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Dear Sir/Madam,

THE GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL, (SPRINGBOIG ROAD), TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME 2018

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposals for traffic calming on Springboig Road. As you will be aware, we do not like speed cushions because they encourage motorists to deviate in an attempt to minimise their effect, cyclists move to the kerb or the centre of the road to avoid them and this increases the potential for collision. Speed cushions are expensive to install, expensive to maintain and are not the most effective way to reduce traffic speed. We are not, in this case, submitting a formal objection but we do want to express our concerns at yet more speed cushions being installed in the city.

We would like to suggest that adding segregated cycle lanes to the street would narrow the traffic lanes significantly, and along with an enforced reduction in the speed limit to 20mph, would be as effective at calming the traffic on the road. We would like to see this approach across the board on traffic calming schemes around the city. Not only would this probably have a similar cost to installing speed tables, were you to use effective separation tools like armadillos or planters, but it would also help move Glasgow forward to achieving a linked up network for active travel, as well as providing for the promised 10% of journeys by bike in 2020.

You will find a great example of a traffic calming scheme that works for active travel at this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WtddplenEk&utm_source=Sustrans&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=9724038_September+enews

or by searching for 'Transforming Vauxhall Street, London – London's first cycle street' on Youtube

Yours sincerely

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