

RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

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THE DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN (RPP3)

I wish tae briefly raise a couple o points that I hope the committee will gie consideration. I apologise if these fa outwi the remit o the committee:

1. Encouragin fowk tae wak, cycle or tak public transport instead o drivin is essential. We mist therefore mak active traivel and public transport mair appealin to use than private motor vehicles. Tae achieve this wull require significant investment in active traivel networks and in public transport. It is a benefit to abody if fowk tak a bike, bus, tram or train instead o drivin, and the state mist invest in bringin about this modal shift.
2. Current and proposed fundin levels are nae enough tae raise everyday cycle use in line wi the government's stated target o 10% o journeys by 2020. Fundin fir segregated cycle networks in a o Scotland's cities and large toons absolutely mist be made available immediately. The siller for this should be teen fae the trunk roads budget, which is itsel ower big.
3. 20mph shid be the default speed limit in cities.
4. Discouragin drivin that endangers or intimidates vulnerable road users (includin, for example, close passes o cyclists) should be a priority for the government, the police and the judicial system. Drivin needs tae be seen as a privilege, nae a richt, and this privilege mist be teen awa fae those fa abuse it.