

Tuesday  
10<sup>th</sup> January

## TEMPORARY BUS LANE CLOSURE DELAYS PASSENGERS

# TOP DECK VIEW



Early 2017 and a blocked bus lane on Lea Bridge Road shows how permanent removal of such priority threatens to disrupt journeys on this busy public transport corridor.

On 10<sup>th</sup> January a 55 bus departed from the Bakers Arms at 08.26. It was delayed for 15 minutes at Markhouse Corner.

**Save Our Buses (SOB) captured events from the top deck.....**

1



08.28 Manor Road

*Left:*

**All started well. A clear bus lane got cyclists and bus passengers past stationary traffic near Manor Road.**

*Below:*

**Three buses came to a halt, forming a queue outside Lea Bridge Library. For 10 minutes there was no movement at all.**

2



08.30 Lea Bridge Library



continues

*Right*

**A coned-off section of bus lane revealed what caused the delays.**

3



08.45 **Towards Markhouse Corner**

4



08.45 **Beyond Markhouse Corner**

*Left:*

**Finally, the 48 bus moved into the bus lane ahead.**

**It passed static traffic towards the Hare & Hounds.**

**A cyclist and the 55 bus followed shortly afterwards.**

**Passengers on the 55 between the Bakers Arms and Clapton endured a 31 minute journey. That's almost double the normal journey time.**

**Closure of the bus lane at Lea Bridge Library was temporary but demonstrates what happens when priority for buses is removed.**

**Waltham Forest Council intends to remove the section of bus lane between Markhouse Corner and Dagenham Road, shown in **Photo 4**. This will create delays.**

**Waltham Forest commuters using Central London routes 48, 55 and 56 deserve better from their local authority.**



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**Bus Lanes Are Our Jam-Busters**  
**Give Priority To Bus Passengers & Cyclists**

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