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Dear Mr Boustred,

The Environment Act 1995 (Southampton City Council) Air Quality Direction 2019

Thank you for your letter of 22 July 2020, setting out further information related to the Southampton City Council local air quality plan and the associated Ministerial direction.

You have submitted a change request asking that the approved local plan measures be varied as follows;

1. The bus Traffic Regulation Condition (TRC) establishing a bus emission standards regime be replaced by a voluntary agreement; and
2. The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) allowing only SCC-registered vehicles access to bus lanes at all times ("Non-SCC Taxi Bus Lane Restriction") be amended to allow access to bus lanes for all taxis that meet strict licensing standards during peak hours only.

Following the analysis undertaken by Southampton, I am content that you have suitably demonstrated that the proposed amendments will not have any material impact on the timeframes that compliance with nitrogen dioxide limit levels is expected.

This letter formally confirms that the Southampton local plan measures are to be varied as set out above (and as detailed in your change request forms). These changes will be applicable on the day after this letter is signed.

As this formally amends the original direction a copy of this letter confirming the variation will be published in the London Gazette and on a government website and made available for inspection at Seacole Building, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF.

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