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Dear Mike,

**Re: Proposed Waiting Restrictions, Loading Bay, On-Street Charging Order 2017, Buxton**

We are writing to request withdrawal of the proposed RTO for Buxton published on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Our reasons for this request are:

1. Although we would support the gains on road safety contained in the proposed Order, we are aware that a much more comprehensive review of parking, throughout the town, both on and off street, is required.
2. Although the Order would be made by DCC, the impact will be felt locally and more time is needed to undertake economic impact studies, address user requirements and conflicting interests and then for all affected parties to work together to ensure mutual, sustainable economic benefit culminating in a formal consultation.
3. The proposed Order runs counter to plans in development at local level. For example: increased coach parking bays (currently substantially less than many other destinations of a similar size); smarter charging policy for parking; the need for long term parking (both 24 hour and multi-day) etc. These development plans are in recognition of the increased national and international profile which Buxton will be achieving, through a range of local initiatives and developments, over the next few years.
4. The recognition that, as tourists most people don't mind paying to park safely but as residents they have a deep seated resentment, so we are suggesting that consideration is given to a more flexible pricing structure for parking to influence behaviour and increase revenue. For example: zoned parking, free parking for the first hour, tickets that are transferable between locations.
5. In order to temper public response to any Order, we feel that it would be helpful to organise a meeting or a series of meetings to address the concerns of DCC and all stake holders and endeavour to shape public opinion and support for the necessary changes.
6. Relevant expertise, applied to other towns and destinations in England, is available at the University of Derby and their assistance could be sought by interested parties. We would be happy to carry out a strategic review in conjunction with the University.

In conclusion, we support, in principle, the proposed safety measures at junctions on sight lines but believe that a more comprehensive, holistic review for all parking is required, including that under the jurisdiction of HPBC.

Yours faithfully,



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