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Dear Ms MacFarlane,

Survey, Bears Way, A81, Cycle Lane

Thank you for your letter of 02 August and the opportunity to comment on the outcome of the construction of the Bears Way cycle route Phase 1 and the benefits it brings. We are pleased to reply to your two questions as follows:

Question 1: Can you confirm your support for the principle of the Bears Way in line with your strategic priorities?

GoBike response: The principle of the Bears Way is very definitely in line with our strategic priorities. One of our prime aims is to campaign for a cycling network designed and constructed to current best practices. The Bears Way contributes significantly to this. It is in general, well-designed, and it encourages people of all ages and abilities to cycle. It is on a major commuting route and thus of valuable use to people who are travelling to work and college, as well as being of use for tourists and general trips to the shops etc.

Question 2: Has the Bears Way had any positive or negative impacts on your operations?

GoBike response: The Bears Way has had notable positive benefits for us. Our members and supporters are now able to cycle this short length in far greater safety than before, when they had to dodge around parked cars and moving motor traffic. It has encouraged people to get back on bikes that they hadn't used for years and it has encouraged adults to take children out cycling. The only negative aspects for us are the short length of the route and the connectivity at the ends; we look forward to the route continuing as primarily a segregated route both to the north and the south.

Yours sincerely,

Convenor, GoBike!