses were received providing the respondent’s gender. One-third of respondents’ identity as being female, 62% identify as male and 5% of respondents identify as ‘other’.



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9c Age

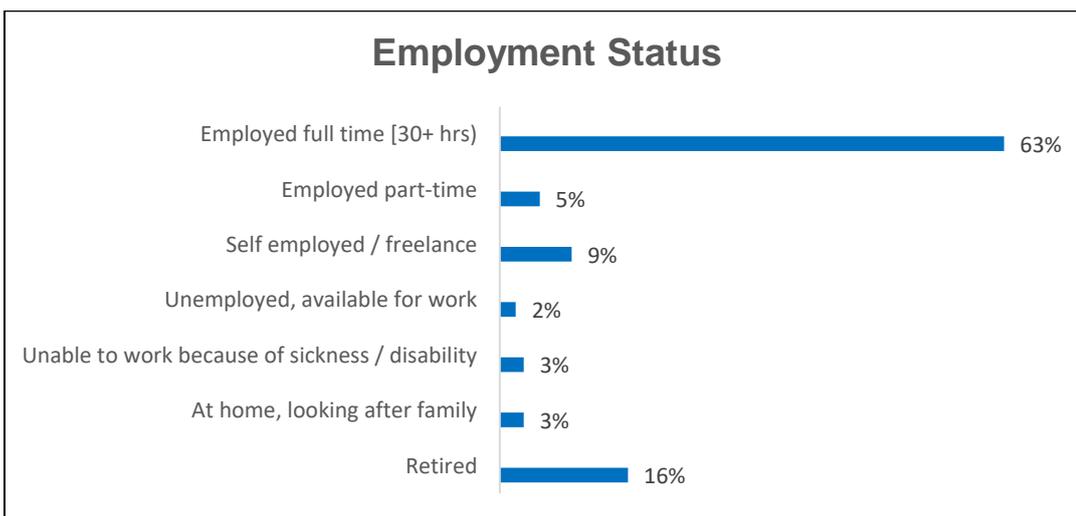
Responses were received from individuals aged between 25 – 84 years. 7% of respondents are under the age of 34 years. 78% of respondents are aged between 35 – 64 years. 15% of responses were received from individuals above the age of 65 years.



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9d. Employment Status

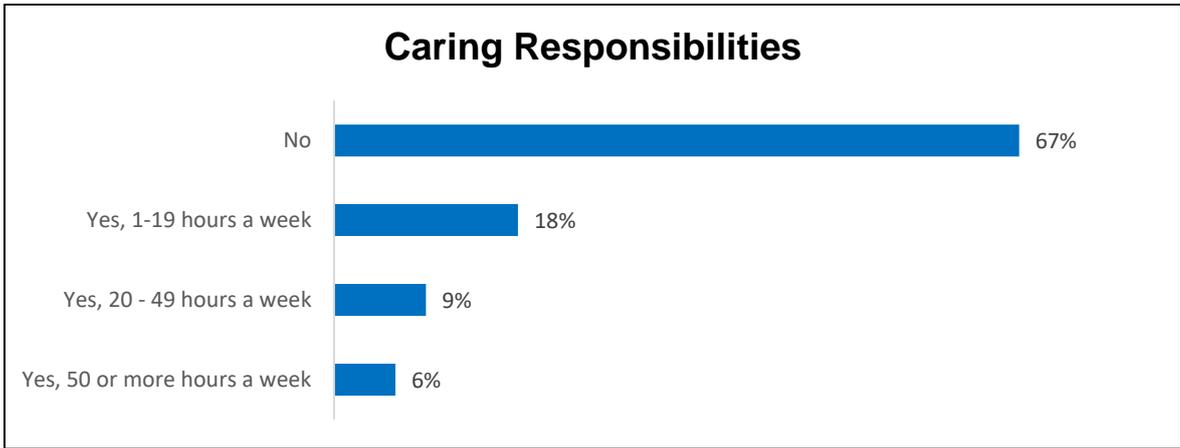
77% of responses received were from individuals in some form of employment. 5% of responses were received from individuals unable to work due to sickness / disability or are unemployed. 3% of respondents stay at home to look after the family and 16% of individuals responded as retirees.



