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Dear Sir/Madam,

THE GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL, Mosspark Drive, Traffic Calming Scheme

Thank you for your email of 24 January and the opportunity to comment on the proposals for reducing motor traffic speeds on Mosspark Drive.

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 Mosspark Drive, filtered permeability would reduce the amount of motor traffic, if the Drive itself is blocked to through traffic. The installation of zebra crossings would slow traffic down too and allow residents to gain access to the park area and why not tighten up the radii (to 90 degrees) on the turn from Mosspark Boulevard? We strongly support the installation of the pedestrian island, but reducing the speed of turning traffic would make it far safer for people to cross. The current one size fits all policy is doing nothing to enhance our city or make it one fit to welcome COP26 in November

Yours sincerely

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