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Dear Sir/Madam,

**GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL,  
(MARYHILL ROAD/ NORTH WOODSIDE ROAD/ HOPEHILL ROAD) (TRAFFIC  
REGULATION) ORDER 202\_**

Thank you for your email of 07 May 2021 and the opportunity to comment on the proposals for the crossing at Maryhill Road, North Woodside Road and Hopehill Road.

GoBike objects to the proposed TRO at the junction of Maryhill Road, North Woodside Road and Hopehill Road, specifically to the first clause, namely:

Proposed prohibition of cycles right/ left turn within cycle crossing.

**Reasons**

1. Cycle routes are not like railway lines which users must stay on until dedicated infrastructure offers the option of changing direction. People choose their routes for a variety of reasons, such as end destination, intermediate calling points, ease of cycling, journey length, and may need to cycle from anywhere to anywhere else. From a very superficial look at the plan you include in the TRO pack there is a clear desire line to travel north from Hopehill Road to Maryhill Road. Why would every user wish to limit their journey to North Woodside Road?
2. It is not intelligent to set up a prohibition which will be routinely ignored; compare the unwillingness to reduce a road's speed limit unless the normal traffic speed is already close to the suggested new limit.

It is understood that the geometry of this junction makes it different from the normal 90 degree crossroads and there may be question marks over providing a 'green scramble' phase. GoBike is confident that a more sensible solution than the one proposed can be found, possibly following the precedent of at least one other crossing in the city that our members have now, at the public consultation stage, made us aware of.

GoBike was privileged to take part in the initial consultation on this junction and we responded very positively and constructively to what we saw as a very unrealistic proposal. I attach a copy of our letter of 22 February and it is extremely disappointing that you have not entered into dialogue with GoBike. We fully realise that TROs are limited in their content, but the underlying infrastructure design is far from simple if it is to be intuitive and safe for all users and if it is to

assist in the City Council's stated aim of encouraging people to cycle and making Glasgow an active travel city.

We look forward to dialogue with you to ensure that the arrangements of this junction are as robust as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tricia Fort', written in a cursive style.

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