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Dear Sir/Madam,

BON ACCORD QUARTER – First Draft of Masterplan

The Aberdeen Cycle Forum would like to make some general comments regarding the Bon Accord Quarter draft masterplan.

We are sure you are aware that Scottish Executive planning guidelines, SPP17 and PAN 75, specifically state that travel should be prioritised in the following order: walking, cycling, public transport and lastly, cars.

There is no mention of cycling access and cycle parking in the whole document. This we feel is an oversight where one of your aims is to *“integrate with the surrounding area ... improving access ... in heart of Aberdeen”*.

The provision of an additional 1000 car parking spaces has not been justified and will lead to further congestion to already overloaded routes into the city centre. Priority should be given to sustainable modes of transport in this order walking, cycling and public transport – in this city centre core area.

The cycling provision needs to be fully integrated at an early stage in all aspects of the proposals, rather than being a bolt on at the end.

Overall, we are disappointed that cycle provision receives no attention. A modern and responsible approach to proposals such as these should be outlining measures to facilitate sustainable transport options.

We would be happy to meet with you to discuss in detail the proposals.

Yours faithfully,

On behalf of the Aberdeen Cycle Forum