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Dear Mr du Feu,

TRO/13/51 – LEITH WALK (PILRIG STREET TO DUKE STREET)

Thank you for your correspondence dated 4<sup>th</sup> January 2014 regarding the above Traffic Regulation Order, in which you express support for various aspects of the proposals on behalf of Spokes. Please find some information below on the other points raised in your email and previous letter of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013.

### Cycle Lanes

With regard to mandatory cycle lanes, these are not generally used in areas where vehicles are permitted to cross the lane (e.g. side road entrances, parking and loading bays, bus stops). These lanes are most appropriate when there are few side roads and no parking or loading requirements along the route.

Due to the width available on Leith Walk north of Pilrig Street, it is not possible to provide segregated cycle lanes and also provide footways, general traffic lanes, bus stops and parking/loading facilities for local residents and businesses. However, it is intended to provide segregated cycle facilities on the southern half of Leith Walk as part of a later phase of the works. The use of semi-segregation between cycle lanes and general traffic lanes (using devices such as 'armadilloes') has been considered in this scheme, but this is not thought to be appropriate where pedestrians or particularly vehicles will regularly cross the cycle lane e.g. to access parking and loading bays. This leaves very few locations within this phase where semi-segregation could be used and it has therefore not been included.

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Asphalt with red chips will be used for bus and cycle lanes in line with established Council policy. However, coloured thermoplastic material may be used at any locations where there is considered to be a particularly high risk of conflict between vehicles and cyclists.

### 20mph Speed Limit

One of the key initiatives within the Council's new draft Local Transport Strategy for 2014-2019 is a major extension of 20mph speed limit areas in Edinburgh.

The Council will be consulting with the public and stakeholders on detailed proposals for a 20mph limit for the City Centre, main shopping streets and residential areas. It is proposed to report to the Transport & Environment Committee on the draft network for consultation in June 2014.

### Foot of the Walk Junction

The Foot of the Walk junction is not included within the current phase of the Leith Programme - the proposed design for the junction will be subject to a separate Traffic Regulation Order process.

### Side Roads

The proposals follow current Streetscape guidance to reduce crossing widths at side-street junctions, however where there are roads with frequent large vehicle use (e.g. bus routes), this has been taken into account in the design.

A report on the representations which were received in response to the advertised Order will now be prepared for the Council's Transport and Environment Committee meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014. This will allow elected members to make a decision on how to proceed.

I hope that you find our response helpful. If you would like any further information on the Leith Programme, please contact Callum Smith on 0131 469 3592 or [c.smith@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:c.smith@edinburgh.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully

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