



Dear Minister O'Dowd,

Many thanks for your response to our email,

In regard to the Highway Code changes we welcome the Minister's consideration of our suggestions, and would be delighted to be part of any conversations or consultations on the matter. We would add however that, given the interim period for Ministers is rapidly coming to an end, this is a matter of some urgency. The Minister confirmed this is something he is able to sign off in his role, but if the process of review isn't started now it may be several years before the Highway Code is updated, leaving vulnerable road users across Northern Ireland with less protection.

We also welcome the Minister's commitment to 10% of the transport budget being spent on active travel, but believe the impact of that investment could be enhanced with an Active Travel Act. We would politely remind the Minister that an Active Travel Act was one of the three pledges both he and his party promised to deliver during the election campaign. Discussions around the detail of such legislation, drafting, and the subsequent legislative process will inevitably take a few years, which is why we need to start the process now. Again, Cycling UK are very keen to be part of that process and support the Department in any way possible.

We look forward to the update on the Limestone/Cavehill temporary Cycle Lane in the next week.

Yours faithfully,

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