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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Glasgow City Council, (Ashgill Road) Traffic Calming Scheme, Stage One Consultation

Thank you for your email of 28 November and the opportunity to comment on the initial proposals for traffic calming on Ashgill Road.

While we understand the requirement to reduce the speed of motor traffic on this wide road and we fully support reduced motor traffic speeds, particularly in residential areas such as this, we are concerned that speed cushions have been proposed. There are various options available to reduce motor traffic speed and we consider that a more pedestrian-friendly and more cycle-friendly solution could have been found.

It is disappointing that, because this road has not been declared part of the city's cycle network, the very obvious links to both Ashfield and Possilpark & Parkhouse Stations and the connection to Balmore Road, a significant arterial road into the city, have not prompted a rethink of the role of Ashgill Road. With schools in the vicinity and a community centre on Ashgill Road itself active travel and public transport should be the prime drivers to any change here.

However, given that budgets are tight, and that the scheme has been designated as a motor traffic, rather than a cycle traffic, scheme, we accept that in the short term speed cushions will reduce motor speeds. We do, though, question two aspects of the cushion design:

1. The spacing of the cushions along the road that might well encourage drivers to accelerate and then brake between them, rather than driving at a constant speed. This will cause more noise and pollution for the residents and will not necessarily improve safety.
2. The spacing of the cushions across the road, which either forces bikes into the gutter or towards the centre of the road, rather than allowing people to maintain a primary position on the road while cycling.

Yours sincerely



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