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9e. Caring Status

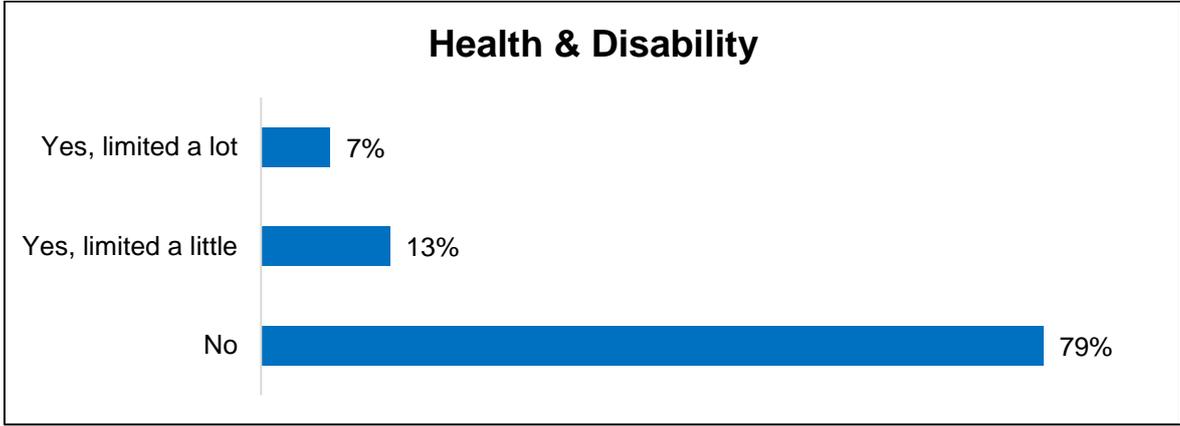
Respondents were asked whether they provide any care or support to individuals with long term physical and mental health difficulties. 176 individuals responded to this question, with one-third having a caring responsibility. 67% don't have any form of caring responsibility.



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9f. Long-term health condition

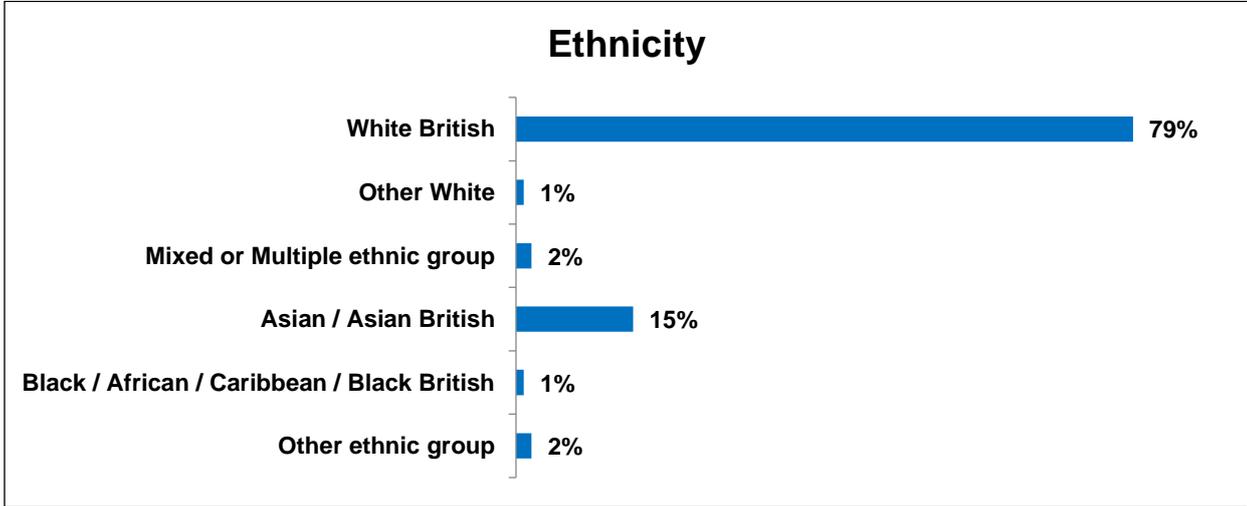
Respondents were asked whether they have any health difficulties or disabilities. Of the 175 responses received one-fifth of respondents have a health condition.



