

Response from Lynda Dobinson
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I was extremely concerned to read in today's Dundee Courier that you are launching an investigation into bridge tolls and that

"The second phase will look at ideas such as single occupancy vehicles and priority lanes, exemptions to tolls and discount schemes. This will give us a better understanding of the options we need to consider before taking future decisions."

I live in St Andrews and work as a Civil Servant in Dundee. Despite numerous attempts at trying to find someone in St Andrews I can car share with I have been unable to do this. To get to work from St Andrews I would have to get two buses and it would cost me around £7 a day so car travel is the most economical way to get to and from work.

Reading of people wishing to penalise single occupancy vehicles crossing the Tay Bridge really worries me. Through no fault of my own, not only am I having to pay my motoring costs to get to work, I would also have to pay additional bridge tolls because I am unable to find anyone to car share with. Are we supposed to go to the bus station in Dundee and give lifts to total strangers so we aren't penalised? (I'm sure the bus companies would have something to say about that!)

This problem could really cause a lot of problems to many people apart from myself, and quite honestly I would have to review my employment status in Dundee, and I dare say a number of other people would have similar reservations about continuing their employment.

The news article says you are launching a public consultation into the tolls. Please could you advise me how to get involved in this?

Regards

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