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Dear Mr Rodden,

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

GoBike would like to apologise for the lateness of our comments in respect of the above-named Order, which we became aware of only recently.

We would be grateful if you will ensure that GoBike is included in any consultation that may affect one being able to travel safely and directly through the city.

We welcome the council's proposals to tackle the chaotic parking situation in Yorkhill and permit two-way cycling on one-way streets. We are concerned, however, that the available plans lack sufficient detail.

Since no list of streets where cyclists will be exempt from one-way systems has been supplied, we assume that you propose a blanket exemption across the scheme area. If this is the case, it seems that there will be insufficient space for a driver to pass an oncoming cyclist on certain streets. For example, the provision of car parking on both sides of Carfrae Street seems to result in the remaining carriageway space being too narrow for contraflow cycling.

Furthermore, the drawings associated with the scheme fail to show how the two-way cycle streets will operate. There is no indication of facilities such as contraflow cycle lanes. Necessary regulatory signage such as Diagram 960.1 ("Contra-flow cycle lane"), and Diagram 616 (No entry for vehicular traffic) combined with Diagram 954.4 ("except cycles"), is also absent.

As such, we wish to register an objection to the Order on the grounds that the proposals, if implemented, would fail to comply with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions.

We trust that these errors will be rectified and a revised plan drawn up for a renewed period of public consultation. We would then consider the withdrawal of our objection.

Yours sincerely

Convenor, GoBike!