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Dear Roger

Thank you for your letter of 12 March 2019 detailing your concerns about the enforcement of mandatory cycle lanes.

My officials explained the Department's position to you in a letter of 26 February. I note you suggest you may take legal action if you are not satisfied with the Department's further response to your request for information. While I understand your concerns, given this possibility, it would be inappropriate of me to comment further on the issues you raise.

You asked for a range of documentation relating to legal advice and internal correspondence. I understand this has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, and that a response was sent to you on 28 March 2019.

You mention the advice given in the Traffic Signs Manual and Local Transport Note 2/08: Cycle Infrastructure Design. An updated Traffic Signs Manual was published on the Department's website on 18 March. As part of the revision of Chapter 3, the section on parking within mandatory cycle lanes was amended to reflect the Department's position on this as stated in the letter to you. I understand that the refresh of Local Transport Note 2/08 will also include advice to this effect.

The Department's aim is to give local authorities the tools they need to provide good facilities for cycling.

JESSE NORMAN