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### **Folly of bus lane suspension in Liverpool continues**

This weekend, on the 28<sup>th</sup> July, the controversial and misguided suspension of all bus lanes in Liverpool should have come to an end. Instead, the Mayor of Liverpool has deemed that there is insufficient evidence to support his plans for a permanent removal of the lanes and has decided to extend the experiment until November.

The mayor has blamed road works for this decision, as if road works did not happen before the start of the suspension. Disruption caused by road works is a fact of life in all major cities at all times of the year. This is not a valid reason for the extension.

We urge the Mayor to keep to the original plan and reinstate the bus lanes immediately. Other major cities, such as Bristol and Manchester, are introducing more bus lanes because of their proven success in keeping these cities moving efficiently. Liverpool is no different and really should follow the lead of other cities with improved and sustainable priority measures for public transport.

**ENDS**

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