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Dear Sir/Madam,

THE GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL, GOVAN CROSS PUBLIC SPACE IMPROVEMENTS Support and Comment

Thank you for your e-mail of 28 February and the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

GoBike! supports this project, which completes the previous work to enhance the public space around the historic town centre of Govan. The widening of the pavements, the decluttering and the resurfacing with attractive and durable stone will create public spaces with a pleasing ambience and encourage more people to walk and socialise in this historic location.

While GoBike! is an organisation which primarily campaigns for improved cycling infrastructure in Glasgow and the Strathclyde area, we acknowledge that this has to be located within a social context, which encourages active travel and these proposals provide that.

GoBike! seeks to have a continuous network of cycle routes which allows cyclists to go by the most direct routes between places and this plan contributes to the fulfilment of that aim. We are particularly pleased that it is set within a wider strategic context, including the planned Partick-Govan footbridge and the improvements to Byres Road. This overall development will provide a continuous, direct route from the Botanic Gardens to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital.

The provision of a crossing on Govan Road is a key element and we welcome it. However, it is clear that people will also cycle the full length of Water Row between the Govan-Partick Bridge and Govan Road, and this should be expected and provision made in the final design.

Removing all parking from the north side of Burleigh Street and the provision of a segregated two-way cycle path are welcomed. Because of the mature nature of this area and the lack of alternatives, we accept the proposal to provide a time-limited loading bay for deliveries to Brechin's pub, a long-standing and important social venue for Govan. We also accept the creation of a limited number of short stay, controlled parking spaces in a recessed footway on the north side of Burleigh Street. It is a narrow thoroughfare and these provisions give a more equitable repartitioning of the space. The continuation of the cycle lanes into Harmony Row, with a crossing over Golspie Street to Langlands Path is welcomed. However, please note that further work will be required to the cycle lanes on Langlands Road, primarily to stop them being used for car parking (preventing cycle use), and to the unpleasant subway access to the QEUH grounds.

The QEUH campus is large and a cycle route to the north entrance along Govan Road, sharing the bus lanes, is feasible and should be included in the final proposals. We urge that at the

crossing on Govan Road there is signage indicating a route to the hospital and road lining or surfacing to indicate a right turn for cyclists at this crossing. Many people are currently cycling through the Clyde Tunnels to the hospital and then struggling to cross the Fastlink bus route. While some of these people might choose to use the new Govan-Partick bridge once open, for many the Tunnels will provide the more direct option, and the plans should allow for people to access the Fastlink lanes by bike for good access to the north part of the campus.

We welcome the moving of bus stops and the removal of parking on Govan Road near the shopping centre.

We propose that the speed limit for the area be reduced everywhere to no more than 20mph to encourage the walking and cycling which these changes seek to promote.

With the opening of the new bridge, Govan Cross Subway station will become a principal access point for visitors to the Riverside Museum. A zebra crossing, for use by both pedestrians and cyclists, from the Transport Hub/Shopping Centre area to Water Row will encourage greater use of public transport.

We recognise that this is principally a construction project, but, if it is to be successful in creating and sustaining a more social ethos, then parking restrictions will have to be enforced and there must be an ongoing maintenance commitment to the area.

We look forward to the final proposals.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Kent'.

Convenor, GoBike!