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Dear Mr McKenzie

Proposed One-Way Restriction and 'No Entry' Restriction on Riverside Drive

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed one-way system and 'no entry' restriction at the West end of Riverside Drive. In particular I wish to emphasise the importance of maintaining this route open to cyclists travelling in the opposite direction to the planned one-way system.

I understand that the measures proposed will curb the practice of large vehicles turning or reversing in this section of narrow road. I agree that the current arrangement is unsatisfactory in this respect. However, it is unsatisfactory that, as a consequence of the measures necessary to control the movements of motorists, cyclists (heading west) will also be diverted around the block. This stretch of Riverside Drive currently provides an effective route to and from the Bridge of Dee for cyclists. (It also gives easy access to the pedestrian crossing that allows cyclists to avoid the roundabout. As such, it affords a good option for cyclists wishing to access RGU and the increasing number of facilities at Garthdee). Being a relatively quiet stretch of road, it is also safer and more pleasant than the alternative route via Holburn Street.

I therefore request that a contraflow cycle lane along the South East side (river side) of this section of Riverside Drive is built into the proposals, and that the 'No Entry' restrictions at both ends are designed to allow the passage of cyclists onto and off of this cycle lane. The road is wide enough to accommodate a contraflow cycle lane which should take the cyclist to a point on the South East (bridge) side of the slip road. This is easily possible if parking is restricted to the North West side of the street.

(The Cycle Forum would be happy to work with you on any design issues. We do hope that this measure does not become yet another one-way that diminishes the cycleable network).

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of the Aberdeen Cycle Forum