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Dear Gemma,

### **North Toryglen green space & active travel design project**

It was good to meet you and your colleagues at the exhibition of the proposals for North Toryglen on 15 April.

The plans promise a transformation of a derelict area with some houses into a real neighbourhood, one where people will want to live and relax. The open areas will become a safe and welcoming place for children to play and have fun. Older people will be able to walk, watch their children and sit to chat with neighbours.

The finished areas will encourage all residents to take a pride in their locality.

We are pleased to see that active travel is to be encouraged and we have a couple of comments about this.

In our view the segregated cycle lanes around Prospecthill Circus should definitely be constructed. If the one-way system is brought in there will be a tendency for speeding by some drivers; the reduction in width brought about by the cycle lanes will prevent that. In addition the narrower road width will prevent on road parking, thus improving visibility for drivers as well as pedestrians.

The existence of the cycle lanes will not only encourage adults to cycle but will allow children to learn to cycle in a safe environment and will leave the footways clear for pedestrians. The social and environmental benefits of including them will be high.

The shared paths are quite narrow; Cycling by Design, table 5.4, recommends a minimum width of 3m for a two way cycle way. To include pedestrians as well we suggest a minimum of 4m wherever possible.

Our overall view is that these proposals will make a massive improvement to the area and form best practice that should be adopted in many other parts of Glasgow and South Lanarkshire.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tricia Fort'.

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