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Dear Sir/Madam,

THE GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL, Proposed infrastructure improvements - Jura Street

Thank you for your e-mail of 08 February and the opportunity to comment on the proposals for Jura Street.

Several of our members visited the exhibition you held on 27 March, more will have looked on-line, and we are impressed with the detailed work that has been done to provide 4 options for a cycling lane from the underpass below the M8 to Paisley Road West. However, Jura Street is relatively quiet, there is little motor traffic and we see many other priorities in the city where our scarce public funds could be spent to better effect. The three items of the scheme that we consider to be essential are:

- the provision of the dropped kerb at the north end of the scheme
- the proposed changes to the traffic lights at Paisley Road West to facilitate access between Jura Street, Paisley Road West and Bellahouston Park
- improved access, with dropped kerbs to Bellahouston Park

We do understand, though, that money has now been allocated to the scheme and we do recognise that Jura Street is part of a cycle commuter route from the south of the city to the new hospital in Govan and thus we see little benefit in opposing the scheme.

At the south end of Jura Street, where, because you wish to maintain 2 lanes of traffic southbound there is limited room for people to walk and cycle we do not wish to see a shared footway as in Option B; this is not the choice of either pedestrians or cyclists. We wish to see clear delineation between the cycle lane and the pedestrian lane as in the other 3 options.

We do plead that, in future, money for improved cycle infrastructure is used where cycle traffic is currently heaviest (the City Council has access to data sets giving this information) and Paisley Road West is an obvious candidate in this area of the city. Providing good cycle infrastructure on this road will be a political challenge but is one that must be faced if we are to encourage more people to cycle and to improve their own health and the health of the city.

Yours sincerely



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