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Sent: 26 September 2025 14:42
To: 11(2)
Subject: FW: A720 Lothianburn Junctions

FYI – not for any direct action outwith normal correspondence protocols - as we discussed last week

Regards,

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From: 11(2)
Sent: 26 September 2025 08:41
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Subject: A720 Lothianburn Junctions

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to highlight concerns about the dangerous build up of traffic coming off the A720 City of Edinburgh Bypass associated with the Lothianburn / A702 junctions both east and west.

I'm unsure if the traffic lights associated with the Hillend centre or the A702/A703 junction have been altered but the moderate level of traffic queuing from 70 mph to a standstill has now increased at the times I am commuting.
I have witnessed dangerous near misses and bad behaviour from drivers due to the frustration this is causing. Drivers have to decelerate sharply to join the queue which is now threatening to spill onto the main A702 carriageway. Added to this are the drivers using the incorrect lanes or rounding the roundabouts on both the north and south sides of the bridge over the A702 in an attempt to jump the queues. I have also witnessed drivers giving up and re-joining the motorway through the hatched lines sections to find an alternate route.
The issue in my uninformed opinion seems to be the priority at the A702/A703 lights is not on the main route the A702, coupled with the Hillend centres lights which should have minimal priority given the queuing space allocated to drivers wanting to turn right into the centre or exiting.

I highlight this in the hope further optimisation is planned in the near future.

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Kind Regards,

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