

POINTS OF VIEW

Politicians – do more!

IN YOUR OPINION

WHILE it is encouraging to hear Humza Yousaf in Monday's Evening Times acknowledge that people with learning disabilities are the worst affected by UK Government spending cuts and Glasgow City Council's slashing of services – that is not enough.

We need much more from MPs, MSPs and councillors.

A good starting point would be a national conversation that includes vulnerable people and their carers, however, not simply to discuss how poorly they are being treated under current incumbents.

A more meaningful aspiration would include how we can reverse these cuts and move forward to deal with Glasgow's care crisis.

Tommy Gorman, via email

Taking wrong stand

RE putting a standing area back at Celtic Park, what a regressive step.

We've had decades of stadia improvement – supporter safety is now paramount and we have more comfortable stadia than ever before and yet Celtic want to go back to the bad old days.

Then again, Celtic had to be forced by law to modernise Parkhead in the first place, so it's perhaps not surprising that they seek to undo this work.

William Connelly, posted online

Critics – sit down

STANDING at football matches could be safer: surely a safe standing area is far better for people who want to stand than

PICTURE OF THE DAY



Reader Tony Kelly from Milngavie took this photo of a family of swans making their way along the Forth and Clyde canal

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people tripping over plastic seats at knee height.

David Neil William Connelly, posted online

Cycle lanes no-go

I WAS reading about a call for cycles lane on every street, but many of the roads are unsuitable for cycle lanes.

The city infrastructure is too old.

Cyclists don't feel safe when all there is between themselves and faster moving cars is a white line.

Drivers don't like it either, and the last thing a driver wants is to hit a cyclist.

There is a high risk of serious injury or death.

Bumping another car is bad enough but at least bones don't get broken.

I had a discussion with a cycling officer at the council before and he

said that even where there is space to do so reclaiming pavement simply not economically feasible or close to impossible.

The reason is the routing of the sewers at the road edges.

They need to be at the edge for drainage, so how would that work if the pavements were just pulled back.

Garry Cornes, via Facebook

IN OUR OPINION

We must protect our heritage

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GLASGOW is renowned for its architecture.

Every year thousands of tourists visit Scotland's largest city to admire buildings designed by some of the world's foremost architects including Charles Rennie Mackintosh and Alexander 'Greek' Thomson.

Last year's fire at the Glasgow School of Art – which devastated both the building and the city – was a reminder that those buildings are both vulnerable and irreplaceable.

Today's feature on the famous Egyptian Halls makes for sad reading.

Designed by Alexander 'Greek' Thomson, the owners of the 142-year-old building say it is now on its last legs.

They were dealt a major blow this month with the refusal of a £5 million lottery bid they had hoped could kick-start a long overdue renovation for the Union Street building.

Dundee-based businessman Derek Souter said he had met with no less than 64 people from Glasgow City Council in a bid to secure funding to help restore the building to its former glory.

The council says it is hopeful that a solution may be found at some point to fully redevelop the building. However, time is running out for the Egyptian Halls.

It is crucial that funding bodies, the city council and the owners of such buildings work together so that future generations can continue to take pride in Glasgow's architectural heritage.

IN HER OPINION

RACHEL

HOLIDAY season is upon us. I can tell because our

came into force in Magaluf which aim to change the holiday favourite's reputation for rowdy nightlife.

though? After the well-publicised measures came into effect, tourists were still spilling out of bars holding their drinks and boasting

up to when they escape to the sun. Jay falling asleep outside the hotel and being eaten alive by ants, Neil's dance routines, fighting between

especially when it comes to safety.

The resort is trying to stamp out 'balconing', the craze of jumping from hotel balconies.

The problem is that it's not