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Dear Sir/Madam,

**THE GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL, (Ladyloan Avenue)  
Traffic Calming Scheme 20\_\_**

Thank you for your email of 14 June and the opportunity to comment on the proposals for reducing the speed of traffic on Ladyloan Avenue.

GoBike is in favour of reducing the speed of motor traffic and in ensuring that it is safe for children to walk and cycle to school. We have recently responded favourably to proposals to ban motor traffic from the immediate vicinity of 6 schools in other parts of the city at school start and finish time. Why isn't this being proposed to safeguard children at St Clare's Primary School?

We also note the City Council's policy of training school children to cycle and encouraging them to cycle to school. However, while this might be done at St Clare's the installation of speed cushions will not make Ladyloan Avenue any safer for cycling. In fact it will make it worse. The existence of speed cushions will encourage anyone cycling to avoid them and, in the case of school children, to move to the outer edge of the road (rather than the centre). This is where detritus collects, and thus where punctures are more likely to happen; this will not encourage children, or their parents/carers to keep cycling.

Your drawings show that, in this instance, you propose to position the cushions only 1m from the kerb, in contrast to the 1.2m that we understand to be general City Council policy. Depending on the road surface adjacent to the kerb and the amount of detritus there, 1m is unsuitable for bikes, particularly for cargo bikes, those with trailers or tricycles, ie just the sort of bike that a parent with a pre-school child might use, while cycling to school with an older child.

A solution to speeding traffic and to encouraging active travel to St Clare's school that GoBike would favour is the narrowing of the roadway by the installation of cycle lanes. Ladyloan Avenue, in the west of the city, is in an area of some deprivation and poor health, of low car ownership, in a city of relatively low car ownership and this is just the sort of location where active travel should be encouraged.

It also makes good sense to separate those, who by the presence of motor vehicles, are deemed to be "vulnerable road users" from motor vehicles. The installation of cycle lanes will do just that, ie separate people cycling and further separate people walking from motor traffic.

Thus, in line with City Council policies of encouraging us all to be more active, of encouraging children to cycle to school and reducing the amount of motor traffic on our streets, GoBike opposes the installation of speed cushions on Ladyloan Avenue.

Yours sincerely



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