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**To:** 'Dickson David'

**Cc:** Biagi M (Marco), MSP; Boyack S (Sarah), MSP; Eadie J (Jim), MSP

**Subject:** RE: Waverley Station to Close to All Vehicles

Dear Mr Dickson,

Thank you for this update. I support the removal of taxis and other motorised vehicles from inside the station as I recognise that there are important air quality benefits from this policy.

However, I'm concerned and puzzled by the new restriction placed on cyclists that prevents them cycling down into the station. I'm a cyclist myself and I have also been contacted by a number of constituents who do not understand the need for this change. We should be doing everything possible to encourage more people to cycle to the station, and I believe this sends out the wrong message.

Cyclists do not add to congestion or air quality problems in the station. I cannot see what problem there is with cycling down either of the main ramps into the station. Indeed, the more southerly entrance on Waverley Bridge leads neatly round to the back of the station near the bicycle storage. The other entrances from Calton Road and Market Street both require cyclists to carry a bike up or down steps, and by forcing cyclists to push on the pavements on the main entrance ramps you cause more congestion and conflict with pedestrians with luggage and prams.

I urge Network Rail to seriously reconsider this change. I would be grateful for a reply that I can pass on to my constituents.

Best regards,

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