

Edinburgh Traffic to Become Non-Stop

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Edinburgh is set to become the first city where drivers will experience no red traffic lights on their daily commutes with a pilot scheme currently under debate. The aim of the initiative is to support the local council, businesses, and commuters. Edinburgh traffic (<http://edinburgh.cdmf.info/public/disruptions/list.htm>) congestion is at an all-time high due to extensive road works mainly caused by the new tram system. This increase in congestion has been seen not just in Edinburgh but in all major cities in the UK in recent years, prompting Project Amber Green to call for a dramatic overhaul of the traffic light system.

Their solution? Get rid of RED. Project Amber Green will see red lights disabled from all traffic lights leaving only amber and green which will mean less waiting time, less congestion, lower pollution and happier drivers.

In a move to urge parliamentary debate on the initiative, Project Amber Green has set up an independent public opinion poll on the proposal to gain insight into the opinion of motorists. Further details can be found here (<http://projectambergreen.org/>), where you can cast your vote.

If an Edinburgh pilot scheme is successful the project will start to be rolled out in other major cities in the UK starting with Manchester, Leeds and then Newcastle upon Tyne within the first 6 months.

Jo-Anne King, Chief Spokesperson for the scheme said that Edinburgh was the perfect city to try the pilot as there is so much disruption due to the new tram system being installed: "If we can prove that Project Amber Green is successful in improving traffic flow in Edinburgh then we know it will work for other major cities in the UK. Not only this, but there will be more scope to develop integrated transport solutions such as the trams project with less disruption in the future."

When questioned on Project Amber Green's expectations from the public vote King responded: "We feel that the project must go ahead – it is a well-known fact that drivers and passengers in Edinburgh and throughout the UK are frustrated by congestion in the city centre particularly during rush hour periods. After extensive research on the subject we have developed a solution that will dramatically reduce this congestion whilst making Edinburgh a friendlier city with less frustration and fewer accidents. We expect to receive majority public approval from our opinion poll - the first step towards getting the green light for Project Amber Green".

For more information on the project and to have your say in the opinion poll go to www.projectambergreen.org