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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Glasgow City Council (City Centre)(Mandatory 20mph Zone) Order 201_

GoBike! Strongly supports this Order. We applaud the proposal to introduce a mandatory 20mph speed limit in the city centre of Glasgow, which is in line with the Glasgow City Centre Transport Strategy.

Reducing the speed limit and calming traffic down will encourage people of all ages to take to the streets and walk or cycle, rather than using the car or simply staying out of the city centre. Reduced speeds lead to lower fuel consumption and thus less air pollution. It will be a boon for city centre businesses and shops, since, because of the pleasanter environment, people will be encouraged to window-shop and walk or cycle to city centre business premises.

Analysis shows that accidents involving pedestrians and cyclists are higher in the city centre than in the residential suburbs where, traditionally, 20mph zones have been introduced. The move to reduce speeds in the city centre will have a direct impact on casualty rates and the severity of those accidents.

We look forward to the introduction of this speed limit and its extension along many of our city streets, particularly those near schools, hospitals and shopping areas.

Yours sincerely,

Convenor, GoBike!