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Dear Sir/Madam,

**THE GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL, (Garscube Road)
(Traffic Regulation and Parking Controls) Order 201_**

Thank you for your email of 01 June. GoBike welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Garscube Road project, and we support the traffic regulations necessary to enable better cycling facilities on this key route to the city centre.

We are pleased that the Council continues to push forward with reallocating road space for segregated cycleways. We note that the proposal is for a bidirectional cycleway on the east side of the road. GoBike prefers unidirectional cycleways on both sides of the road, but we do recognise the benefits of a bidirectional facility in this location. It allows a smooth connection to the M8 underpass, avoiding a complex junction and saving active travellers a lot of time.

You will be aware that GoBike has criticised the design of minor junctions on the South City Way. Motorists have not been reliably giving priority to people cycling, and we partly attribute this to the various ambiguous designs to be found along the route. We are concerned that these errors will be repeated on Garscube Road, and indeed that the safety problem will be worse with a bidirectional facility.

Priority for cycling at junctions must be clear in this and all future schemes. This is accomplished in all the following ways:

- The cycleway should be coloured, but there should be no change in colour or materials at the junction
- It should not be interrupted by kerb lines, as this creates the false impression that cyclists will stop at the kerb for turning drivers
- It should cross the junction on a raised table, with a parallel continuous footway or zebra crossing, but this should not take the form of a speed bump for cyclists
- The cycle crossing should be set back ~5m from the junction. This creates a waiting area for one car, reducing both the chance of the cycleway being blocked and the cognitive demands of driving through the junction

One of our members created a mock-up showing these features; please find it at the end of this letter.

We are happy to see that the project also aims to improve conditions for walking. The new pedestrian crossing outside the nursery is very welcome, but we do not consider the staggered

arrangement of the zebra crossings of the cycleway to be optimal. Concerns about user perception of separate crossings are overblown. People want to cross the street directly.

The design of the junction at Possil Road appears to be excellent, and the creation of a public space by closing the existing slip road is a very positive idea. The opportunity should be taken to create a similar quality space at Queen's Cross by closing the road in front of the Mackintosh Church.

We hope to see the cycleway extended along the rest of the A81, towards East Dunbartonshire, as soon as possible. We are therefore concerned to see the route diverted away from Garscube Road at Hinshaw Street. We would welcome confirmation that a continuous cycleway along the A81 forms part of the Council's longer-term plans.

Yours sincerely



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PS: GoBike proposal for Garscube Road/Sawmillfield Street junction

