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Dear Sir/Madam,

**SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL,
Abercorn Drive and Chestnut Crescent area Traffic Management Proposals**

Our attention has been drawn to the proposals, outlined on your website, for traffic management works on Abercorn Drive and Chestnut Crescent.

We are bitterly disappointed that the modal filter proposals for Silvertonhill Avenue did not get the support of local residents. We suspect that was more from a standpoint of self-interest and speedy motor access to their own home rather than actually improving the area overall.

GoBike is opposed to speed cushions for many reasons, including the following:

- They push people who are cycling either into the gutter or out towards the centre of the road if they wish to avoid cycling over them. It is desirable, and recommended, to maintain a distance of 0.75- 1.0m from the kerb when cycling.
- We are not aware of any evidence that speed cushions reduce maximum motor traffic speeds, but there is evidence that the higher the speed the greater the impact of a collision.
- We are not aware of any evidence that speed cushions make it any easier for people to cross a road.
- Many private vehicles are now so large that they can be driven over speed cushions with negligible reduction in speed.
- They do not prevent rat running.

We do, though, support modal filters that encourage active travel by reducing through motor traffic and we support the concepts of Liveable Neighbourhoods and Low Traffic Zones. If South Lanarkshire Council is intent in its published desire to work with the Scottish Government and other local authorities to move to a zero carbon economy, to reduce pollution and improve the health of its citizens, we hope that you will work to build support for the measures, such as modal filters, that are needed in our towns and residential areas.

Yours sincerely



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