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Dear Sir/Madam,

**THE GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL (GADIE STREET) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER
2016: Support**

Thank you for your e-mail of 24 March inviting comment on the proposals for the prohibition of driving on the section of Gadie Street between Dee Street and Provan Road.

We are delighted that cycles are exempted from the order as this will allow people who are cycling to avoid hazardous roads and junctions in the vicinity. We thus approve this order.

We do, though, have a query and a suggestion to put to you. We have some concern about the crossing from Gadie Street to Alexandra Park, which will be used more by pedestrians and cyclists once cars etc are banned from this end of Gadie Street. Although there is a traffic light controlled crossing in the vicinity it is likely that people will go straight across the road to enter the park. Will the crossing be moved to support this natural flow, will it be replaced by a zebra crossing (made available to cycles) so as not to delay cyclists and pedestrians, and/or will the junction area be raised to alert drivers to the pedestrian and cycle traffic? We would support such moves and would also support a 20mph speed limit on Provan Road next to the park.

The section of Gadie Street that is to be closed is, in effect, a bridge over what we understand to be a long-disused railway line. We suggest that this length of disused railway line could be upgraded to be a useful off-road cycle and pedestrian route, approximately 1.4km in length from Provan Road all the way down to Duke Street. It would enable people to join from Cumbernauld Road and Edinburgh Road, and in particular it would enable people to avoid the junction of these two roads. It would provide improved access to houses along the route, to Glasgow Kelvin College East End Campus, as well as to The Forge and ASDA. We understand that there may have been discussion within the Council about this some time ago; we would be pleased to visit the area with Council staff to explore the feasibility of this route.

Yours sincerely,

Convenor, GoBike!