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Dear Sir/Madam,

**THE GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL, (POLLOKSHIELDS EAST), (TRAFFIC REGULATION)
ORDER 201_, Support with partial objection**

Thank you for your e-mail of 29 July in response to our letter of 25 July.

We are surprised at your comments "*I can confirm that we have considered the proposal in line with the Glasgow City Council Strategic Plan for Cycling and as stated in the policy we do not believe it to be appropriate in this instance.*"

The proposal to introduce a one way operation in Forth Street is due to the high volume of HGV's and the manoeuvres they are required to undertake within the street. We feel that allowing contraflow cycling would endanger cyclists."

To clarify your first point could you please state which clause of the Strategic Plan you refer to? This will assist us when responding to future consultations.

With regards to your second point, we fail to see how cycling will be more dangerous in Forth Street once motor vehicles are restricted to one direction only. Perhaps you could clarify this based on your study of the area, current accident records and other similar locations? This is a local road in an area with domestic, business and religious premises and our view is that a solution must be found that protects all road users. It would seem that your solution is based only on the perceived needs of the large commercial vehicles operating during business hours.

As you will be aware, Soul Riders, a publicly funded community group, has premises in the street and their aims include the mitigation of climate change effects and the encouragement of the local community to use bikes. We are concerned at the effect your proposal to restrict cycling will have on their customers and we see three potential scenarios:

1. They will take the long detour that you propose, thus exposing them to more motor traffic and the potential for conflict.
2. They will continue to cycle in both directions.
3. They will cycle on the footway, thus causing inconvenience to pedestrians and people with prams or wheelchairs etc.

Have these three scenarios, and possibly all three will be the result of your changes here, been risk assessed?

Contraflow cycling works well in other parts of the city, as the new lane in Cardonald Place Road, photo attached, shows. We look forward to your neighbourhood solution.

Yours sincerely,

Convenor, GoBike!