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Bus Stops on Prince Edward's Road and Lower Castle Road

As part of the Sustainable Traffic Transport and Parking Plan and the ongoing review of the Pilot Residential Parking Schemes throughout Gibraltar, the Highways Section of Technical Services Department has recently introduced modifications to two bus stops at Prince Edward's Road and Lower Castle Road. This has been done in conjunction with the Gibraltar Bus Company whose recommendation it was, to convert them to Request bus stops. These changes were done some time ago.

The purpose of these latest modifications is to make better use of the limited space available in both areas. Both bus-stops have historically, fallen victim to inconsiderate parking of motorbikes and cars, leading to bus users being unable to board or alight the buses safely. As a result, buses have always stopped in the middle of the road due to these badly parked vehicles.

The new road markings should maximise use of the area for parking while still allowing for buses to service the area.

This type of bus stop already exists in other locations in Gibraltar, for example, outside the Caleta Hotel (northbound), opposite the Garrison Gym (southbound) on Europa Road, and outside Brympton. Having a bus-stop painted on the road is quite commonplace in Gibraltar and indeed in other small towns and cities.

These new line paintings have unfortunately been the subject of social media attention, partly as a result of public opinion and partly due to painter error.

Nevertheless, both bus stop markings have been painted further back than was stipulated in the plans. This has been an unfortunate error on the part of the contractor, which is being corrected with immediate effect.

The necessary corrections will not incur any costs as they have been due to incorrect interpretation of the painting plan by the contractor.

The Ministry for Infrastructure and Planning wishes to remind the public that there is a dedicated email address (yourcomments@trafficplan.gi) to send concerns or feedback.