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Our Ref: DFI/2012-0379

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Dear Ms Sperling

## **BUS LANES IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

Thank you for your email dated 13 October 2021 requesting, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI), the following information held by this office: Lengths with flow bus lanes, contraflow bus lanes and bus only roads.

In considering your request on behalf of the department I have determined that the information requested falls under the aegis of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, as opposed to the FOI Act 2000. Section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act specifically excludes from consideration under that Act requests for what is deemed to be environmental information. EIR gives rights of public access environmental information held by public authorities.

A guide explaining the Environmental Information Regulations can be found at: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-environmental-information-regulations/what-are-the-eir/>.

In response to your request, I can confirm that the Department does hold information relating to your request, and I have provided the information requested below. Please note that this information covers the whole of Northern Ireland:-

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How many miles of with flow bus lane are operational within the local authority boundaries? **27.67 miles.**  
How many miles of additional with flow bus lane are planned to be created within the next five years in the local authority area? **Approximately 2.0 miles**

How many miles of with flow bus lane are planned to be removed within the next five years in the local authority area? **Nil**

How many miles of with flow bus lane are accessible by motorcycles in the local authority area? **27.48 miles**

How many miles of with flow bus lane are accessible by pedal cycles in the local authority area? **27.64 miles**

How many miles of contra flow bus lane are operational within the local authority boundaries? **0.24 miles**

How many miles of additional contra flow bus lane are planned to be created within the next five years in the local authority area? **Nil**

How many miles of contra flow bus lane are planned to be removed within the next five years in the local authority area? **Nil**

How many miles of contra flow bus lane are accessible by motorcycles in the local authority area? **0.07 miles**

How many miles of contra flow bus lane are accessible by pedal cycles in the local authority area? **0.24 miles**

How many miles of bus only roads are operational within the local authority boundaries? **1.12 miles**

How many miles of additional bus only roads are planned to be created within the next five years in the local authority area? **Nil**

How many miles of bus only roads are planned to be removed within the next five years in the local authority area? **Nil**

How many miles of bus only roads are accessible by motorcycles in the local authority area? **Nil**

How many miles of bus only roads are accessible by pedal cycles in the local authority area? **0.3 miles**

I should point out that the 9.05 miles of Motorway Hardshoulder Busways have not been included in the above information as these are provided under the Motorway Regulations rather than the normal Bus Lane legislation and other that buses, no other vehicles, including motorcycles and cycles are permitted to use them.

The Minister with responsibility for bus lanes within Northern Ireland is Nichola Mallon, MLA.

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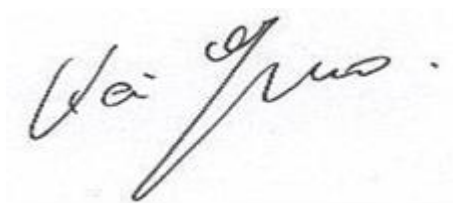
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Yours sincerely,



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