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Dear Mark,

### **Safer Streets, Restricted Roads (20mph Limit) (Scotland) Bill**

Thank you for your e-mail of 18<sup>th</sup> November about the progress of your Safer Streets Bill. We have informed our members and supporters of the current consultation put forward by the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee and have encouraged them to respond. GoBike issues a fortnightly digest of consultations and we included the Restricted Roads (20mph Limit) (Scotland) Bill in [last week's digest](#) and will be highlighting it again next week and listing it until the closing date, further to your message to us.

GoBike are extremely supportive of the work you are doing on 20mph and of the proposals in the bill. It is now coming up to four years since one of our members put forward a petition to Glasgow City Council calling for measures such as you propose for Glasgow. The city centre does now have a 20mph speed limit applied, and we would be very keen to see this extended wider as per your proposals.

One point we feel it important to make as a result of our findings with the 20mph application to Glasgow City Centre, is that we have been keenly aware of the effect that the lack of enforcement has had. Police are not consistently putting a resource towards maintaining the limit and driver behaviour suggests that people believe the limit to be advisory at best or are completely unaware of it.

Thus, we feel that it is essential once the bill becomes law, as we hope it does, that you are able, with the backing of the Transport Minister, to make the benefits of 20mph clear in the media, with the statement that the law change has the full support of Police Scotland.

We at GoBike do wish to reach a stage where people around Scotland can reap the benefits of slower traffic speeds, breathing cleaner air, not having to scurry across busy streets full of fast-moving vehicles and the reduction in serious road traffic accidents. We are very grateful to you for bringing this bill forward, we wish you every success as it moves through parliament and we are delighted to do our bit in promoting positive responses to the current survey.

Yours sincerely



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