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Dear Sir/Madam,

**THE GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL, (CELTIC PARK AND EMIRATES ARENA)
(EVENT DAY EMERGENCY ROUTES AND PARKING CONTROLS) ORDER 201_**

Thank you for your e-mail of 04 May and the opportunity to comment on the proposals for event day parking around Celtic Park and the Emirates Arena.

We are pleased to see that supporter and event parking is to be controlled and that people visiting the stadium and the arena will be encouraged to travel by more sustainable transport than the private car. We note that, contrary to some reports, parking in the controlled zone will be free for blue badge holders and we understand that Celtic Park could allow disabled parking on its own land.

In addition we suggest that Celtic Park discuss with ScotRail the most advantageous way to encourage season ticket holders to travel by train to the surrounding rail stations, Bellgrove, Dalmarnock, Bridgeton, Duke Street and Carntyne.

Our streets are thoroughfares, allowing people to travel from place to place and should not be used to store motor vehicles.

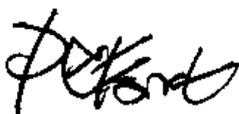
We suggest that, as well as restricting parking and supporting public transport, active travel to the Stadium and the Arena be encouraged. While there is a Next Bike station at the Arena, it would be beneficial to have one across the road at Celtic Park. While this would be of use on match days it would also be used by the many tourists who make their way out to the ground. Bike parking should be provided too, for supporters who wish to cycle to the ground on their own cycle.

In addition, now that motor traffic on London Road has been reduced by the construction of the M74, the short length of segregated cycle way from Bridgeton Station towards Celtic Park should now be extended both westwards into the city to Glasgow Cross to meet the proposed Argyle Street avenue project and eastwards to the Stadium and Arena.

At event times the footways along London Road become very congested with pedestrians and, in addition to extending the cycle way, the footways should be widened to accommodate the pedestrian traffic.

Such moves will not only benefit visitors to Celtic Park and the Emirates Arena but will have a favourable impact on residents in the area.

Yours sincerely



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