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Glasgow City, Sustainability and the Environment Policy Development Committee, Councillors
City Chambers
Glasgow City Council
Glasgow
G2 1DU - by e-mail

Dear Member of the Sustainability and the Environment Policy Development Committee,

20mph Speed Limits in Glasgow

You may remember that I wrote to you on behalf of GoBike on 17 March 2015 to express concern at the slow rate of implementation of 20mph speed limits across the city? GoBike was then delighted at the very positive response that the petition from Bob Downie, a GoBike member, and I, received from the Petitions Committee on 12 May 2015. Quoting from the City Council website: <http://glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/viewDoc.asp?c=P62AFQUTNTUTUDN> :

"After consideration, the committee

(1) agreed that the issues raised in the petition deserved further attention; and

(2) instructed the Executive Director of Land and Environmental Services to submit a report to the Sustainability and the Environment Policy Development Committee, having considered the concerns highlighted by the petitioners, which would consider the pace and scale of phasing for the implementation of 20 mph speed limits and how this might be accelerated within the city, taking account of the relevant UK and Scottish Government legislation and explore how this could be resourced to assist in progressing the Council's overarching vision for road safety".

It was thus disappointing to read the report (Agenda Item 3 for 03 February), see: <http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/Councillorsandcommittees/viewSelectedPack.asp?c=P6J5FQ2U81Z3UT81> pages 71 – 76, that has been submitted to your committee, which does not appear to have addressed the remit given. We in GoBike are concerned that the report refers to zones and the cost of road calming, rather than limits without the need for road calming and does not address the issue of speed of implementation. It is our estimate that, at the current rate of implementation, it will be 40 years before our aspirations are met.

We are fully aware, as stated in the report, that Land and Environment Services have a current programme of 20mph implementation, but they fail to state how long it will take to reduce the speed limit on all the appropriate roads (as per Transport Scotland guidelines) to 20mph, or how an accelerated programme could be achieved.

We thus urge the committee to impress on Land and Environment Services the need to address the terms of the remit set, rather than accept, as recommended in Section 9 of the report, that the current implementation of zones, (ie not limits) is adequate or even acceptable.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tricia Fort".

Tricia Fort, Convenor of GoBike