

391 DIVERSION

The yellow box junction at Bagleys Lane j/w New Kings Road is still causing problems.

Hammersmith & Fulham Council enforces this box with draconian measures.

We have pursued through both representations to Hammersmith & Fulham Council, and the parking appeals and tribunal service (PATAS), various reasons and mitigating circumstances as to why this junction is so difficult to cross.

The validity of the position of the yellow box, the size and shape of the yellow box, all of which has fallen on deaf ears, and has cost London United a six figure sum of money.

The junction has been highlighted before and TFL redesigned the New Kings road so as to alleviate congestion and help the 391 right turn manoeuvre.

Within the garage that operates route 391 a programme of education was undertaken (which is still ongoing) to make drivers more aware of yellow boxes and the correct procedure for crossing them.

After the education programme was begun, a new system was introduced whereas the costs of the penalty charge notice were passed on to the driver. This you will understand was not a popular move, but drivers needed to be made aware of their actions, and this further reduced the number of PCN's received.

We are still receiving a large number of PCN's at this location, brought to a head during a recent traffic delay we received 7 for the same day all of which were appealed against on the grounds that 391's had spent 45 minutes trying to exit Bagleys Lane. All were rejected.

The only way to make certain that no more PCN's are issued is to divert the 391.

Our proposed diversion is from Harwood Terrace, left Bagleys Lane, right Cresford Road, right Wandsworth Bridge Road, right New Kings Road, picking up normal line of route.

This would allow the buses to approach the box junction straight ahead, instead of performing the right turn that proves so difficult.

The roads are suitable as the diversion would only be used westbound towards Fulham, and will not miss any of the bus stops en-route.

I would welcome a site meeting at Bagleys Lane, with as many interested parties as you can raise, this problem has been ongoing since 2005 and it is time to find a more permanent fix.