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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Glasgow City Council (City Centre)(Traffic Management) Order 2010 (variation no 27)
Order 202_**

Thank you for your email of 13 February and the opportunity to comment on the proposals for changes in the City Centre.

While we welcome the moves being made to support electric vehicles we are concerned that such vehicles do nothing to reduce congestion, still take up space on our streets while parked and we cannot understand why all the charging points are not off-street in the multi-storey and street-level car parks? With your current practice of installing the charging points on the footways they add to the clutter already there and inhibit walking, ie act against active travel.

There appears to be overlap between this TRO and the Experimental TRO for George Square in respect of Cochrane Street, south side. In total, it looks as if there will be disabled parking, motor cycle parking and EV charging points on the south side. Is that correct? Could we also have cycle parking on this side of the carriageway please? It would be sensible, in our view, to use one car park bay for a covered cycle park with 2 electric bike charging points included.

GoBike is grateful that you will finally be allowing contraflow cycling on Candleriggs. However, with your current practice of general opposition to contraflow cycling you are not only ignoring your own guidance document, ie Cycling by Design but also well-documented evidence from studies of contraflow cycling. We urge you to do far more to enable people to cycle through the city to reach their destination by as short a route as possible, rather than by the circuitous routes designed for motor traffic.

We are concerned that you propose new loading facilities for Trongate, which, we understand, will form part of the Argyle Street Avenue. Although we are aware that, counter-intuitively, progress on the Avenues is to be halted for COP26, surely any work on Trongate will be redundant once the Avenues programme is reinstated?

We would be grateful if you will take cognisance of our views for both this and future TROs.

Yours sincerely



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