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Dear Mr McClean

LETTER AS FOLLOW-UP FROM CYCLING UK AND DfI MEETING

Thank you for your email of 22nd June 2022, as follow-up to your meeting with the Minister during Bike Week. You have raised three issues.

Thank you for your offer of help in regard to the **NI Highway Code**. As Minister, he has to consider the best way to use available resources to meet the needs of all road users. In addition, he needs to ensure that any changes are managed in a way that they are clearly understood, reflect local needs and secure support from a wide range of road users. In this regard, the Minister is happy to consider your suggestions as work on the NI Highway Code progresses.

The Minister has not ruled an **Active Travel Bill** in or out at this stage but it is important that the Department considers the implications of the obligations in the recent Climate Change Act which requires 10% of the Transport Budget to be spent on Active Travel and therefore will significantly increase investment in active travel from its current levels.

In regard to the decision on installing a **Limestone/Cavehill Cycle Lane** officials have collated information on the scheme progress to date and the Minister is currently considering this data. The Active Travel Branch will contact you before the end of July 2022 to update you on the way forward.

Yours Sincerely,



EMMA STOCKMAN
Private Secretary to the Minister