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Dear Sir/Madam,

THE GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL (GLASGOW SOUTH HOSPITAL – PENINVER DRIVE) ORDER 201_

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal to make both Peninver Drive and Burghead Road near the Clyde Tunnel and new hospital one way.

Last year you issued a TRO for the construction of a two-way segregated cycleway on Peninver Drive and we commented at the time, in our letter of 16 September, that:

Peninver Drive: this is a lightly trafficked street, which is well-used by cyclists travelling east en-route to the north-bound Clyde Cycle Tunnel. We can see no reason, with the information you have provided to date, why a two-way segregated route is required on this quiet street and our view is that what funds there are for cycling infrastructure would be better spent where your observations and your discussions with cyclists imply there is a requirement for such infrastructure.

You have now provided more information, ie this proposal to make both Peninver Drive and Burghead Road one way, and we now start to see some of your reasoning behind the segregated cycleway. However, we comment as follows:

Burghead Road: while motorists and residents may comment on the one-way proposal, our view is, should it go ahead, that allowance is made for cyclists to cycle both ways. Such formal provision will remove the need for people to cycle illegally against the traffic or on the footway. Burghead Road and Peninver Drive together form a good alternative for cyclists who have either used the southbound Clyde Cycle Tunnel and/or Govan Road to avoid the junction of Govan Road and Moss Road to access the hospital grounds. The attached photograph shows that there is room for a cycle lane and at least one lane of motor traffic.

We thus object to the proposal to make Burghead Road one way without the inclusion of a contra-flow cycleway.

Peninver Drive: there appears to be a mistake on your drawing where the on-street parking to be allowed on the north side of this street is labelled as "off" street parking.

As with Burghead Road we have no objection to the one way proposal as such, but, in line with our comments of last September, a two way segregated route seems excessive, but acceptable. However, it is unclear as to what sort of segregation you propose? It is essential that breaks are allowed in the segregation to allow users to access Burghead Road northbound and for residents of Burghead Road and Peninver Drive to access and exit the segregated section readily.

Thus, while we accept the segregated route we object to any proposal to segregate it to the extent that there is no access or egress except at the two ends.

In essence, both Burghead Road and Peninver Drive would be suitable locations for cycleways segregated by "orcas" and bollards as per the current trial on Aikenhead Road.

Again, we must register our disappointment at the absence of any discussion over this proposal at the meetings that take place between GCC and cycling representatives. We will be happy to meet with council officers to discuss and resolve our concerns and can currently do this to allow GoBike to withdraw its objection to parts of this proposal before 27 July.

Yours sincerely

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