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**Subject:** My comments for 2021.IE20.13 on April 7, 2021 City Council  
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the April 7, 2021 City Council meeting on item 2021.IE20.13, Cycling Network Plan - 2021 Cycling Infrastructure Installation - First Quarter Update

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Comments:

March 30, 2021

**Re: IE20.13 – Cycling Network Plan - 2021 Cycling Infrastructure Installation - First Quarter Update**

To: Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, Chair, and members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee

The Women's Cycling Network is a grassroots group of women, mostly from Thorncliffe Park, Flemingdon Park and nearby communities, who bike for health benefits, transportation, freedom, and empowerment. We are pleased to see the inclusion of upgrades to the bike lanes on Thorncliffe Park Drive in the 2021 Cycling Infrastructure Installation - First Quarter Update. Specifically, adding protection for people riding bikes is a welcome improvement to the bike lanes, enhancing the utility of these bike lanes by providing a safer space to cycle. We are also encouraged that additional on-street parking will be made available for residents and visitors, hopefully eliminating the practice of parked cars blocking the bike lane. We recommend that the remaining TTC bus stops be reconfigured, as has been done on Queen's Park Crescent, with raised pavement so buses do not need to cross the bike lane when picking up or dropping off passengers.

In addition, we would like to see the existing bike lanes in Flemingdon Park receive similar upgrades to improve the safety of active transportation for Flemingdon Park residents.

We greatly appreciate the work of our local councillor Jaye Robinson in finding a solution that works for everyone in the community and bringing this project forward. Our members use these bike lanes to get around the neighbourhood and they would welcome the opportunity to share their insights

and experience to assist with making this installation a success.

Respectfully,

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