


STRATHCLYDE CYCLE CAMPAIGN

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**THE GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL,
Ardencraig Road, Traffic Calming Scheme**

Thank you for your email of 21 January and the opportunity to comment on the proposals for reducing motor traffic speeds on Ardencraig Road.

Glasgow City Council has a standard response to calls for a reduction in motor traffic speeds and that is to maintain the roadway as a zone for motor vehicles, but with the addition of speed cushions to slow those motor vehicles down.

GoBike, as we have said on multiple occasions, supports lower motor traffic speeds and has consistently campaigned for a 20mph default speed limit in Glasgow. However, we object to the repeated use of speed cushions. It is unfortunate that those responsible for promoting their use do not read the City Council, and Scottish Government documentation that promotes active travel, promotes reduced use of motor vehicles and promotes reduced pollution of our environment. We understand that residents in areas affected by high traffic speeds are given no other options than speed cushions and this is very unfortunate. We object to this policy.

Documents, such as the current "Designing Streets" published 10 years ago by the Scottish Government, inform local government, planners and developers on how to make streets for people rather than cars and while transforming our streets might be more expensive in the short term, there will be benefits in the long term.

In the specific case of Ardencraig Road, there appears to be no recognition of the number of schools in the area. One would expect that cars are at least banned at school start and finish times, certainly from parking near schools, that cycle lanes are constructed from the surrounding residential areas to allow children to cycle or scoot to school and that footways are widened outwith the school gates to facilitate access and egress.

Yours sincerely



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