Base: 175

9g. Ethnicity

170 respondents provided their ethnicity when undertaking the consultation. 79% report as being white – British. 21% report as being from other ethnically diverse communities, this includes 15% from the Asian / Asian British community.



Base: 170

10. Summary

Between the 26th July and the 6th September, 202 residents and stakeholders took part in a consultation reflecting on whether Bolton Council should seek Moving Traffic Enforcement powers at five yellow box junction sites across the Bolton borough. These sites already have regulatory measures in place, which are enforced by Greater Manchester Police. These sites include:

- Trinity Way / New Port Street
- Topp Way / Higher Bridge Street
- Bridge Street / St George's Street
- Cricketers Way / Leigh Road
- Blackburn Road / Lawson Street

Respondents were asked a series of questions exploring five themes.

On the theme of 'visibility' at each of the sites, the majority of respondents agree that the box junctions are clearly marked, and it is possible to have a clear view of the box junction before traveling straight ahead or turning right. However, the majority of stakeholders (42%) commenting on the clarity of the box junction markings at Cricketers Way / Leigh Road disagreed. This led to a significant number of comments around the poor quality of the box junction road markings at this location.

Other cross cutting comments received for this theme include, moving into the junction accidentally and being penalised for the action of others; the proposal being a revenue making scheme; and challenges with road layouts.

On the theme of 'blocking / gridlocking' at each of the sites, the majority of respondents agree that vehicles block each of the junctions. However, 33% of respondents disagree that there is an issue with blocking at the Cricketers Way / Leigh Road site (28% agree). When asked whether enforcing the junction would help keep traffic moving, respondents were in agreement with all sites, with the exception of Cricketers Way / Leigh Road.

Other cross cutting comments received for this theme include, the scheme being revenue making; challenges with the layout and infrastructure at key sites, volume of traffic; problems with surrounding roads; and there being no concerns with the locations.

On the theme of 'safety' at each of the sites, the majority of respondents state that the proposal would not make a difference to pedestrian safety at each of the locations. When reflecting on whether the proposal would have an impact on road user safety at each of the sites, the majority of respondents disagree, with

the exception of Blackburn Road / Lawson Street, where respondents are equally split on whether it would have an impact.

Cross cutting comments received for this theme include, the scheme being a way for Bolton Council to draw in additional revenue; the challenges with road layouts and signage; there being little impact on pedestrians; the proposal leading to further impacts; and the proposal not making a difference.

Seeking powers: All respondents to the consultation were asked whether they would support Bolton Council in seeking to gain the regulatory powers for Moving Traffic Enforcement at each of the locations. Majority agreement was provided at three of the locations. However, stakeholders responding to Bridge Street / St Georges Street provided equal consensus (44%), and responders to Cricketers Way / Leigh Street disagreed to the Council seeking to gain the powers.

The majority of responders disagreed to the implementation of Automatic Number Plate Recognition at each of the locations, with the exception of Blackburn Road / Lawson Street, where 43% of respondents agreed / 41% disagreed.

When asked whether Bolton Council should fine motorists that break the regulations, the majority of stakeholders disagree with the proposal.

Cross cutting comments were received around the 'general agreement' theme, these include, the scheme being a way to raise additional revenue; challenges with road layouts; the inclusion of other motorists and offences; there not being a problem with traffic at the locations proposed; the powers remaining with Greater Manchester Police; and there being wider traffic management problems beyond the vicinity of the immediate site.

Further reflections continue to echo those raised throughout the consultation, these include the proposal being revenue making; challenges with layouts / infrastructure; general agreement / disagreement; the inclusion of other locations within the borough; and the inclusion of other motorists and motoring offences.

