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Subject: Cycling on Pavements
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Jim,

I see that once again you are featured in the Evening News regarding cycling in the City. I also note that you make reference to the new 'shared space' at The Mound / Princes Street and St Andrew Square / York Place.

Given that at the next TEC report we will have a report on cycling on pavements that states:

Legal situation

2.1 It is illegal for all cyclists (regardless of age) to cycle on footways (commonly referred to as 'pavements') in Scotland under Section 129(5) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984. This includes cyclists under the age of 12 years. The only exceptions to this law are:

- 1 where a footway has been legally redetermined for shared use (pedestrians and cyclists) and is signed as such; and
- 2 where a cyclist is crossing a footway to reach a cycle path or private access (eg from a carriageway).

Can you assure me that these areas have been 'legally redetermined' for use by cyclists and that we, as a Council, are not encouraging cyclists to break the law by mounting the pavements at these points? I would also be interested to hear what Committee considered these measures before they were implemented?

Given the way the 'full debate' about cycling at Council came about, I have to say I am surprised that you wish to raise this publicly in the article.

Thanks,

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