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**ANGUS COUNCIL (SHANWELL ROAD & BALMACHIE ROAD, CARNOUSTIE  
(REDETERMINATION OF MEANS OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF PASSAGE FROM FOOTWAY TO  
CYCLE TRACK) ORDER 201X**

I refer to your letter dated 16 January 2020 regarding the above.

I must once again emphasise my concern at the proposal to convert the existing footpath in Shanwell Road to a shared cycle track.

I believe that, at present, as there is no legal requirement for cyclists to use a cycle track, they will continue to cycle on the road, illegally, the wrong way along Shanwell Road. Your assumption that “some cyclists may ignore this restriction...” is completely false. I would say that 99.9% of cyclists and a fair number of other vehicles completely ignore the one-way signs. In fact just the other day a council street cleaning vehicle did just that! There is hardly a day goes by without motorists and cyclists ignoring the signage.

You further mention the responsibility of drivers emerging from their driveways should exit in a forward gear. I **always** do, as do visitors, family and friends, and do so very slowly due to the danger of being met by either a not so responsible cyclist or motorist. The majority of cyclists are school pupils who, in the main, pay little attention to the possibility of vehicles emerging from driveways, by cycling at excessive speed, on the road and the pavement, often cycling 3 or 4 abreast, and sometimes cycling with someone riding on the back of their bike, or as I saw the other day, with someone riding on the handlebars. Will a cycle track make any difference? Will this be policed? I have had numerous promises and assurances from councillors, Police Scotland and the Community Enforcement Team to give the area some enforcement attention and to continue to monitor the situation particularly in relation to the one way system in Shanwell Road. I have yet to see any evidence of this. What is the point of having a one-way system if it is continually abused by cyclists and drivers?

In your letter you mention the existing cycle tracks which lead towards Carnoustie High School, along Newton Road and Balmachie Road. Why can't the proposed new cycle track lead from the High School up David Moyes Road (as all traffic including cyclists should be doing at present) and onto the cycle track on Balmachie Road?

In view of my above comments, I will therefore **not** be withdrawing my objection to the proposals.

Yours sincerely