Other sites to be considered for Moving Traffic Enforcement regulation were outlined as areas across Westhoughton, Blackburn Road, Deane Road / Derby Street, Chorley New Road, and Harwood / Bromley Cross.

Proposal agreement: Overall, there was an equal consensus as to whether Bolton Council should seek the regulatory powers for Moving Traffic Enforcement at key sites across the Bolton borough, with 50% of responders agreeing and 50% disagreeing.

Moving Traffic enforcement consultation

Consultation closes on 6th September 2023

Bolton Council intends to apply for the power to enforce Moving Traffic offences. Moving Traffic enforcement helps to keep traffic moving; reducing traffic congestion and improving safety for everyone who uses our roads and pavements.

In May 2022, the Government granted powers to enable councils to enforce Moving Traffic restrictions. Previously these types of restrictions could only be enforced by the police. The police will still retain the power to carry out enforcement across the borough.

While the powers allow enforcement across the borough, Bolton Council wish to focus on those areas where most problems are occurring in the first instance. Therefore, if Bolton Council is granted this power they will look to prioritise enforcement where there is a known problem, following public consultation.

We have identified five box junctions in the borough where we would like to enforce Moving Traffic offences. We would now like to hear from all road users, residents, business and anyone else who may be affected by these proposals.

Please bear in mind that we're only seeking to enforce regulations that already exist. The change would be that more enforcement could be done and it would no longer be the sole responsibility of Greater Manchester Police.

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Please read the Frequently Asked Questions and other background documents before giving your views on whether or not the junctions we've identified are the ones we should be concentrating on.
www.bolton.gov.uk/directory/13/consultations/category/195
Your views will be considered alongside other information to help Bolton Council decide whether to go ahead with the proposals or not.

Your response - keeping your data safe

Most questions are optional; just miss out any that you don't want to answer.

The results of this consultation may be made public. If you're responding as an individual you won't be identified in any report as your responses will be anonymised and grouped with those from other people. If you're responding in an official capacity your response may be published but no personal details will be included.

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We use Snap Surveys professional software to collect and process your data. Their privacy policy can be found here www.snapsurveys.com/survey-software/privacy-policy-uk/. Snap Surveys Ltd. follow the UK General Data Protection Regulation.

Box junctions

The five sites have been selected because they are particularly busy yellow box junctions.

A yellow box junction is a way of keeping traffic moving at busy roads and junctions by preventing gridlock. They're easy to recognise; a large yellow box on the road, with criss-crossed yellow lines.



Under existing guidelines, vehicles aren't allowed to enter the yellow box unless the exit is clear and there's space to drive through the box without stopping. The only time you can stop inside the box is if you're turning right but are prevented by oncoming traffic, however your exit road still has to be clear.

Bolton Council intend to enforce the restrictions by using Automatic Number Plate Recognition Cameras which recognise number plates on motorised vehicles such as cars, vans and motorbikes.

Trinity Street / Newport Street box junction - Bolton

A yellow box located on the junction of Trinity Street and Newport Street. This location has two yellow boxes which covers both directions of travel on Trinity Street.



For each of the following questions, if you are unaware of the junction or have no views please select 'no opinion'.

Q1 Please say how far do you agree / disagree with the following statements about visibility on the Trinity Street / Newport Street box junction

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
This box junction is clearly marked with yellow lines and cross-hatching	<input type="radio"/>				

Drivers wanting to turn left can clearly see if the exit is clear before they enter this box junction	<input type="radio"/>				
Drivers wanting to drive straight ahead can clearly see if the exit is clear before they enter this box junction	<input type="radio"/>				
Drivers wanting to turn right can see if the exit is clear before they enter this box junction	<input type="radio"/>				

Q2 Please tell us why you disagree

Q3 How far do you agree / disagree with the following statements about junction blocking / gridlock around the Trinity Street / Newport Street box junction

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Vehicles often block this junction	<input type="radio"/>				
Enforcing the box junction would help to keep traffic moving	<input type="radio"/>				

