



# Department for Transport

Roger Geffen  
by email  
roger.geffen@cyclenguk.org

Sally Gibbons  
SENIOR ENGINEER  
TRAFFIC AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT  
33 HORSEFERRY ROAD  
LONDON  
SW1P 4DR  
DIRECT LINE:

Web Site: [www.dft.gov.uk](http://www.dft.gov.uk)

OUR REF: F0017196  
8 March 2019

Dear Roger,

## **Parking in Mandatory Cycle Lanes**

Thank you for your email of 5 March 2019, in which you request the following information:

- Any advice DfT has issued to highway authorities – either before TSRGD 2016 came into effect or subsequently – suggesting that MCL white lines do NOT indicate that vehicles other than pedal cycles are prohibited from being parked in MCLs during their hours of operation, and that other restrictions are therefore necessary to prevent this.
- Any internal correspondence or legal advice relating to the decision to replace the word “used” (in TSRGD 2002) with “driven, or ridden” (in TSRGD 2016), to describe what amounted to an offence if committed in a MCL with a vehicle other than a pedal cycle during its hours of operation.
- Any internal correspondence or legal advice relating to the decision not to explain the above change of wording, or its impacts to local authorities and other stakeholders, either as part of the consultation on TSRGD 2016 or in Circular 01/2016 or other documentation explaining TSRGD 2016 following its adoption.
- Any internal correspondence or legal advice relating to the forming of DfT’s view, as expressed in its email to Cycling UK of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019, that the changes of wording made in TSRGD 2016 did not amount to a change in the regulatory meaning of MCLs (or their associated white line markings).

This is being dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you have any queries about this, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

**Sally Gibbons**