


STRATHCLYDE CYCLE CAMPAIGN

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your e-mail of 05 December and the opportunity to comment on your proposals to install speed cushions on Millbrae Road.

While GoBike applauds your wish to slow down motor traffic on Millbrae Road, we object to the way in which you propose that this be done. Millbrae Road is, relatively speaking, a main road, providing a reasonably direct route from the Muirend area towards Langside Road around Queens Park and then to Victoria Road, ie it provides an extension to the forthcoming South City Way. There are already advisory cycle lanes to the south of Millbrae Road, on Langside Drive and we see an opportunity here to link those lanes towards the South City Way. This could be done by installing a cycle lane on each side of Millbrae Road, separating cyclists from motorists by orcas or one of the other methods displayed on Aikenhead Road.

Narrowing the width of Millbrae Road available to motor traffic in this way will lead to traffic speeds being reduced and will aid the City Council in its quest to increase the percentage of the population choosing active travel.

Since Millbrae Road climbs quite steeply from the White Cart northwards we are particularly concerned that you propose to increase this gradient for those of us who already choose to cycle by installing speed cushions for the full width of the road. Cyclists tend to move from side to side on a steep upwards gradient and the effect of the climb onto the speed cushion will be to exacerbate any sideways move thus potentially pushing the bike and its rider closer to the motor traffic and into danger.

We are also very concerned that the buildouts at each speed cushion and at some of the junctions will push cyclists even further out into the main line of motor traffic, again putting them in danger.

It must be remembered that bikes are just as much traffic as are cars and vans; this proposal ignores bikes. If Glasgow City Council wishes to improve the health of the city's population and to increase the number of us who cycle then active travel must be at the centre of any proposal to change the city's infrastructure.

GoBike thus objects to these proposals in that they will put road users in danger.

Yours sincerely



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