Q4 Please tell us why you disagree

Q5 How far do you agree / disagree with the following statements about safety at the Trinity Street / Newport Street box junction?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Enforcing the box junction would make this junction safer for pedestrians	<input type="radio"/>				
Enforcing the box junction would make this junction safer for other road users	<input type="radio"/>				

Q6 Please tell us why you disagree

Q7 How far do you agree / disagree with the following statements about the council seeking approval to enforce existing regulations at the Trinity Street / Newport Street box junction?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
I support the council enforcing existing regulations on this box junction	<input type="radio"/>				
The council should use Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras to identify vehicles that are blocking this junction	<input type="radio"/>				
The council should fine motorists who break the existing regulations	<input type="radio"/>				

Q8 Please tell us why you disagree

Q9 Please use this space if you'd like to make any further comments about the proposal to enforce moving traffic enforcement within the box junction at Trinity Street / Newport Street.

Topp Way / Higher Bridge Street box junction - Bolton

A yellow box located on the junction of Topp Way and Higher Bridge Street.





For each of the following questions, if you are unaware of the junction or have no views please select 'no opinion'.

Q Please say how far do you agree / disagree with the following statements about visibility on 10.the Topp Way / Higher Bridge Street box junction

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
This box junction is clearly marked with yellow lines and cross-hatching	<input type="radio"/>				
Drivers wanting to turn left can clearly see if the exit is clear before they enter this box junction	<input type="radio"/>				
Drivers wanting to drive straight ahead can clearly see if the exit is clear before they enter this box junction	<input type="radio"/>				
Drivers wanting to turn right can see if the exit is clear before they enter this box junction	<input type="radio"/>				

Q Please tell us why you disagree
11.

Q How far do you agree / disagree with the following statements about junction blocking / 12.gridlock around the Topp Way / Higher Bridge Street box junction

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Vehicles often block this junction	<input type="radio"/>				
Enforcing the box junction would help to keep traffic moving	<input type="radio"/>				

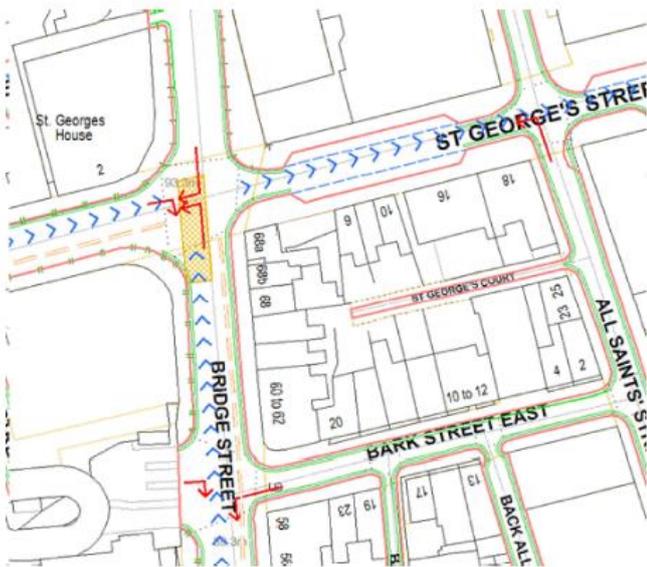
Q Please tell us why you disagree

17.

Q Please use this space if you'd like to make any comments regarding the proposal to enforce 18.moving traffic enforcement within the box junction at Topp Way / Higher Bridge Street

Bridge Street / St George's Street box junction - Bolton

A yellow box located on the junction of Bridge Street and St George's Street.



For each of the following questions, if you are unaware of the junction or have no views please select 'no opinion'.

Q Please say how far do you agree / disagree with the following statements about visibility on 19.the Bridge Street / St George's Street box junction

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
This box junction is clearly marked with yellow lines and cross-hatching	<input type="radio"/>				
Drivers wanting to turn left can clearly see if the exit is clear before they enter this box junction	<input type="radio"/>				
Drivers wanting to drive straight ahead can clearly see if the exit is clear before they enter this box junction	<input type="radio"/>				
Drivers wanting to turn right can see if the exit is clear before they enter this box junction	<input type="radio"/>				

Q Please tell us why you disagree

20.

