

**MESSAGE SENT ON BEHALF OF ANDREW BROWN, PROJECTS MANAGER, LAND AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, 30 June 2015**

(copy of e-mail text)

Dear Ms Fort

Convenor, GoBike! The Strathclyde Cycle Campaign

Thank you for your email dated 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 regarding the proposed redetermination of Pollokshaws Rd alongside Queens Park.

Glasgow City Council regrets that due to the competing demands of corridor, and the carriageway space available, it is simply not possible at present to introduce bus lanes for the full length of Pollokshaws Rd, as much as this would support our aims of making public transport more attractive. As you note it would contribute to making it an effective public transport corridor but it is not only physically impossible, but the requirements for local traders to service their premises, and to provide parking places for passing trade, cannot be ignored by this council.

Glasgow City Council recently reviewed the bus movements on the A77 corridor and consulted on some minor changes to the bus lanes which would increase their overall length and help reduce bus journey times. These proposals will be implemented in the coming months and as such we hope these proposals also benefit cyclists as well as buses.

Even though we acknowledge the A77 is a well-used commuter route to and from the city centre, for similar reasons to those outlined above, we simply don't have the carriageway space required for separated cycling facilities on the carriageway unless we removed the bus lanes, however, this would not be possible as they are currently protected by the Statutory Quality Partnership (SQP).

The redetermination order was specifically proposed with younger cyclists, families and less confident cyclists in mind to legally permit them to cycle on the footway, in both directions to and from the entrances to Queens Park. It would also connect an existing and proposed cycle route without having to travel through the park. Although, low maintenance solar lighting is being piloted, the Council still wishes to provide an alternative for those who do not wish to travel through the park at night. To be clear, this proposal was not aimed at commuter cyclist, nor are we forcing cyclists onto a shared use footway. All cyclists will still have the choice. We are simply providing alternative options.

So for those cyclists not commuting to and from the city centre, cyclists using the MACH scheme and cyclists who do not feel confident cycling on the very busy A77, the council feel this small change will attract cyclists who want to cycle in the area but are not confident cycling on the busy A77 corridor.

In light of there being no current possibility of full length bus lanes or separated cycling facilities on the A77, and the fact that these proposals are aimed at less confident cyclists rather than commuters, the council seek to understand whether Go Bike! still objects to this proposal under its current form. Please respond by email or alternatively, If you require any further information regarding the proposals please contact my officer Steven Blacklaw by phone on 0141 287 8291 or e-mail [steven.blacklaw@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:steven.blacklaw@glasgow.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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