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Dear

**Sheffield City Council Drivers' Survey – Vehicle Registration No.**

Your vehicle was recently seen passing through the Wicker Bus Gate in Sheffield, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at approximately ..... hours and then turning left onto the new section of Ring Road (Derek Dooley Way, A61).

Whilst these manoeuvres are illegal, we will take no further action in this particular instance.

Rather, we would like to understand why you entered the bus gate in the first instance (for which you could be issued with a fine for £60) and then turned left onto the Ring Road, an illegal manoeuvre (for which you could receive 3 penalty points on your licence and a Police fine for a further £60). The left turn here onto the Ring Road greatly concerns us, as drivers turning left risk driving into pedestrians legitimately crossing the Ring Road on a 'green man'.

The Council does not wish to see drivers fined, or have penalty points put on their licences. Nor do we wish to see pedestrians put at risk and injured. The signing and road markings at this bus gate are similar to other locations, yet we appear to have more drivers passing through this bus gate than elsewhere and we should therefore like you to help us understand better why these restrictions were not adhered to by the person driving your vehicle.

***We have no way of knowing who has completed and returned a questionnaire (please return by 12 July 2009) so please be totally honest.***

If you, or whoever was driving, made a genuine mistake and didn't see signs then say so. If you knew that it was illegal to enter the bus gate and turn left, then please say so – perhaps explaining why you felt it safe to undertake this manoeuvre.

We need as many questionnaires as possible to be returned. It will only take a few minutes of your time and a prepaid envelope is enclosed – no stamp is necessary.

Thank you for your valued assistance in this matter and once again please be assured that, in this instance only, no further action will be taken. However you should be aware that enforcement of both restrictions is frequently carried out.

## Appendix A

A leaflet showing details of the new routes available in the Wicker is enclosed. It may help you to refer to the "Getting to the Wicker area by car" part of the leaflet, which shows the Wicker crossing the Inner Ring Road (Derek Dooley Way) and the bus gate. The leaflet may also assist you to find your way around the City Centre in the future.

Occasionally, number plates can be mis-read. If you believe this to be the case in this instance, please take no further action.

Yours sincerely

John Bann  
Head of Transport and Highways

## Wicker Bus Gate – Drivers Survey June 2009

Your vehicle was seen passing through the Wicker bus gate and then turning left onto Derek Dooley Way, a dual carriageway. If you were not the driver please pass this questionnaire on, together with the accompanying letter, plan and pre-paid envelope, to the driver who was using your vehicle. Occasionally, number plates can be mis-read. If you believe this to be the case, please take no further action.

Please read all the questions and then take a few minutes to help us with our survey by ticking the most appropriate box and making further comments if you wish.

### Background Information

**Q1 Are you a Sheffield resident?**

- Yes
- No

**Q2 There have been some significant changes to traffic movements in the Wicker area recently. Do you agree that you know the current traffic arrangements in the area?**

- a) Very well
- b) Fairly well
- c) A little
- d) Not at all

### Approaching the Wicker Bus Gate and the Ring Road (Derek Dooley Way – A61)

**Q3 There are a number of direction signs on the Wicker as you approach the Ring Road. There are also signs warning of the bus gate ahead. Do you agree that you...**

- |  | Agree                    | Disagree                 | Not Sure                 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) Did not notice any signs                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Saw the signs but did not understand them | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Ignored the signs                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Followed instructions from your satnav    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Other (please explain .....               |                          |                          |                          |

### Making the left turn from the Wicker onto the Ring Road (Derek Dooley Way – A61)

**Q4 There are traffic signs and road markings at this junction indicating that drivers should travel ahead only. Do you agree that you...**

## Appendix A

	Agree	Disagree	Not Sure
a) Did not notice any signs at this junction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Saw the signs but did not understand them	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Ignored the signs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Followed instructions from your satnav	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Other (please explain) .....			

***Do you have any other comments? (Please use additional sheets if necessary and include a sketch if you wish)***

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.  
Please use the pre-paid envelope to return before 10 July 2009 to  
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[www.sheffield.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/policies-plans-performances/performance](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/policies-plans-performances/performance)