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Dear Sir/Madam,

THE GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL, (POLLOKSHIELDS), (20mph SPEED LIMIT ZONE) ORDER 201_, Support with concern

Thank you for your e-mail of 01 April.

GoBike! supports this Order. We are pleased to see that you propose to limit traffic speeds and restrict parking in this part of Pollokshields.

However, we are concerned, as we know local residents are, about the enforcement of the 20mph speed limit, particularly around the school, which is on a busy B road. We are aware that speed tables and a zebra crossing will help to reduce speed, but we feel that enforcement of the limit and penalties for those who infringe it are essential. We do, though, know that speed tables are expensive to install and maintain, and are inappropriate in an area where cycling is encouraged; thus we trust that this investment in the infrastructure will be protected by enforcement.

We understand that restrictions on parking around the school will be enforced by City Council wardens and we are pleased to hear that you will be monitoring traffic speeds and parking infringements on St Andrews Road, Kenmure Street and McCulloch Street. We look forward to significant action being taken to encourage parents, guardians and children to walk and cycle to the new school, rather than use a car.

We are pleased that southbound access to Kenmure Street from St Andrews Road will be limited to taxis and cycles and we trust that this will be enforced, with suitable penalties for motorists who ignore the restriction.

We do have concerns, as we have expressed before, about the zone by zone approach that the City Council is taking to the implementation of 20mph as the standard speed limit across the city. We are aware of concerns in Pollokshields that motorists outwith the immediate area of this new 20mph zone might exceed the traditional speed limit in an attempt to "make up" time. We trust that the speed monitoring arrangements that you have promised will be installed on Darnley Street.

It is clear that many Glasgow residents wish to see a 20mph speed limit near their homes, schools, shops and workplaces. We thus repeat our request to you for the default speed limit in the city to be 20mph.

Yours sincerely,

Convenor, GoBike!