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LOCAL MEP DEFENDS COMPETENCE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Local MEP, Philip Bradbourn, who represents the West Midlands, has today defended the competence of local authorities in determining their own urban transport policy.

Mr. Bradbourn, who is a leading member of the Transport Committee in the European Parliament, speaking in the committee in Brussels today said:

"This green paper on urban mobility goes way beyond the purview of the European Commission and goes too far in infringing on the rights of local authorities, who are better placed in dealing with matters of urban transport. I am totally opposed to the EU trying to extend its remit and interfere in the way we organise our local infrastructure and have spoken out in the past over these matters. But true to form, the European Commission never seems to take 'no' for an answer"

Mr. Bradbourn went further in saying that an exchange of best practice between local Councils would help generate solutions and still maintain national and local sovereignty.

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