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## LETTER: Cyclists' safety trumps NIMBY concerns

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### Dear Editor:

I read with interest both your front page article on the cancelled Cedardale bike route and the letter in response from a Keith Road resident. These readers have some legitimate concerns: not getting their way; riffraff in the neighbourhood; shrubbery. Obviously these concerns are much more important than the pesky concerns of transportation cyclists, like life-altering injury or death. Even if climate change and the growing public health crisis caused by obesity and sedentariness weren't defining issues of our times, opposing safe facilities for active transportation would be baffling. Do these residents genuinely wish catastrophic harm to cyclists? That's the very real risk driving the retrofit of our transportation infrastructure to accommodate bikes. **Cycling is inherently a safe, healthy, sustainable and community-oriented mode of transportation.** We've made it unsafe by creating a built environment exclusive to it. Fortunately, we have the power to correct our past mistakes in this regard.

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