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ence yet want to remain in the EU. He then lost me with the comment that being 'part of a successful Britain has seen Scottish people prosper beyond our wildest dreams.' I'm sure many people's dreams of prosperity don't include poverty wages, substandard and unaffordable housing, under employment and job insecurity, unaffordable childcare, benefit cuts and sanctions, pension insecurity, food banks, growing inequality ... Independence from Westminster is becoming our only chance of prosperity. I have some pretty wild dreams. - Yours, etc.,

Alix McLean
Strathblane Road
Milngavie

BEARSWAY Please consider the motorists

Sir, - Now the dust has settled to an extent over this White Elephant can EDC now please consider the motorists. I am getting sick and tired of sitting behind a huge queue of vehicles created by someone wanting to turn right into Ro-

man Drive at Hillfoot. The solution is to paint and enforce double yellow lines from the pedestrian crossing to the hill at the railway bridge to allow traffic to flow on the inside. I don't think this is too much to ask given the spend on the cycle track. - Yours, etc.,

Ewan Duncan
By email (Details supplied)

CYCLEROUTE A step in the right direction

Sir, - GoBike! Strathclyde Cycle Campaign is a group campaigning for better cycle facilities in the Strathclyde area. We have members who live and/or work, commute or travel in the Bearsden and Milngavie area and several have been involved in meetings and discussion about the new Bears Way cycle route. We have been saddened and disappointed by the reaction from some motorists to this exciting new scheme that has been developed by East Dunbartonshire Council. We know that more and more people are turning to travel by bike, we know that our roads

are congested by people who insist on driving even short distances by car, we know that we have an obesity epidemic on our hands caused partly by our sedentary lifestyles and we know that vehicle exhaust fumes are polluting our environment and causing illness. So why don't even more people cycle? Studies show, and recent evidence from the Bears Way proves this point, that more people will cycle if there are decent cycle facilities on the routes they want to use. East Dunbartonshire Council has responded by constructing the first stage of this segregated route. Commuter cyclists are turning to use this route; admittedly this has taken some time because they had become used to dodging in and out of the parked cars on the old painted line cycle lanes, but others new to cycling see the advantages of a segregated route. The full benefit will be realised when the route is extended northwards to Milngavie Station and south to the Glasgow boundary; hopefully Glasgow City Council will be brave enough to continue the route

along the main road into the city centre. It has taken years for the likes of Amsterdam and other European cities to reach the high levels of cycling they currently enjoy. If we in the greater Glasgow area are to improve our health and have town centres where we can walk and shop and get to school and work without the constant hazard of cars and exhaust fumes, we need to take action now. The Bears Way scheme is a step in the right direction. - Yours, etc.,

Tricia Fort
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Strathclyde Cycle Campaign

REVITALISE Resolve to help others in 2016

Sir, - I wonder what New Year's resolutions your readers have made his year? For those who are struggling with their resolutions or who've yet to make any, I'd like to make a suggestion. Why not do something for charity in 2016 and make a real difference to the lives of others? I work for a charity called Revitalise, which provides much-needed respite breaks for disabled people and carers up and down the UK. The breaks they take with us enable them to regain their strength and restore their

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