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Dear Mathilda,

Gartnavel Hospital - Missing Piece in West End Active Travel Network

This letter confirms Go Bike supports the "Gartnavel Hospital - Missing Piece in West End Active Travel Network" Project through the Sustrans Places for Everyone Programme. It is essential that the National Health Service leads on the provision of healthy transport options, based on the premise that prevention is better than cure.

While we recognise that some provision for private motor transport is essential for people unable to use public transport or walk or cycle to the hospitals, this must not be at the expense of the health of the majority of the population and significantly more provision for walking, wheeling and cycling is needed, along with access to good public transport.

Thus GoBike supports this application for funding.

However, we must be realistic and recognise the lack of active travel infrastructure in the surrounding area. The Gartnavel-Hyndland-Partick Connectivity Map included in the supporting papers for the application is ambitious but also naive and significant support will be required from both Sustrans and Glasgow City Council to encourage noticeable and sustainable uptake of active travel to the hospitals. The Colleges Cycle Route shown in green on that map is a shadow of the original concept; it is simply painted lines on the carriageway and, in the absence of double yellow lines, it is used for motor parking along much of Clarence Drive, Crow Road and Southbrae Drive. This lack of a safe cycling environment must be addressed if people are to cycle to the hospitals and the proposed routes, shown in blue, must be constructed to a high standard.

We are also concerned about the proposals for shared use paths within the hospital grounds. These are notoriously unpopular with both people who walk and people who cycle and are, in these days of social distancing (which, hopefully, will not be permanent feature of our lives), being shown as completely inadequate. Any routes within the jurisdiction of the NHS must adequately provide for the anticipated levels of foot, cycle, wheelchair, scooter and pram use.

Yours sincerely

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