Q How far do you agree / disagree with the following statements about junction blocking / 21.gridlock around the Bridge Street / St George's Street box junction

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Vehicles often block this junction	<input type="radio"/>				
Enforcing the box junction would help to keep traffic moving	<input type="radio"/>				

Q Please tell us why you disagree

22.

Q How far do you agree / disagree with the following statements about safety at the Bridge 23.Street / St George's Street box junction?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Enforcing the box junction would make this junction safer for pedestrians	<input type="radio"/>				
Enforcing the box junction would make this junction safer for other road users	<input type="radio"/>				

Q Please tell us why you disagree

24.

Q How far do you agree / disagree with the following statements about the council seeking 25.approval to enforce existing regulations at the Bridge Street / St George's Street box junction?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
I support the council enforcing existing regulations on this box junction	<input type="radio"/>				
The council should use Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras to identify vehicles that are blocking this junction	<input type="radio"/>				
The council should fine motorists who break the existing regulations	<input type="radio"/>				

Q Please tell us why you disagree

26.

Q Please use this space if you'd like to make any comments regarding the proposal to enforce 27.Moving Traffic enforcement within the box junction at Bridge Street / St George's Street

Cricketers Way / Leigh Road box junction - Westhoughton

A yellow box located on Cricketers Way on the junction with Leigh Road in Westhoughton

Cricketers Way / Leigh Road box junction - Westhoughton

A yellow box located on Cricketers Way on the junction with Leigh Road in Westhoughton



For each of the following questions, if you are unaware of the junction or have no views please select 'no opinion'.

Q Please say how far do you agree / disagree with the following statements about visibility on 28.the Cricketers Way / Leigh Road box junction

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
This box junction is clearly marked with yellow lines and cross-hatching	<input type="radio"/>				
Drivers wanting to turn left can clearly see if the exit is clear before they enter this box junction	<input type="radio"/>				
Drivers wanting to drive straight ahead can clearly see if the exit is clear before they enter this box junction	<input type="radio"/>				
Drivers wanting to turn right can see if the exit is clear before they enter this box junction	<input type="radio"/>				

Q Please tell us why you disagree

29.

Q How far do you agree / disagree with the following statements about junction blocking / 30.gridlock around the Cricketers Way / Leigh Road box junction

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Vehicles often block this junction	<input type="radio"/>				
Enforcing the box junction would help to keep traffic moving	<input type="radio"/>				

Q Please tell us why you disagree

31.

Q How far do you agree / disagree with the following statements about safety at the Cricketers 32.Way / Leigh Road box junction?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Enforcing the box junction would make this junction safer for pedestrians	<input type="radio"/>				
Enforcing the box junction would make this junction safer for other road users	<input type="radio"/>				

Q Please tell us why you disagree

33.

Q How far do you agree / disagree with the following statements about the council seeking approval to enforce existing regulations at the Cricketers Way / Leigh Road box junction?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
I support the council enforcing existing regulations on this box junction	<input type="radio"/>				
The council should use Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras to identify vehicles that are blocking this junction	<input type="radio"/>				
The council should fine motorists who break the existing regulations	<input type="radio"/>				

Q Please tell us why you disagree

35.

Q Please use this space if you'd like to make any comments regarding the proposal to enforce moving traffic enforcement within the box junction at Cricketers Way / Leigh Road box junction

Blackburn Road / Lawson Street box junction - Bolton

A yellow box located on Blackburn Road near the junctions with Lawson Street, Back Blackburn Road and Holly Street.



For each of the following questions, if you are unaware of the junction or have no views please select 'no opinion'.

Q Please say how far do you agree / disagree with the following statements about visibility on 37.the Blackburn Road / Lawson Street box junction

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
This box junction is clearly marked with yellow lines and cross-hatching	<input type="radio"/>				
Drivers wanting to turn left can clearly see if the exit is clear before they enter this box junction	<input type="radio"/>				
Drivers wanting to drive straight ahead can clearly see if the exit is clear before they enter this box junction	<input type="radio"/>				
Drivers wanting to turn right can see if the exit is clear before they enter this box junction	<input type="radio"/>				

Q Please tell us why you disagree

38.

