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# **Council Meeting**

6 December, 2016

**Booklet 1**

Written Questions

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor D Skinner</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor J Innes , Cabinet Member for City Services</b></p>
<p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>“Following the debate on full Council on Tuesday 11 October, could Cllr Innes please update us on the situation over bus gate fines? Is she satisfied that the Council is doing all that it should? How much money has now been refunded to those drivers who, because of an unexpected technicality, were wrongly fined? How much remains in the Council coffers?”</p>	

<b>2.</b>	<p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor G Ridley</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor J Mutton, Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources</b></p>
<p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>“Is the Cabinet Member aware of any Council Tax arrears that have been written off, or are in the process of being written off, in the last year as a result of the legal process being followed incorrectly?”</p>	

<b>3.</b>	<p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor T Mayer</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor J Innes , Cabinet Member for City Services</b></p>
<p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION: see attached</b></p>	

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**QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Williams**

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Maton , Cabinet Member for Education and Skills**

**TEXT OF QUESTION:**

“Would the Cabinet Member provide the following information: 1) Across all primary schools in the City, for the school years starting Sept 2014 & Sept 2015, how many children who started Reception class were born in June, July or August? 2) During those same school years, how many children started Reception class halfway through the school year.”

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**QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Williams**

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Brown, Chair of Planning Committee**

**TEXT OF QUESTION:**

“Would the Chair of the Planning Committee please tell me how many times the recording of Planning Committee has been requested between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016.”

Text for Question 3:

I refer to Warwick Road bus gate.

In figure 15-13 of the Traffic Signs Manual P140 it shows that a white line should be placed across the entrance to a Bus Gate, it also shows that a no entry sign diagram 616 should be placed on the other entrance. The diagram below shows a compliant bus gate used throughout the country for ease of understanding. It is understood that a special sign has been agreed to show that it is a bus gate in Coventry's case.

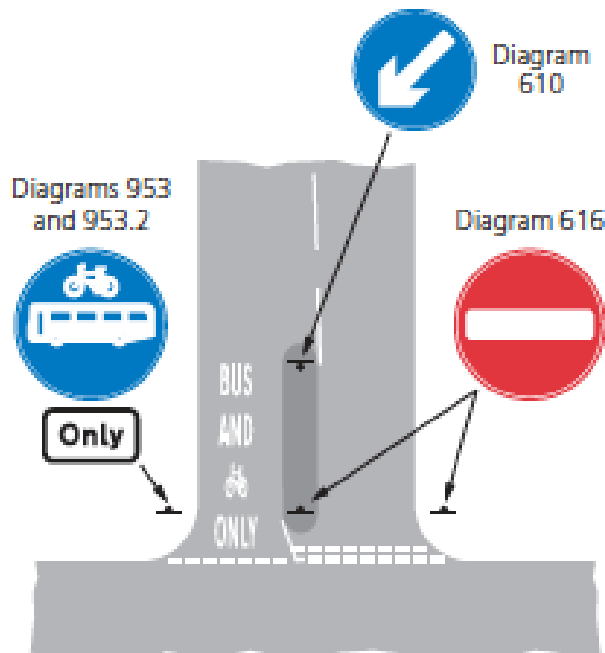


Figure 15-13 One-way bus gate on a two-way road

People travelling along Warwick Road from the station into town can go around the Warwick Road roundabout and end up in the bus gate without having any signage to tell them about the gate until they are about to enter it. My personal view is that this could lead to people backing on to a roundabout, or stopping suddenly both of which could be considered dangerous. I cite figure 15.7 of the same manual which shows that signage should be used to tell motorists that they are travelling down a contraflow bus lane.

Can the Cabinet Member for City Services please explain  
Why there is no white line across the entrance to the bus gate?

Why there is not a no entry signage resulting in an appearance of the traffic being able to enter the other side of the road?

Why there is not full signage available to vehicles travelling into town who decide to return along the road they used to enter town?

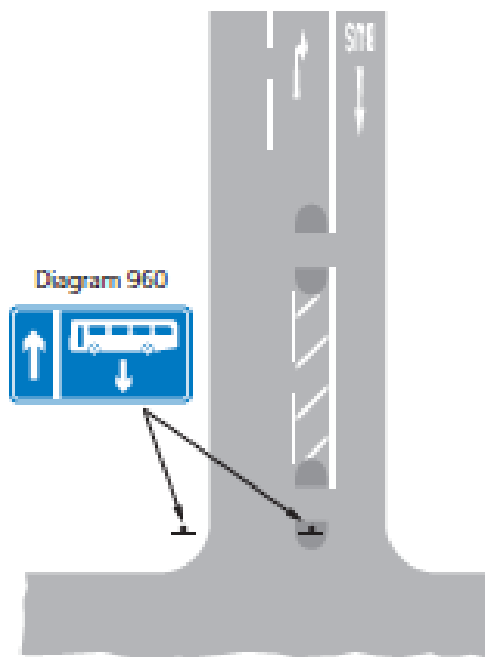


Figure 15-7 Example of signs indicating contra-flow bus lane to other drivers