



STRATHCLYDE CYCLE CAMPAIGN

Land and Environmental Services
Glasgow City Council
231 George Street
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Dear Sir/Madam

Glasgow City Council Fastlink Route Elder Street to Moss Road (Traffic Regulation) Order 201

We wish to object to the above proposed order for the following reasons:

- The proposed arrangement on Govan Road, between Elder Street and Drive Road, with central bus lanes, does not allow cyclists to be overtaken safely by motor vehicles, without those vehicles infringing the bus lanes. This could be addressed by either the use of kerb-side bus lanes, in which cycling is permitted, or by removing the bus lanes completely.
- The proposed arrangement on Govan Road, between Drive Road and Holmfauldhead Place, with kerbside bus lanes for local buses only, creates an extremely dangerous situation for cyclists, where, if the published plans are accurate, cyclists will not be able to cycle in the inside lane, and will legally have to move to the outside lane, i.e. cycle in the middle of the road, in order to avoid infringing the bus lane. Every with-flow bus lane in Glasgow prior to Fastlink has had cycling permitted in it, as it would put cyclists in danger if they were forced to cycle further out from the kerb, being passed on both sides by motor vehicles. This could be addressed by permitting the use of these proposed bus lanes by cyclists.
- The proposed right turn ban from Cressy Street into Govan Road could be altered to exempt cycles, and thus allow more direct access between the Clyde Tunnel cycle tunnel and destinations to the west, such as the Southern General Hospital.
- We are surprised to see this proposed order published without taking into account the deficiencies of the previously published proposed Fastlink orders to which, we understand, there have been numerous objections. The failure to take into account the concerns of road users by repeating the mistakes of these previous orders shows that promoting the use of cycles on the roads of Glasgow is not a high priority for those charged with implementing the policies of the Council.

We hope you are able to take these comments on board and amend the proposed order.

Yours faithfully

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