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Dear Sir/Madam,

DRAFT LENNOXTOWN PLACE PLAN 2018 - 2013,

Thank you for your e-mail of 13 July and the opportunity to comment on the draft Lennoxtown Place Plan. We have encouraged our members to respond on-line but hope that you find this letter of use.

We have looked through your proposals and we are concerned that the Draft Plan does not have more mention of active travel. We realise that many people in Lennoxtown will feel that they need a car given its location but the village, as you recognise in the document, is passed through by a high number of cyclists on the road, especially to access the popular nearby climb of the Crow Road. Others visit to cycle on the John Muir Way/Strathblane railway path which is more a leisure route and shared with high numbers of people walking with children and dogs and so the low speeds required for cycling on it means it cannot be considered as a viable active travel route.

Concern has been expressed at the high traffic speeds in the village and we feel that changes could be made to improve the environment on the Main Street for pedestrians and cyclists. Segregated cycle lanes on Main Street will improve conditions for the people who already cycle there and encourage local residents to get on their bike. An added benefit will be that the carriageway will be narrowed and this will lead to lower traffic speeds. Reducing parking on the street will improve visibility for all road users, particularly for pedestrians trying to cross the road.

For the people who do cycle through the village on their way to the Crow Road improvements could be made at the junction of Main Street and Crosshill Street. The junction is dangerous and an improved layout could reduce traffic speeds on the A891 and facilitate the turn towards the Crow Road.

We also think that it would be of interest to carry out a count of people cycling in and through the village; we suspect that it is high but cyclists are notorious cafe goers in the search for calories! Figures on cycling would thus not only support street improvements to slow road traffic but would encourage caterers to expand their businesses.

The Draft Plan should include specifics as to what is proposed to improve walking and cycling in the village, to encourage residents to use Main Street, to encourage more people to cycle the Crow Road and to stop and eat cake in the village.

Yours sincerely

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