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subject: PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES TO GENERAL TRAFFIC -COCKBURN ST, VICTORIA ST AND WEST BOW

Dear Spaces for People Team

I am replying on behalf of SPOKES to the recent consultations on these proposals.

We support the proposals to close these roads to general traffic (with the time limited exemptions for loading and access to blue badge holders) with the primary purpose of improving conditions for pedestrians.

However, there is no mention of the position of cyclists and we think it is essential that 2 way access for cyclists should be allowed for in the scheme.

In addition, spaces for outdoor cafes (as specifically suggested for Cockburn St) should be designed to provide space for cyclists to cycle along the street without impediment.

We also suggest that this scheme should be used to clarify the position of cyclists in the nearby Grassmarket and, in particular, to ensure that they have 2 way access through the pedestrianised area.

Best wishes
Richard Grant