

Our Ref 2621

Date 10th July 2023

Councillor Jon Hunt  
c/o Council House  
Birmingham  
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Dear Councillor Hunt,

**PETITION 2621 - SAVE AND KEEP SMALL BUSINESSES OPEN ON WALSALL ROAD**

I refer to the above petition which you presented to City Council on 18<sup>th</sup> April 20223 on behalf of residents of Perry Barr Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to help save and keep small businesses open on Walsall Road.

The following response to this petition has been prepared jointly with Transport for the West Midlands (TfWM) as the A34 Sprint Phase 1 project sponsor.

In conclusion, following the review of bus journey time data and site visits, we agree with TfWM that there is clear evidence that supports the retention of the bus lane and associated TROs in this location. This bus lane is effective in providing journey time and reliability benefits to buses, cycles and accessibility transport during its hours of operation. It is estimated that c400,000 bus trips per year use this bus lane during its hours of operation.

A review of parking provision has demonstrated there are numerous parking opportunities within a short walk of the businesses between 7am and 10am, with parking opportunity provided after 10am. The off-street car park in Perry Park has been recently reopened to public use. There is also Pay & Display parking at the Tennis Court Public House.

Yours sincerely



Philip Edwards  
Assistant Director Transport and Connectivity