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Dear Sir/Madam,

**THE GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL, (Broomfield Road)  
Traffic Calming Scheme 20\_\_**

Thank you for your email of 14 June and the opportunity to comment on the proposals for reducing the speed of traffic on Broomfield Road.

GoBike is a committed advocate of a default urban speed limit of 20mph and generally in favour of reducing the speed of motor traffic. There are several ways in which this may be done and the installation of speed cushions is not one that we favour.

People will generally avoid cycling over speed cushions and will, depending on road conditions, move either to the left, towards the gutter, or towards the centre of the road, to keep to a riding surface that is as smooth as possible. This has the potential of bringing them into conflict with either parked or moving vehicles and thus should be avoided.

In this instance you propose to position the cushions only 1m from the kerb, in contrast to the 1.2m that we understand to be general City Council policy. Depending on the road surface adjacent to the kerb and the amount of detritus there, 1m is unsuitable for bikes, particularly for cargo bikes, those with trailers or tricycles.

A solution to speeding traffic that GoBike would favour is the narrowing of the roadway by the installation of cycle lanes. Broomfield Road, in the north-east of the city, is in an area where enhanced cycle infrastructure is already proposed and cycle lanes here would add to the network allowing more people to cycle into the city centre. There are parks and primary schools, as well as a shopping centre in the vicinity; these are all venues to which people will cycle if the conditions are right.

Thus, in line with City Council policies of encouraging us all to be more active, of encouraging children to cycle to school and reducing the amount of motor traffic on our streets, GoBike opposes the installation of speed cushions on Broomfield Road.

Yours sincerely

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