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Dear Madam,

Glasgow City Council (Kelvin Way) Traffic Regulation Order

After consultation with students I am mandated to respond to the proposed Traffic Management Scheme.

While our students appreciate the need for safety measures around campus, including increased safety around the junction at University Avenue/Kelvin Way, there is serious concern surrounding safety on Kelvin Way and the proposals for increased parking charges.

One way travel northbound (towards University Avenue) on Kelvin Way

Comments from surveyed students on this issue have included:

- “Kelvin Way will have even less traffic at night, which will make it an even less appealing route for walking (shame that a taxi will have to go the long way round and cost you more money).”
- “how long would it take to get from the ‘Co-op’ to the ‘Goat’ by car. It’s fairly tricky as it is, but would now entail adding to the traffic on Byres road...”
- “this will increase traffic on University Avenue as they go round the long way.”

We would be seriously concerned for the safety of students walking along Kelvin Way at night with less traffic around. Glasgow University SRC calls for these measures to be compensated for by the introduction of more safety measures on Kelvin Way including increased CCTV and lighting to ensure the safety of our students.

Street Parking Charges../

Street parking charges on Kelvin Way and Bunhouse Road. Parking charges at the off road car parks at Bunhouse Road and at Kelvingrove Museum and Art Gallery

Students cannot support the introduction of more pay and display parking as parking in the University area is currently minimal and expensive. The question has been raised among surveyed students “will this actually benefit students in any noticeable way?”

We have to ask, can the council justify the introduction of these parking charges, which will penalize students for travelling by car to their University?

Glasgow University Students’ Representative Council after consultation with Glasgow University students cannot support the introduction of more pay and display parking around the campus, but do support more safety measures initiatives in this area.

I must also comment that we and other stakeholders have been given very little time to respond to the Traffic Management Scheme. We would hope that the council would be more willing to undertake more extensive consultation on this issue and others in the future.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Yours,

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