

Glasgow City Council submission of 11 November 2022

PE1906/D: Investigate options for removing and reducing the impact of the central Glasgow section of the M8

Glasgow City Council has recently published a new [Council Strategic Plan 2022-27](#). This is a key document that sets out the priority Grand Challenges, the Missions that will be undertaken to address them, and Commitments that will be delivered over the next five years by our Services and arms-length external organisations. It is an essential part of the council's strategic planning and performance management framework.

Within Grand Challenge 3 – Fight the climate emergency in a just transition to a net zero Glasgow, and Mission 1: Deliver sustainable transport and travel aligned with the city region, Commitment 6 states “Commission research on and explore options to reduce the impact of the M8 on the city centre, and review opportunities to re-engineer other roads infrastructure to become more people-friendly including options for long-term replacement.”

The Council is therefore responding positively to the spirit of the petition. We would highlight however there is a need to identify funding for this research, and a need to work collaboratively with stakeholders including Transport Scotland who legally manage the trunk road network including the M8.

We are also progressing a project that would deliver a new public greenspace over the M8 between Sauchiehall Street and Bath Street, as a way of reducing severance and the impacts of the M8 infrastructure at this important location, and are awaiting funding announcements from the Levelling Up Fund.