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### **Bus Lane suspension in Liverpool a mistake**

TravelWatch NorthWest, (TWNW), the independent passenger champion in North West England, totally opposes the proposal by Liverpool Mayor Joe Anderson to suspend bus lanes in Liverpool for a trial period of 9 months.

Chris Dale, Chair TWNW, said “there will be severe consequences for bus passengers especially commuters who will see protracted journey times and delays getting to work. This suspension will discourage people from leaving their cars at home and using a more environmentally friendly means of transport as well as hitting hard those who completely rely on buses. This is surely at odds with transport policy across the country as a whole.”

Bus Lanes are an integral part of improving the quality and convenience of urban bus travel and TWNW trusts that common sense will prevail and that the council does not approve the trial going ahead.

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