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Dear Councillors,

The Glasgow City Council (Yorkhill) – (Traffic Management and Parking Controls) Order 2015 – Objection & Ongoing Concern

I refer to the GoBike letter of objection, dated 18 February 2015 to the proposals outlined in the above order and our initial letter to the Court of Session of the same date, both of which were sent for Jamie Rodden's attention. In that communication to the Traffic & Road Safety section we outlined our great disappointment that:

- GoBike was not informed of the consultation at the time.
- The principles of including cycling measures under the umbrella of “safer parking” have not been discussed at the Cycling Forum.
- The detail of the proposals have not been discussed at the Transport Strategy Group.

Our objection concentrates on 2 main factors:

1. The road layout proposed does not comply with any design guidance that we are aware of. There is no guidance that proposes car parking on both sides of a narrow street with one-way motor traffic and two-way cycling.
2. The signage proposed appears to be in contravention of the Traffic Signs Manual. We are aware of successful civil litigation being brought against Local Authorities where cyclists have been injured as a result of such contravention. We do not want this to happen within Glasgow and we suggest that your staff have a further discussion with the Council's legal department before proceeding.

We have taken advice and we will not be proceeding with action at the Court of Session; our reasons for this are:

- We are a completely voluntary organisation and we do not have the funds to apply to the Court, or to engage the legal support to support and follow through such an application.
- We do not want our Council, which those of us who live in Glasgow are supporting through our taxes, to go to the expense of defending an action, which could have been avoided if our concerns outlined above, were addressed.

We trust that you will very carefully consider the proposals for Yorkhill, which appear to be very similar to the more recent proposals for Dowanhill and ensure that design guidance is followed, the requirements of the Traffic Signs Manual are adhered to and that no user of the city's roads is put in danger because of changes brought in under the guise of “safer parking”.

Yours sincerely



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