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Dear Euan Renton,

Thank you for your email of 28 October to Patrick Harvie MSP, Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights on the topic of cycle parking standards. This has been passed to our Division for a response as we lead on the development and implementation of Scottish building regulations.

You raise concerns over the delivery of cycle parking/storage as part of new development through the planning system and have suggested that such provision could be addressed through national building regulations. You also note the opportunity for improvement to current delivery through the National Planning Framework (NPF4) review process which is presently underway.

In the current planning system, cycle standards are set at a local level, in light of the significant variation in need in different locations across the country.

In relation to a solution through the building standards system, regulations are applied to qualifying construction work and set consistent national standards applicable within the extents of a development site. This means that such a route is not well suited to cover issues that are influenced by an assessment of local conditions or the location and context of a development. Nor can building regulations address issues within the public realm (e.g. development unrelated to a building or of transport infrastructure).

As with provisions for vehicular parking within new developments (agreed through the planning process), cycle parking provision would consider the development plan as well as any relevant transport strategies for the area. Accordingly, action through other legislation, such as building regulations, would

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only become a consideration where review of the current process identified that it was no longer practicable to deliver the outcomes sought.

As you are probably aware, on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, Draft NPF4 was laid in parliament. Alongside Parliamentary consideration of the draft, we are running a public consultation to gather views and evidence. This draft document makes reference to the need for cycle parking so you may wish to make your comments on this known through the consultation process. Consultation is open until March 2022 and more information on how to get involved is available here: [Consultation process | Transforming Planning](#).

We hope the above information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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