Q How far do you agree / disagree with the following statements about junction blocking / 39.gridlock around the Blackburn Road / Lawson Street box junction

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Vehicles often block this junction	<input type="radio"/>				
Enforcing the box junction would help to keep traffic moving	<input type="radio"/>				

Q Please tell us why you disagree

40.

Q How far do you agree / disagree with the following statements about safety at the Blackburn 41.Road / Lawson Street box junction?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Enforcing the box junction would make this junction safer for pedestrians	<input type="radio"/>				
Enforcing the box junction would make this junction safer for other road users	<input type="radio"/>				

Q Please tell us why you disagree

42.

Q How far do you agree / disagree with the following statements about the council seeking 43.approval to enforce existing regulations at the Blackburn Road / Lawson Street box junction?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
I support the council enforcing existing regulations on this box junction	<input type="radio"/>				
The council should use Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras to identify vehicles that are blocking this junction	<input type="radio"/>				

The council should fine motorists who break the existing regulations

Q Please tell us why you disagree

44.

Q Please use this space if you'd like to make any comments about the proposal to enforce moving traffic enforcement within the box junction at Blackburn Road / Lawson Street

In general

Q How far do you support / oppose Bolton Council seeking powers to enforce Moving Traffic Enforcement in the borough, rather than this being the sole responsibility of the police?

Strongly support Support Oppose Strongly oppose No opinion

Q Please use this space if you'd like to suggest any other roads / junctions in the borough we should consider for Moving Traffic enforcement in the future

Q Please use this space if you'd like to make any further comments about Moving Traffic enforcement by the council, or if you wish to explain why you support / oppose the council seeking these powers

Your interest

Q Which of the following describes you / your family's interest in this consultation?

49

- Live in Bolton borough
- Work in Bolton borough
- Study / have children at school in Bolton borough
- Visitor to Bolton *EXCLUSIVE*
- Official response from Parish / Bolton borough Councillor / Elected Member *EXCLUSIVE*
- Official response from a business / organisation / community group. You must have their permission to submit an official response on their behalf. *EXCLUSIVE*
- None of the above - please explain below *EXCLUSIVE*

Please say what your interest is

Please say which ward, business organisation or community group you represent
compulsory

Please say what your role is - in what official capacity do you represent the business, organisation or community group? compulsory then routes to end

About you ONLY ask what we actually need won't be asked of official representative responses

Your answers in this section help us to make sure we are getting views from different types of people. They won't be used to contact or identify you.

Q Please give your full
50. **postcode**

Q Are you...?

51

- Female Male Identify in another way

Q Which most closely describes you?

52

- Employed full time [30 hours or more a week] Full time student
- Employed part-time [up to 30 hours a week] At home, looking after family
- Self employed / freelance Retired
- Unemployed, available for work Other - please explain below
- Unable to work because of sickness / disability

If 'other' please explain

Q Which age group are you in?

53.

- Under18 35 - 44 65 - 74
 18 - 24 45 - 54 75 - 84
 25 - 34 55 - 64 85 or over

Q Do you look after, or give any help of support to family members, friends, neighbours or others who need help because they have a long-term physical or mental ill-health / disability, or have problems relating to old age?

54.

Please don't count anything you do as part of paid employment.

- No Yes, 20 - 49 hours a week
 Yes, 1-19 hours a week Yes, 50 or more hours a week

Q Are your day-today activities limited because of a long-term physical or mental health condition / illness?

55.

- Yes, limited a lot Yes, limited a little No

Q What is your ethnic group?

56.

- White British Asian or Asian British
 White other Black, Black British, Caribbean or African
 Mixed or Multiple ethnic group Other ethnic group

Thanks! Please click 'submit' to send your response through to us

Appendix B – Stakeholder responses

1) On behalf of Greater Manchester Chief of Police

From: Trevor Gibson <Trevor.Gibson@gmp.police.uk>

Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 11:38 AM

To: Gilligan, Shane <Shane.Gilligan@bolton.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Bolton Council Consultation - Moving Traffic Enforcement Offences

Good morning Shane,

As the Traffic Manager for Greater Manchester Police I am authorised on behalf of the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police to answer any proposals.

