

From: Simms Malcolm (ST)
Sent: 23 December 2008 11:28
To: 'Stella Osibona'
Cc: John Tristan (ST); Edwards Sarah (ST); 'Alicia Deboos-Mylett'
Subject: RE: Christchurch Road box junction

Sorry for the delay in responding

Part of this junction has been made "unenforceable" on CCTV, despite the whole thing having DfT approval.

The issues are

- 1) It is alleged that the exit is not visible from the entry, and therefore drivers can't make a proper decision on whether it's appropriate to enter
- 2) There's some belief amongst drivers that part of the ybj is unnecessary (around the traffic island) because cars stationary here do not cause an obstruction

The CCTV staff are refraining from enforcing where these considerations apply, and have done so since mid August, so no controversial PCNs should be in your workload. All I would ask is that if these factors are raised in mitigation and the CCTV makes it look credible, please exercise discretion and cancel to ensure we are consistent with our current enforcement policy

Thanks,

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From: Stella Osibona
Sent: 12 December 2008 14:48
To: Simms Malcolm (ST)
Cc: John Tristan (ST); Edwards Sarah (ST); Alicia Deboos-Mylett
Subject: FW: Christchurch Road box junction
Importance: High

Hi Malcolm

Are there any instructions that we need to be observing for the above box junction

Thanks

Stella

From: Alicia Deboos-Mylett
Sent: 12 December 2008 14:44
To: Stella Osibona
Subject: Christchurch Road box junction

Stella,

Fyi, not sure if you were aware of this news article

Alicia

From: Ashleigh Savin
Sent: 12 December 2008 14:42
To: Alicia Deboos-Mylett
Subject: GT27931681

This is the article and the pcn number it is attached to.

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Traffic trap 'cash cow' facing chop

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Drivers are celebrating as a controversial traffic system, thought to have cost motorists a third of a million pounds in fines this year, is set to be changed.

Transport for London (TfL) is considering a redesign of the box junction in Colliers Wood, and until this happens it has promised a "common sense approach" to fining drivers caught out by the complicated system.

The 26 metre box is in Christchurch Road, near Colliers Wood Tube station.

The issue was brought up with TfL by Siobhain McDonagh, MP for Mitcham and Morden, who claimed that the box had caught out 2,880 drivers this year - leading to more than £300,000 of fines.

It is illegal for drivers to enter a box junction unless their exit road is clear, but critics of the Colliers Wood system say that because it dips, curves and is unusually long, it is often impossible to know whether this is the case.

In a response to the MP, TfL director Graeme Craig said: "It is clear to me that vehicles stopped in the opening area of the yellow box are not causing an obstruction to other traffic."

...will be redesigned in due course, however in the interim no further penalty charge notices will be issued for vehicles which are observed as stationary in this area of the junction.

Ms McDonagh later said: "This is a very difficult junction to negotiate and it has become a cash cow for TfL."

"If inconsiderate drivers deliberately block this road they obviously deserve to be fined."

"But you often see the yellow lines very late and the traffic ahead can suddenly come to a halt unexpectedly."

"The fact that more than a hundred motorists are caught out here each week shows it is sometimes difficult to stop safely in time."

"I'm pleased TfL is looking at how they can improve the layout of the junction, cut down on fines and keep traffic running smoothly."

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