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Dear Sir/Madam,

## THE GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL (CROMPTON AVENUE) TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME 201\_ Objection

Thank you for your e-mail of 30 May and the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

GoBike! objects in the strongest terms to this scheme.

We thoroughly support a 20mph default speed limit for Glasgow. Indeed, we were firmly behind the petition presented to the City Council 2 years ago and heard by the Petitions Committee on 12 May 2015 that called for such a default speed limit in the City of Glasgow. The aim of the petition was unanimously supported by the Committee and was elevated to the Policy Committee. Unfortunately, the report that was then commissioned brought us back to the existing scatter gun approach of small, 20mph zones, which, in our estimation, would take 40 years to cover the applicable streets across the city.

Traffic calming by the installation of cushions is a very contentious issue. Speed cushions are expensive to install, with estimates of circa £60,000 per km and quickly degrade from the effect of constant pounding by road vehicles.

If the major point of concern here is traffic speed outside St Fillan's Primary School then a more effective measure would be for monitoring and enforcement of the 20mph limit to be carried out by Police Scotland at the start, mid-day break and end of the school day.

You will also be aware of the <u>Proposed Restricted Roads (20mph Limit) (Scotland) Bill</u>, which has been developed by Mark Ruskell, MSP and is currently open, until 07 August, for consultation. The indications are that this bill will be approved by the Scottish Parliament and thus it would be premature to go to the expense and disruption of installing traffic cushions when a city wide limit would not only encourage drivers to reduce their speed but would make the installation of speed cushions superfluous.

We trust that you will be able to persuade those who are asking for traffic calming that the solution proposed both by GoBike and Mark Ruskell is a far more sustainable one.

Yours sincerely,

Convenor, GoBike!