

Spaces for People



EAST CRAIGS

LOW TRAFFIC NEIGHBOURHOOD



WHAT IS A LOW TRAFFIC NEIGHBOURHOOD?

A “Low Traffic Neighbourhood” is a group of residential streets where “through-traffic” or “rat-running” is removed but residential access is maintained. HGVs and non-local traffic use the main or strategic roads instead.

WHY A LOW TRAFFIC NEIGHBOURHOOD HERE?

- **Spaces for People and COVID-19 Emergency Response**

COVID-19 has significantly changed the way residents are using the road network, and we want to make sure we are supporting local people to access their local open spaces and amenities by creating safe, accessible routes for walking, wheeling and cycling. This is particularly the case around Craigmount High School, where by reducing through traffic we can create a safer and quieter street that is easier for people to maintain social distancing.

- **Development**

There is a lot of development happening in West Edinburgh. This could mean more people wanting to drive to and from these developments, through the East Craigs and North Gyle estates.

- **Rat Running/Through Traffic**

We know residents are already concerned with the levels of traffic that cuts through East Craigs and North Gyle to avoid the busy junctions at Maybury, Barnton and Drum Brae. If the number of vehicles travelling through these junctions increases, more people may be tempted to try and save time by driving through these neighbourhoods.

- **Surveys**

Traffic in East Craigs and North Gyle was surveyed in June 2019. This told us the number and speed of vehicles using residential streets in this area. The survey showed that large numbers of vehicles were using many of the streets in these areas, were not local traffic. It also told us that many of these vehicles were speeding.

- **School Travel Plans**

From school travel plans we know that most pupils travel to school on foot. However, a significant proportion of pupils are dropped off by car. We know that by improving conditions for people walking cycling and wheeling by reducing volumes of vehicles and vehicle speeds, it would encourage more pupils to walk, cycle or wheel to school.



More information can be found on the website:

www.WestEdinburghLink.info



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Modal Filter



Bus Gate



WHAT IS A MODAL FILTER?

A modal filter allows walking, cycling and wheeling through, but prevents motor traffic through-access.

WHAT IS A BUS GATE?

A "bus gate" is a section of road that only authorised vehicles can travel through. Signs are used to tell road users which vehicles are allowed and when.