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Councillors Laura Robertson-Collins and Sharon Connor  
Exec Portfolio Holders (Environment & Sustainability,  
and Regeneration & Highways)  
Liverpool City Council  
Liverpool Town Hall  
High St  
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Dear Councillors Robertson-Collins and Connor

Reallocation of highway space for walking and cycling arising from COVID-19

At this time when all our communities are rising magnificently to the many challenges of the COVID pandemic Liverpool FoE, together with the undersigned organisations, welcomes the first steps which have been taken to make sustainable transport for key workers, and social distancing for many more, a greater reality

Doubtless you are aware of further steps, some of which may be temporary, taken by a number of global cities to better balance the availability of highway space so, in particular, making social distancing a reality for people needing to walk to the pharmacy or other destinations in order to obtain vital supplies. These further steps, which may, for example, see a section of road coned off in order to minimise the risk of conflict between motor vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists, present a great opportunity for us all to appraise how we would like to allocate such space in the future; perhaps permanently

As a guide to practical, immediately implementable measures, transferable to the City Region's streets, we commend

*Making safe space for cycling in 10 days: a guide to temporary bike lanes from Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg, Berlin*

[https://mobycon.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/FrKr-Berlin\\_Guide-EN.pdf](https://mobycon.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/FrKr-Berlin_Guide-EN.pdf)

All the undersigned would be very happy to discuss with you, at the soonest opportunity, how such interventions may urgently be identified and trialled across Liverpool City Region. Further, we expect to make this issue the main subject of Liverpool FoE's forthcoming monthly meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>: you are very welcome to join in with this discussion, which will be held on Zoom

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