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Dear Spaces for People team.

We are writing to let you know that we strongly support the proposed traffic management scheme for King's Place. Closing King's Place to traffic and suspending parking will result in immediate benefits to people walking, wheeling and cycling. These benefits include space for distancing, as well as removing the risks associated with drivers manoeuvring in amongst pedestrians, cyclists and people using mobility aids. This is important for visitors, residents, and those using the Prom as a safe cycling/wheeling route to Leith and other destinations.

We also support the proposals as we believe they will benefit the local businesses in King's Place. However, we need to ensure that businesses do not set out tables and chairs (or other street furniture) in the area marked out within the wands. The space must be kept clear for safety reasons, and in particular, for those people with visual impairments.

King's Place is a major destination for people traveling by bike. At the moment, many people are locking their bikes to the railings. It would be useful to provide more bike parking in in Phase 2 as part of the carriageway resurfacing work. This will leave the railings free for pedestrians (for taking photographs etc).

We urge you to implement the scheme as fast as possible, and to undertake regular checks and enforcement. In other parts of the city, some drivers are parking over wands/removing wands etc. This is unacceptable behaviour.

Kind regards,

Spokes Party