

RESEARCH SUMMARY

Title	Attitudes to bus priority schemes
Objective	Attitudes to the principle of Bus Priority Schemes among Londoners as a whole and among users of each of the main modes of transport
Date	May 2009
Methodology	1,004 telephone interviews with a representative sample of London adult residents

Key findings

- Support for Bus Priority Schemes is high. More than 8 in 10 Londoners support bus lanes and giving priority to buses at traffic lights. Nearly half strongly support such schemes.
- The level of support is similar across all transport users. Car drivers show least support, but even among this group, eight in ten are in support.
- The main reason for support is the belief that they make bus journeys quicker and help people get to places faster. Nearly four in ten give this as a reason for support.
- The main reason for opposition to the schemes is the belief that bus lanes increase congestion and create more traffic in other lanes.
- Bus Priority Schemes are rated as having the most positive effect on bus users. Three quarters of bus users say the schemes have a positive effect on them. One third of cyclists say the schemes have a positive effect on them also.
- More than four in ten drivers and one third of car passengers say the schemes have a negative effect on them when they are using a car. However, the vast majority still support the schemes.

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