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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Glasgow City Council, Planning Application 20/02068/FUL
Public realm improvement works with associated alterations to road layout and car park.
Glasgow Science Centre 50 Pacific Quay Glasgow G51 1EA - OBJECTION**

GoBike is pleased to be able to comment on the proposals for public realm changes at the Science Centre, particularly because this site is very readily accessible by bike. Unfortunately, however, we find that the proposals are lacking in respect of cycling and active travel generally and we must object to them.

Cycling is very much a mode of transport and must be considered as such. Not only do people visit the Science Centre by bike but they commute by bike using the route from Pacific Drive up to and over the Millennium Bridge, or alternatively, going along the south bank of the Clyde to use Bell's Bridge.

We reject the proposals on the grounds that out-of-date documents are referenced and no cognisance is taken of the current, and ongoing, surge in the use of cycles for transport, nor of the design guidance that cycle routes should be direct. It should not be outwith the skill of competent designers to introduce a garden nature to the approach to the Centre, while at the same time providing direct, and continuous, routes, preferably segregated, for both pedestrians and cyclists. So many times we see planted areas dissected by cut-throughs made, particularly by people walking from their cars, but then followed by others. It is essential, in our view but supported by design documents and evidence on the ground, that walking and cycling routes should be direct.

GoBike would welcome discussion with the designers involved in this application to ensure that their revised plans really do improve the area for all.

Yours sincerely

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