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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to make the following submission to your Committee:

Consideration should be given to amending the law to require that cyclists ride INTO the oncoming traffic – as pedestrians are required to walk INTO the oncoming traffic when there is no footpath.

Thus, oncoming traffic will readily see a cyclist riding towards them and the cyclist can see readily the oncoming traffic.

Furthermore, incidents of “dooring” cyclists when they ride past a stationary car with a driver exiting it (and opening the car door into the path of an unseen cyclist) will be eliminated. (Major problem under the existing system!)

Moreover, traffic turning left - thereby cutting off an unseen cyclist in the bicycle lane - will no longer collide with a cyclist who is going straight ahead.

My suggestion should be cheap to implement. There is no expenditure on existing or for creating new infrastructure. Change the law & spend some public money to educate drivers and cyclists – that’s all!

Easy, cheap solution to a major cause of death and injury to cyclists and trauma to drivers!!

Thank you.

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