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Councils to be given powers to enforce moving traffic offences - RAC comment

Following a written statement from the Government regarding the enforcement of moving traffic offences outside London, RAC head of roads policy Nicholas Lyes said:

“While it makes sense for all local authorities to have the power to enforce problematic hotspots, there is a risk that some councils might use this as a lucrative revenue raising tool. We see box junctions as a potential flashpoint – drivers often feel under pressure to move out of a junction or, on

particularly large yellow box junctions, find it difficult to judge when they can make it across without getting trapped.

“The guidance should be very clear that councils must be using these powers solely to manage traffic and improve safety. Signage indicating enforcement should be a requirement and the onus should be placed on councils to avoid the possibility of confusing road layouts, which can snare unsuspecting drivers. It’s vital that councils monitor PCN levels, as often a very high volume in one particular location may be an indication that something is wrong with either signage or road layout. Mitigating circumstances should also be looked at carefully so drivers can appeal if, for example, they receive a penalty for moving to allow an emergency vehicle through.

“Finally, we also feel that in the first instance warning letters should be issued to drivers rather than a fine to reduce the chances of councils using this as a lucrative cash stream.”

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