Therefore, Greater Manchester Police fully support the proposals.

Regards

PC Trevor Gibson

Traffic Management Officer

Greater Manchester Police

Eccles Police Station

Manchester

M30 7NB

Mob : 07393 145442 (Work)

Email : Trevor.Gibson@gmp.police.uk

2) Diamond Bus Operator

From: Jake Holt <Jake.Holt@rotala.co.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 1:43 PM
To: consultation <consultation@bolton.gov.uk>
Subject: Moving Traffic Order Offences

Good afternoon,

I am getting in touch to support the proposals for moving traffic order offences. I give this support on behalf of Diamond Bus North West.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Jake Holt,

Contract Data & Performance Manager.

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3) Resident feedback

Further to the subject matter and the aforementioned consultation due to close today - 6th September 2023, please accept this as a formal response with respect to the same.

Whilst we have no objections to the proposals in principle and enforcement at the 5x proposed locations would help both motorists and commuters alike, with reduced journey times as a result of improved traffic flow through the proposed measures. This is certainly a benefit and more regulatory enforcement would ensure drivers comply with the existing Highway Code, in not 'blocking' junction boxes and causing congestion on adjoining roads.

We are however concerned with the lack of information provided within the consultation with respect to the operational/installation costs and any additional/new signage, for the benefit of motorists. The highway signs (reflective - red with white lettering) should also be in place; a reasonable period to be determined by elected members/committee, informing drivers of the impending changes, namely the PCN and the cost.

We understand that the Highway code remains the same and that the authority is simply seeking to obtain powers for enforcement, alongside those currently in place with the regional police force. The 'manning' of any junction box by the police force would be impossible by the police force - GMP, however the ANPR cameras will be in location on a permanent basis, 24/7 with operational costs 365-days a year.

As can be established from the following article - GM CAZ camera monthly electricity bill - 24 March 2023; the estimated electricity bill based on the 5x proposed sites, at a minimum of one camera per location would cost in the region of £5,000 per month (£60,000 p/annum) to the local tax-payer.

The above cost for the electricity is in addition to the current and approximate annual electricity cost of £1m for the 'defunct' GM CAZ cameras within Bolton's jurisdiction.

As a consideration point, the Council should consider removing and repositioning the 'defunct' CAZ cameras to save purchase/installation costs to the Authority. At a time when Local Authorities are struggling with finances, including bankruptcy (Birmingham), the Council must carefully consider the points identified.

Further consideration should be given to any operational hours to reduce energy and operational costs. It would be counter-productive to have the ANPR cameras running during the hours of 9pm and 5am, Monday to Friday, reducing the daily energy costs and consumption by almost 25%.

Has the Council explored all options, including the current fleet of ANPR cameras which could be positioned at the proposed sites at peak times, at scheduled times/days?

- The applicable PCN amount and any discounted charge?

Another profound concern, is the overall control and authority of Bolton's highways and whether the same will remain under the Council's jurisdiction or delegated to Transport for Greater Manchester -TfGM. From a recent reporting, the former Executive member is now having to request for a meeting with Transport for Greater Manchester to discuss these issues, and she is hoping this may be reconsidered.

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The Council should provide confirmation and assurance to the electorate, that Bolton's highways and the matters within this proposed consultation, will continue to remain under the sole control and authority of Bolton Council.

Notwithstanding the above, the image provided by the Authority, clearly shows that the junction boxes are in need of maintenance - repainting.

The Authority should not be pursuing these changes for generating revenue and must be for the legitimate purpose of improving the flow of traffic and compliance of existing Highway Code, as any implementation would also increase operational costs as briefly outlined above and may impact the fair and proper review of any legitimate PCN challenge.

As a suggestion and in the interest of fairness, this consultation should be relisted on the website with full disclosure and transparency on costs, to allow the public to properly engage with the consultation.

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