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Dear Susan Aitken,

THE GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL, closure of George Square to traffic consultation

GoBike is delighted that further to the short term closure of George Square to motor traffic for the duration of the European Championships, a permanent closure is now being considered. We would like to applaud the ambition and vision that this shows from Glasgow City Council towards a healthier future for the city of Glasgow, and wish to add GoBike's support to your proposals.

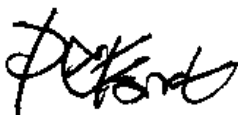
We have advertised the current City Council on-line survey to our members and supporters and we hope that many of them will have responded positively. We welcome the benefits in reduced pollution, reduced noise and the improved ambience that the absence of motor traffic will bring.

We do, though, have some concerns and wonder if you might be able to confirm a couple of things for us?

1. The survey refers simply to "closure", yet the short term closure excluded George Street on the north side of the square. Hearsay tells us that the "permanent" closure would again be the west, south and east sides with buses and taxis being able to use George Street. Is this correct?
2. There is also no mention of cycle access through the square or of cycle and pedestrian routes to and from Queen Street Station. When events are being held in the square and barriers are erected, it is essential that people walking or cycling are able to find their way readily to the station and generally from one side of the square to the other to continue their journey. Thus, we do ask that clear cycle lanes are provided on the existing streets around the square and that these and the outer footways of the square are kept open at all times to maintain active travel routes.

That said, we do support the proposal and would like to add our backing. Apart from responding to the online survey, can you suggest any further action that GoBike might take to help encourage support of the closure?

With best wishes,



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